

March Madnesses

It was March 2011. One week after air mobility forces began humanitarian relief to Japan in the wake of a double earthquake-tsunami disaster, NATO kicked off a no-notice air campaign over Libya. These simultaneous and unforeseen contingencies were in addition to a troop swap-out in Afghanistan and Iraq and a major presidential visit to South America. Dubbed "March Madness" by Air Force

officials, last year's airlift operation was massive by any measure. Still, the peak day of March Madness fell well short of USAF's all-time daily airlift record, set almost exactly a year prior. On March 26, 2010, Air Mobility Command hauled more cargo in a single day than at any time in command history. On top of Operation Unified Response flights to Haiti, which delivered massive quantities of aid to the

earthquake-shattered nation, that day AMC also juggled a troop surge in Afghanistan, another presidential trip overseas, and several ongoing exercises.

How March 2010 and March 2011 Stack Up

