



Route 1:

- McChord
- Dover
- Spangdahlem
- Bagram
- undisclosed location in SW Asia
- Kandahar
- Ramstein
- Dover
- McChord (crew flying commercial air home)

Route 2:

- Anchorage (National Guard crew flying commercial air from Alaska to Washington state to get to their plane)
- McChord
- Dover
- Ramstein
- Bagram
- Manas
- Incirlik
- Ramstein
- Dover
- McChord
- Anchorage (crew returning home commercial air)

Route taken by Lt. Col. John Wiltse's crew

Route taken by Air National Guard crew

C-17 Globemaster III

The newest Air Force long-distance cargo plane is also the most versatile, able to carry outside cargo items nearly as large as a massive C-5 can, with an ability to land on shorter runways and perform airdrops similar to a smaller C-130.

Wingspan: 169 feet 10 inches
 Length: 174 feet
 Speed: 517 mph
 Max load: 170,900 pounds
 First deployed: 1993
 Inventory: 214

C-5 Galaxy

The military's biggest strategic airlifter can carry two Abrams tanks, and the modernized C-5M variant has improved on the earlier A and B versions' spotty reliability record.

Wingspan: 222 feet 11 inches
 Length: 247 feet 1 inch
 Speed: 518 mph
 Max load: 270,000 pounds
 First deployed: 1969 (A)
 Inventory: 103

C-130 Hercules

The Air Force's "flying jeep," which has been in service more than 50 years in one version or another, is the primary tactical cargo aircraft, capable of landing on unimproved dirt airfields and airdropping cargo from low altitude.

Wingspan: 132 feet 7 inches
 Length: 97 feet 9 inches (E/H/J)
 Speed: 345 mph (E), 366 mph (H), 417 mph (J)
 Max load: 42,000 pounds (E/H/J)
 First deployed: 1956 (A)
 Inventory: 428

SOURCE: U.S. Air Force