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Williams Gateway Airport Supports U.S. Air Force C-17 Aircraft

MESA, ARIZ. --- Williams Gateway Airport assisted the United States Air Force's 57th Weapons Squadron from McGuire Air Force Base by providing ramp space and refueling services to three C-17 military transport aircraft for two weeks.

The aircraft, pilots, and crew were in Mesa for a two-week training exercise that included flying throughout the Southwest, conducting high-altitude refueling, and practicing low approaches at various military and civilian airports.

While stationed at Williams Gateway Airport, the crew purchased over 145,000 gallons of Jet fuel, filled 24 hotel rooms, and rented several cars.

"Williams Gateway Airport Authority is focused on creating jobs and economic activity for the entire East Valley," said Brian Sexton, airport spokesman. "This operation had a very positive impact for East Valley hoteliers and local businesses. Also, we thank the residents for their support as we did not receive a single noise complaint."

The Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, visit www.flywga.org.