

“Act with Awareness”



INIOHOS 2017

The Hellenic Air Force Air Tactics Centre (*Kentro Aeropirikis Taktikis* - KEAT) was formed in the 1980s and is located at Andravida in northwestern part of the Peloponnesian Peninsula. KEAT has been hosting exercise *INIOHOS* at Andravida since 2013. Initially participating aircraft were deployed to 110 Combat Wing in Larisa, but in later years each aircraft operated from its home base. In 2005, *INIOHOS* was transformed into becoming a medium-scale exercise, involving all three branches of the Hellenic Armed Forces. On November 2013, a ‘Single Base Concept’ was adopted for *INIOHOS* and the selected host for the exercise was the 117 Combat Wing at Andravida, home of the Hellenic

Air Force F-4E Phantom fleet. It was also decided that *INIOHOS* would become an ‘invitex,’ meaning other nations could be invited to participate in the exercise.

The 2017 edition marks the third time *INIOHOS* has featured international participation, with the US, Israeli, Italian and United Arab Emirates (UAE) Air Forces in attendance, both Italy and UAE being new participants at the exercise. The UAE contingent comprised the most advanced ‘Block 60’ F-16E/F variant of the Lockheed Martin F-16, while Italy sent the AMX ground attack aircraft.

US Air Force participation consisted of twelve F-16C Fighting Falcons from the 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead Air

Reserve Base, Florida. “This experience gives us the feel for a red deployment,” said Staff Sgt. Jordan Anthony, 482nd Maintenance Squadron crew chief. “It gives us a chance to improve flexibility with things we may or may not have and the opportunity to work in an environment we’re not used to,” enhancing the interoperability capabilities and skills amongst allied air forces in the accomplishment of joint operations and air defences to maintain joint readiness and reassure our regional allies. “We can deploy to a mission like this, almost like a bare base, and execute effective missions day-in and day-out,” observed Capt. Paul Deveaux, 482nd Maintenance Operations Group maintenance operations officer.