

U.S. Air Force Illinois Air Guard



The United States Air Force Illinois Air Guard used the Mt. Vernon Outland Airport to land eight Lockheed C130 Hercules aircraft and transport active troops to an undisclosed location on Saturday. Airport Manager Chris Collins said about 45 volunteers made the troop movement possible. Collins said after the 182nd Airlift Wing contacted the airport about using the facility about a year ago, a runway capacity evaluation took place at the airport. The runways are built for DC9s, Collins said; C130s are slightly larger. He said Mt. Vernon's infrastructure and services made the airport an ideal place for the maneuver.

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