

21st TSC MK Air Base Fact Sheet

What is being said about MK:

As of Nov. 3, 2014

“The bottom line is location matters. As a strategic hub, we have the capability to move personnel and cargo by all methods. Whether it’s highway, rail, air or sea, you can conduct truly multimodal operations, to include the Danube inland waterway system that would allow us to barge cargo between Germany and Romania. We’re close enough to Southwest Asia where strategic airlift can come in, top off their fuel and move from there to the trouble spot. The key to that is the partnership we’ve had with the Romanians for many years – that gave us the necessary freedom of movement.” – Col. Kevin Mulvihill, officer-in-charge, 21st Theater Sustainment Command Regional Support Element

“The greatest thing for me is helping people get home. I’ve been there before a couple times and I know the feeling – it’s great being able to help them out and be part of sending them home.” – Sgt. Ryan Drew, transportation management coordinator, 635th Movement Control Team, 39th Transportation Battalion, Sustainment Task Force 16, 21st TSC

“We spent a lot of time training together and learning from each other. I know I am a better officer and I am certainly more physically fit because of my time with the American MPs. I think this partnership has made our companies and made our soldiers better. I am very confident we can accomplish anything working together.” – Romanian Army Lt. Laurentiu Anghel, MK military police commander

FACTS:

- The 21st Theater Sustainment Command has more than 450 personnel on the ground at MK Airbase providing services including personnel processing, communications support and life support.
- The first transit flight from CONUS carrying Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division arrived on Feb. 2, 2014.
- The first transit flight carrying Soldiers from Afghanistan to the U.S., bearing Soldiers of 3rd IBC, 1st Infantry Division, arrived the night of Feb. 22; the plane carrying them to the next stop on their journey home departed MK early the morning of Feb. 24.
- The 21st Theater Sustainment Command will support the drawdown of approximately 30,000 American servicemembers still deployed to Afghanistan in order to meet the end-state goal of 9,800 remaining there by Dec. 31, 2014.
- The 21st Theater Sustainment Command processed 773 missions departing for and arriving from Afghanistan from Jan. 1 through Nov. 3, 2014. The highest number of flights processed in a single day is 10.
- Since opening the new passenger transit center in January 2014, 21st TSC Soldiers and partners have processed 109,308 service members, helping direct essential personnel safely and efficiently into theater.
- 844,985 meals (as of Nov. 2, 2014) have been served at MK Airbase since Jan. 1, 2014. The largest number of meals served in a single day was 5,709 Oct. 26, 2014.
- 10,549 short tons of baggage and individual gear were shipped into theater between Jan. 1 and Nov. 3, 2014.
- The 21st Theater Sustainment Command’s 18th Engineer Brigade constructed several major structures, including a new transit center and customs facility. The facilities

accommodate up to 300 personnel at a time, which is commensurate with the number who arrive on full aircraft.

- The US portion of MK Airbase (Permanent Forward Operating Site: 650 and Temporary Forward Operating Site: 200) spans 850 acres (= 1.32 sq. mile//1 sq. mile = 640 acres). This is comparable to Clay Kaserne, USAG Wiesbaden which is a grand total of 684 acres (including the air field).
- MK Air Base has a single runway of 11,483 feet.
- Approximately 155 members of the 18th Air Force partner with the TSC to direct, facilitate and support airfield operations.
- Approximately 90 Soldiers from 3 different CONUS units rotated into MK to support operations between mid-October and early November.

THE WAY AHEAD AT MK:

- The 21st Theater Sustainment Command's Regional Support Element will conclude its mission in December 2014. Sustainment Task Force 16 will assume its administrative, leadership and oversight functions. The Soldiers and civilians of the Black Sea Area Support Team will continue to play a vital role in MK life support and base operations.
- MK, located nearby outstanding port, road and rail as well as air facilities, is ideally situated to accommodate multimodal operations into the future.
- MK provides valuable support to host-national and multinational partners.
- MK serves as an important hub for joint, combined and multinational training, U.S. antiterrorism operations and customs activities.