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Reservists airlift humanitarian aid to Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras

SOTO CATO, AIR BASE, HONDURAS – Over a weekend-long combined humanitarian and training mission, three reserve C-17 Globemaster IIIs from Joint Base Charleston's 315th Airlift Wing delivered humanitarian aid to Central America and the Caribbean, Feb. 3-4, 2019.

The three missions were planned to maintain the aircrews' flying currency and required readiness items also delivered cargo consisting of medical supplies, an ambulance, and several tons of food to Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti.

The donated cargo totaled over 88,000 pounds and was valued at around \$90,000. According to donating organizations, the aid supplies are estimated to touch the lives of 129,500 people in the three countries.

The cargo was donated in conjunction with the Denton Amendment, a State Department/USAID program that allows humanitarian aid to be flown on existing U.S. Air Force missions, on a space-available basis. These missions are flown at no additional cost to the U.S. taxpayers.

More information on the Denton program can be found at: https://www.jbcharleston.jb.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/930963/denton-program-providing-worldwide-humanitarian-support/

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