Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Visits Boeing C-17 Facility

U.S. Army Gen. Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, today participated in a delivery ceremony for a Boeing C-17 Globemaster III cargo airplane to the U.S. Air Force.

He addressed a group of Boeing employees during the ceremony and then visited the C-17 assembly line here before departing for a Los Angeles Town Hall luncheon speech in Beverly Hills.

The chairman assisted with the delivery of the 64th C-17 to the U.S. Air Force. The delivery official was Air Force Maj. Gen. John Becker, of the U.S. Transportation Command, who then flew the aircraft to McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

Members of the 40th Infantry Division, Army National Guard, Los Alamitos, Calif., also participated in the ceremony.

Boeing has orders for 120 C-17s for the U.S. Air Force and four for the United Kingdom. This aircraft was the 52nd in a row delivered ahead of schedule. The first U.K. delivery will be in spring 2001.

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