

Coast Guard's First C-27J Provides Logistics Support In The Field

Crew from the Coast Guard's C-27J Asset Project Office, where the service's first regenerated C-27J medium range surveillance aircraft is based in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, are joined by personnel from Air Station Clearwater, Florida, to unload cargo from a logistics mission completed in conjunction with a training flight April 21, 2015. The aircraft, CG-2714, earlier completed a similar mission to Tucson, Arizona, transporting aircraft parts and ground support equipment. In 2014, the Coast Guard took ownership of 13 former Air Force C-27Js, most in long-term preservation at the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group facility located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona. Two aircraft are currently located at the C-27J APO at Elizabeth City. Ultimately a total fleet of 14 aircraft will be upgraded with the equipment and systems needed to perform the full spectrum of Coast Guard missions. In its current configuration, the Asset Project Office is using the aircraft to conduct initial training, evaluate performance and develop Coast Guard-specific tactics, techniques and procedures. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Ashley J. Johnson.