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CAFB activates new MC-130J unit to support force generation

CANNON AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – The 27th Special Operations Wing recently activated the 27th Special Operations Group Detachment 1. The new MC-130J flying unit fulfills the wing’s commitment to implement a Force Generation model in support of the Air Force Special Operations Command’s strategic guidance.

The AFSOC FORGEN model provides Airmen and their families the deployment and training predictability to ensure readiness, continue to develop our force, and maintain resiliency. FORGEN relies on four operational units within the continental United States in support of almost every AFSOC capability. Each operational squadron rotates through a 20-month, four-stage cycle of development and readiness: Individual Training, Unit Training, Joint-Collective Training, and Commit.

“We stood up Det. 1 in an effort to get to the AFSOC we will need,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Roy, 27 SOG Det. 1 commander. “We’re already fully mission capable, using the Force Generation model with no interruption.”

Det. 1 operates MC-130J Commando II aircraft. The Commando II flies a variety of low-level air refueling mission for special operations aircraft, while also supporting infiltration, exfiltration and resupply of special operations forces.

“It’s extremely humbling,” said Roy. “Being asked to stand up a new squadron has been exciting. We have experienced people who know what they’re doing. They’re excited about the future of forming our own heritage and culture at the 27 SOW.”

Cannon is the first installation within AFSOC to complete its restructure in support of FORGEN.

“For the past two decades, our mission has required Airmen to endure frequent, often last-minute, deployments,” said U.S. Air Force Col. Terence Taylor, 27th Special Operations Wing commander. “The Force Generation model provides an opportunity to invest equally in Airmen professional development, be more deliberate with training, and improve individual resiliency.”

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