

# Marine Corps Retires UC-35C Operational Support Airlift Jets



A UC-35C operational support airlift jet, now retired. *FLICKR / Cliff1066*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Marine Corps has retired its two UC-35C operational support airlift (OSA) jets.

Last month, the two UC-35Cs – military versions of the Cessna Citation V Ultra business jet – were sent to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base to be placed in storage.

The UC-35Cs, were based at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, Louisiana, and were “responsible for the transport of high-priority passengers and cargo with time, place or mission sensitive requirements,” according to the Naval Air Systems Command said.

The first UC-35C was delivered on Nov. 22, 1999. The aircraft replaced Beech UC-12B Huron turboprop aircraft in the OSA role.

Ten of 11 UC-35D Citation Encore versions continue in service with the Marine Corps in the operational support airlift role.