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SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. – Following Mission Readiness Exercise (MRX) 19-2, Ninth Air Force declared initial operational capability (IOC) as a joint task force (JTF)-capable headquarters Dec. 14.

Maj. Gen. Scott J. Zobrist, Ninth AF commander, served as the MRX 19-2 combined joint task force commander during, where more than 275 joint and coalition Total Force members participated in forming and planning a theater-sponsored exercise.

Ninth AF took part in eight exercises, culminating with MRX 19-2, to demonstrate its ability to plan, prepare, execute, and assess actions to the requisite level of joint readiness as a JTF-capable HQ.

“Ninth Air Force will continue efforts directed by Air Force Chief of Staff’s ‘Strengthening Joint Leaders and Teams’ initiative toward Full Operational Capability,” Zobrist said. “We will continue to participate in multiple internal, service and combatant command exercises to provide the joint force with a service-retained, worldwide deployable addition to the joint Global Response Force.”

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