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Air Force Memorial Foundation Names New President

Arlington, VA, May 30, 2001 -- Major General Edward F. Grillo, Jr., (USAF Retired), was named the new president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation by the Memorial Foundation Board of Trustees effective June 4, 2001.

For the last four years, Grillo was the executive director of the Reston Community Center Complex, in Reston, Virginia. Grillo retired from the Air Force in October 1996 as the director of operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL. He is a graduate of the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and earned his Master's degree from Troy State University.

As president of the Air Force Memorial Foundation, Grillo will focus on the next phase of fund-raising, the process of gaining final design approval from the oversight commissions and National Park Service, and the actual construction of the memorial. Currently, the United States Air Force is the only branch of the military without a memorial in Washington, DC.

The Air Force Memorial will be built on a distinct site on the Arlington Ridge, located just north of Arlington National Cemetery. James Ingo Freed, of New York City's famed Pei Cobb Freed Architects, is the principal architect on the project. Ralph Appelbaum Associates, Inc., also of New York, is the Exhibit Design architectural team. Appelbaum previously worked with Freed in designing the National Holocaust Memorial.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose objective is to site, design and construct a Memorial to all members of the Air Force and its predecessors, and to highlight the aerospace technology that has been so important to the service.

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