



200th RED HORSE 2015 Mobility Exercise

The 200th RED HORSE Squadron (RHS) HQ and Detachment 1, performed their annual mobility exercise in April 2015, exercising the unique mobilizing and deploying capabilities of RED HORSE. This training exercised the procedures and processes for preparing and deploying assets, equipment and personnel in response to any mission, at home or abroad, that RED HORSE Squadrons are tasked.



This event was based around a scenario called “Operation Stallion” in which the unit was assigned the task of transporting a combination of six capability packages to Africa. RED HORSE Squadrons are comprised of many capability packages called UTC’s (Unit Type Code). These packages consist of equipment and vehicles specifically put together to fulfill different types of missions or tasks. There are also many personnel UTC’s which may, or may not, accompany the corresponding equipment UTC. The large selection of equipment and personnel UTCs enable RED HORSE Squadrons to tailor the deployed personnel and equipment packages to meet specific mission requirements.



Equipment preparation is broken into five stations where airmen perform various duties of securing, weighing, measuring, and documenting all cargo for accurate safe and secure shipment to its final destination. During the exercise Yard Bosses directed the flow of vehicles and equipment through proper stations at the proper time in order to make a predefined aircraft departure schedule. The 179th Airlift Wing provided Joint Inspection Subject Matter Experts to validate cargo prior to being loaded on the aircraft.

Personnel tasked to deploy during the exercise went through a processing line. The processing line ensured all of the personnel had the proper equipment and clothing in their luggage and bags. Once each person’s luggage was checked it was palletized for shipment. Personnel were also issued weapons, and checked for deployment eligibility, readiness preparation, medical status, and accurate documentation while in the processing line. This ensured all deploying personnel were prepared to deploy to the tasked overseas location.

Over 14 hours, the unit processed 96 personnel and more than 400 tons of equipment. If this was in preparation for an actual deployment, the equipment and personnel would then be loaded



onto aircraft for movement to the tasked location. The continuous exercising of the units mobilizing capabilities ensures the 400 men and women of the 200 RHS are prepared to rapidly deploy to support tasked missions worldwide.



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