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## **ACC aircraft, people ready to depart to Southwest Asia**

LANGLEY AFB, VA (ACCNS) - About 60 aircraft and 2,200 Air Combat Command people are set to depart for Southwest Asia, announced ACC officials.

Operation Desert Fox marks the second time the Air Force is sending air expeditionary forces to support a crisis response force. The AEF will bolster Air Force, Navy, Army and Marine Corps forces already in the area. Fighter aircraft from Langley AFB, Va.; Shaw AFB, S.C.; Hill AFB, Utah; and Holloman AFBs, N.M.; were today ordered to prepare to deploy. Bomber and command and control aircraft and people include elements from Moody AFB, Ga.; Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Offutt AFB, Neb.; Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Dyess AFB, Texas; Tinker AFB, Okla., and Robins AFB, Ga.

ACC forces are expected to depart home bases by Dec. 18. A summary of combat fighter aircraft and approximate numbers follows:

Approximately 10 F-15C Eagles, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley AFB

Approximately 15 F-16CJ Falcons, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB

Approximately 10 F-16CG Falcons, 388th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB

Approximately 10 F-117 Nighthawks, 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB

Other aircraft include B-1B Lancers from Ellsworth, and Dyess, E-3 Sentry AWACS from Tinker, E-8C Joint STARS from Robins, RC-135s from Offutt, EC-130s from Davis-Monthan AFB, HH-60 helicopters and HC-130s from Moody AFB.

Dec. 16, both U.S. and British air and naval forces launched a series of air strikes against Iraq. The targets include Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs and Iraq's military capability said President Clinton in an address to the nation Dec. 16.

The AEF, introduced by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan this summer, is a task-organized force of combat and combat support aircraft generated to respond quickly to any contingency. Working with the unified command commander, major commands as well as the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard provide fighter, bomber, theater airlift, support units, links to surveillance and reconnaissance, stealth capability, and air command and control forces.