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Okaloosa County Dedicates F-15 Static Display at Airport & Signs a Military Community Covenant

The Okaloosa County Military Community Covenant was signed today by the United States Army, Marine Corp, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard – along with state legislators, mayors, chambers of commerce, military spouses and county commissioners. The Covenant, which was read by Medal of Honor Recipient Col. Bud Day, (ret.), states:

We, the citizens of **Okaloosa County**, **welcome** military families of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and Members of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Initial Training Site.

We also recognize ...

the commitment and increasing sacrifices that **all** our military families are making every day
... the strength of our service members comes from the strength of their families
... the strength of families is supported by the strength of the community
... the strength of the community comes from the support of everyone in the community.

We are committed to ...

... Building partnerships that support the strength,
resilience, and readiness of all our service members and their families.

“Air Force Special Operations Commander Lt. Gen. Wurster’s and LTG John Mulholland’s appearance here today among all ranks and services is evidence of the quality of military community members we are privileged to call neighbor,” stated Okaloosa County Commission Chairman Bill Roberts.

The F-15 Static Display at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport was also dedicated today and many Nomads, along with the 33rd Fighter Wing Commander Colonel Todd Harmer were on hand to unveil the plaque that reads: (see attachment.) County Administrator Jim Curry thanked Col. Harmer and Eglin for making the F-15 Static Display a reality, along with Airports Director Greg Donovan. Past and present Honorary Commanders were in attendance, and over 100 people attended the combined event.

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