Boeing Delivers US Navy's 12th C-40A Derivative Aircraft

Modified Boeing 737-700 will be used for troop and cargo transport

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 25, 2011 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] delivered the 12th C-40A aircraft to the U.S. Navy on Oct. 21. The Boeing 737-700 derivative was modified at the company's Wichita facility for troop and cargo transport missions.

Boeing and Navy representatives marked the milestone with a ceremonial "passing of the key" at the Wichita facility before the aircraft departed for its home base at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

"The C-40A combines Boeing Commercial Airplanes' best-selling 737 with Boeing Defense, Space & Security's modification expertise," said Steve Wade, general manager of Boeing Global Transport & Executive Systems. "This aircraft increases the Navy's capability for rapid response worldwide, and we're looking forward to continuing to enhance the fleet with as many aircraft as the Navy requires."

"The global reach and persistent presence of forward-stationed and rotational naval forces is made possible by Navy Unique Fleet Essential Airlift, and the fuel-efficient C-40A delivers this important capability reliably and at a lower cost," said Rear Adm. Bryan Cutchen, Deputy Chief of Navy Reserve. "This new aircraft will help the Navy meet our current challenges today and helps us build a relevant and capable future force."

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