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Air Commandos fly in dissimilar formation at Talisman Saber 2017

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8/3/2017 - ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — Air Commandos of the 353rd Special Operations Group flew MC-130J Commando IIs in dissimilar formation flights last month with Airmen of the Royal Australian Air Force and Royal New Zealand Air Force over Queensland, Australia.

The bilateral training events performed during Talisman Saber 2017 enable greater interoperability between the U.S. and Australian militaries.

Talisman Sabre is a biennial combined Australian and United States training activity, designed to train our respec-

tive military forces in planning and conducting Combined Task Force operations to improve the combat readiness and interoperability between the respective forces. This year is the seventh iteration and involved more than 30,000 Australian and U.S. military forces.

This year, the exercise incorporated force preparation activities, Special Forces activities, amphibious landings, parachuting, land force maneuvers, urban operations, air operations, maritime operations and the coordinated firing of live ammunition and explosive ordnance from small arms, artillery, naval vessels and aircraft.

A 17th Special Operations Squadron MC-130J Commando II flies in dissimilar formation with a No. 37 Squadron Royal Australian Air Force C-130J Hercules July 19, over Queensland, Australia.
(U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Jessica Tait)