

*Prior to his visit to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Gen. Carlton Everhart II, Air Mobility Command commander, answered a few questions from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs Office. Below are the questions and his responses.*

379 AEW/PA: “As the commander of Air Mobility Command, you're responsible for ensuring the command provides rapid, global mobility and sustainment for America's armed forces. How does the command meet these requirements?”

**Everhart:** “Air Mobility Command is engaged in operations around the globe, providing world-class cargo and passenger airlift/airdrop, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation. We also provide no-fail nuclear support, presidential airlift, and contingency response capabilities.”

**“From deployed squadrons in Southeast Asia to small teams doing critical work for the National Science Foundation in Antarctica, if the U.S. is there, so are Mobility Airmen ... fueling the fight against Daesh, enabling counterterrorism operations, ensuring a global en route mobility structure for our military, getting wounded to critical care and saving lives.”**

379 AEW/PA: The ability to provide forces any time/anywhere quickly is incredibly important, especially to America's warriors. What have air mobility forces contributed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel?

**Everhart:** Mobility Airmen are responsible for the bulk of aerial refueling for U.S. and Coalition aircraft in Operation Inherent Resolve, and the mighty 379th can attest to that. During 2015 in Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Mobility Airmen flew nearly 200 thousand passengers and more than 60 thousand short tons of cargo.

379 AEW/PA: As the AMC commander, what do you see as the greatest challenge facing AMC, the Air Force and America's mobility forces? How will we overcome those challenges?

**Everhart:** We face several challenges, such as evolving threats, high operations tempo and limited resources. We are the smallest we've been since 1947, but we're busier than ever, globally engaged in multiple theaters.

**To overcome these challenges, we must develop our Airmen with the intent to prepare leaders who solve complex problems, innovate and modernize. We also overcome by ensuring the readiness of our Total Force, although that's a challenge in the rapidly changing threat and fiscal environments. We must train our Airmen to win tomorrow's fight.**

Q4. You became the AMC commander in August 2015 and will soon hit the one year mark as the commander. What has impressed you the most about mobility Airmen? Why?

**Everhart:** I'm impressed with their relentless passion and dedication -- the way they think creatively to evolve our mission and take risks, and the way they take care of each other. It makes me so proud to be part of this team. It's a huge Total Force team: two-thirds of

**AMC is made up of Guard and Reserve Airmen, and the air mobility enterprise is designed to capitalize on the strengths of each component.**

379 AEW/PA: Can you share a story/moment where you were impressed/inspired by mobility Airmen?

**Everhart: There are so many. The 618th Air Operations Center and 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis AFB, California, were recently recognized by U.S. Transportation Command. These Airmen worked to get a 400,000 pound propulsion shaft to a U.S. Navy missile cruiser that was dry docked in Japan. With less than two weeks' notice, they transported it safely on a C-5M, repurposing shoring used for ICBMs and overcoming weather and other hurdles to get it there with the right effects, the right time and the right place.**

379 AEW/PA: In 2015, mobility Airmen supported more than 20,000 sorties in support of OIR/OFS transporting thousands of tons of cargo/supplies and thousands of people, off-loading nearly 700 million pounds of fuel, across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility and the globe. What do you see as AMC's and mobility Airmen's greatest achievement over the past year and which accomplishment are you most proud of?

**Everhart: I'm proud of the way our Airmen work toward a common goal, especially because we are a Total Force team. With so many people focused every day on being the best Airman they can be and excelling at their mission, what you see is a myriad of accomplishments working in sync. To name just a few, assisting with the KC-46 program and its successful testing; improved C-5 reliability rates with the Super Galaxy; better professional development courses are online for our flight commanders and operators and increased collaboration with our partners in the nuclear enterprise.**

379 AEW/PA: What impact will mobility forces/Airmen have in the future and why are mobility forces so important to America's national security, our coalition partners and our sister services?

**Everhart: Regardless of how the battlespace is shaped in the future, or what stage in a conflict or humanitarian operation you're looking at; our Air Force will need a means to rapidly deploy people and weapon systems. Without Mobility Airmen, global reach just becomes 'reach,' and the U.S. loses a strategic advantage.**

**It's important not to overlook our nuclear mission. The tanker fleet plays a critical role in one leg of the nuclear triad. It represents our business at the core.**

379 AEW/PA: If you could say three things to America's Airmen, what would those three things be?

**Everhart: First of all, thank you. I cannot emphasize enough that you play a vital role in national security. Because of you, our Air Force chief of staff constantly says he doesn't ever have to worry, "can we get it there." Global mobility is air power!**

379 AEW/PA: How does it feel to be the leader of AMC? To be the one overseeing the Air Force's mobility efforts at one of the most challenging times in our nation's history.

**Everhart: It's inspiring to lead 125,000 amazing Total Force Airmen engaged in operations around the world.**

379 AEW/PA: What are the goals for AMC going forward?

**Everhart: This year, I have four areas I've focused the command on to ensure Rapid Global Mobility today and tomorrow. They are Readiness, Growing Airmen, Modernization and the Nuclear Mission. An easy way to remember it is "Rapid Global Mobility...Now," or RGM-N.**

**We must maintain the readiness of our personnel, platforms, systems, training, and partnerships to provide rapid global mobility on behalf of our nation. Readiness gives us the ability to meet the demands of rapidly evolving crises and the endurance to persist; it is a quality we must always nurture.**

**Secondly, we must set the conditions for well-educated and professionally developed Total Force Airmen (Officer, Enlisted, and Civilian). As a team, we will grow and develop Airmen, our most precious resource and need intentional development to lead tomorrow's Air Force.**

**We must ensure our future success and relevance by modernizing our mobility aircraft and command information systems. Lastly, we must continue to provide no-fail support for the nuclear enterprise.**