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JFACC prepares during Joint Exercise



From 7 to 13 November, CC-Air HQ Ramstein was the venue for Exercise Bold Ambition 2008. The operations room and adjacent offices were crowded with soldiers, airmen and sailors from NATO commands. Under the command of Italian Air Force Brigadier General Gianni Baron, the Air Component of a Joint NATO Force exercised peace enforcement operations in a fictitious scenario in the southern parts of England and the northern coast of France. For this computer-assisted exercise the Joint Force Air Component Command (JFACC) was augmented by Combined Air Operations Centre 2 (CAOC2) from Kalkar for the execution of the mission. Liaison elements from ACO Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) at Rheindahlen, and NATO's maritime command at Northwood ensured

coordination and cooperation with the land and sea forces making this exercise a realistic joint operation.

Additional augmentation staff from several NATO bodies as well as the Warrior Preparation Centre at Einsiedlerhof near Kaiserslautern and the German Command and Staff College at Hamburg, to name but a few, enabled the Ramstein air staff to conduct stabilization and counter-insurgency operations during the exercise. The JFACC team also underwent hands-on training in organizational procedures in preparation of the NATO Response Force (NRF) task, which they will assume for one year from July 2009 on. Finally a myriad of support staff from the Real Life Support area and the Ramstein NATO CIS Services Agency (NCSA) sector as well as many individual participants ensured a smooth and efficient exercise.

At a final meeting of all exercise participants on 13 November 2008, Air Marshal David Walker, the Deputy Commander of CC-Air Ramstein, thanked all external and internal players and stakeholders for their outstanding performance and support to Bold Ambition 2008. "The Ramstein team led by General Gianni Baron have done an excellent job and showed great enthusiasm and professionalism," the Air Marshal said. "However, there will be more opportunities for the JFACC to exercise command and control of NRF air forces in seven months' time."



In January 2009, the JFACC will embark on the NRF train that will arrive at its destination in mid-June 2010. The team will have to go through a process of several exercises culminating in the major live-fly exercise Loyal Arrow, which will take place from 8 through 19 June in Sweden and provide component-level training for NRF13/14 units.

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