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ACC units head to Southwest Asia

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LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFP) - More than 75 aircraft and 3,900 people from Air Combat Command are preparing to deploy to Southwest Asia.

Bases sending people and aircraft are: F-15s from Langley AFB; F-16s from Shaw AFB, S.C. and Hill AFB, Utah; B-52s from Minot AFB, N.D. and Barksdale AFB, La.; B-1s from Ellsworth AFB, S.D. and Dyess AFB, Texas; E-3 Sentry Airborne Warning and Control System from Tinker AFB, Okla.; E8-C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System from Robins AFB, Ga.; EC-130 Compass Calls from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; and F-117 Nighthawks from Holloman AFB, N.M.

The president approved the recommendations of the secretary of defense to deploy additional forces to the Gulf region. The forces approved for the deployment are among those that were placed on alert for just such a contingency following drawdown of U.S. forces from the Gulf region last spring.

Because these units have been in an alert status form the past several months, actual departures from home stations begin Nov. 13.

These actions are being taken as a prudent measure to enhance the capabilities of the U.S. forces already on duty in the region and to provide additional military options should the use of force become necessary. (Courtesy ACC News Service)

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