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# **New President Heads Effort to Build Air Force Memorial in Nation's Capital**

## **Brigadier General Patrick Adams Joins Foundation Staff**

**Washington, DC** – Brigadier General Patrick O’Connell Adams (USAF, Retired) joins the Air Force Memorial Foundation as its new president. General Adams comes to the position with extensive experience in human resource management and community support programs. He has been instrumental in creating successful marketing, public relations, policy making, strategic planning, financial management and organizational development programs. General Adams’ air force career spans more than three decades. His final assignment was in Washington as Director for Manpower and Personnel, The Joint Staff, where he provided counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs regarding personnel and manpower programs, which addressed readiness and sustainability of the United States armed forces.

General Adams succeeds Major General Charles D. Link (USAF, Retired) who has served as president since 1998. General Link will lead a new project within the Air Force, *Developing Aerospace Leaders (DAL)*, where he will head up an effort to evaluate Air Force human resource development practices.

As a highly decorated officer serving in the Vietnam and Gulf wars, General Adams is the recipient of several awards including: Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Airman’s Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He will continue to ensure that an Air Force Memorial is built, remembering the brave men and women who served the nation.

General Adams graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science degree in public administration and from Auburn University with a Master of Science degree in international relations.

Currently, the United States Air Force is the only branch of the military without a memorial in Washington, DC. The Foundation has raised more than \$22 million of the \$30 million needed for its completion and, pending two remaining project approvals, plans on breaking ground in 2001.

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