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Air Force Memorial Foundation Receives Major Gift from Battelle Memorial Institute

Arlington, VA, May 7, 1997 - The fund-raising campaign for an Air Force Memorial continued to gain momentum when Battelle Memorial Institute made a significant contribution to the Air Force Memorial Foundation. The United States Air Force and Battelle have had a long relationship which has served our nation well over many years.

On May 7, 1997, Dr. Douglas E. Olesen, president and CEO, announced Battelle's \$50,000 commitment to the Air Force Memorial Foundation. Dr. Olesen recognized the strong relationship between the Air Force and Battelle. Over the years this relationship has remained strong and open and allowed state-of-the-art technology to be inserted into existing equipment and processes and to help the environment to be cleaned up and protected. Battelle is very proud to have been a key contributor to the Air Force's success and are extremely pleased to be a significant part of making the Air Force Memorial a reality.

The Air Force Memorial will honor the millions of patriotic men and women who have distinguished themselves in the United States Air Force and its predecessors, such as the Army Air Corps. The memorial will also salute the vast technological achievements that have made American airpower the most formidable on earth.

The Air Force Memorial will be built on Arlington Ridge adjacent to the Iwo Jima Memorial and the Netherlands Carillon nearby Arlington National Cemetery. James Ingo Freed, of New York City's famed Pei Cobb Freed Architects, is the principal architect on the project.

The fund-raising campaign is the final step in a process that included the passage of authorizing legislation in 1993, the approval of the site by the Commission of Fine Arts in Washington, D.C., in 1994, the National Capital Planning Commission in 1995, and the enthusiastic endorsement of the design concept by both commissions in 1996.

The Air Force Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax exempt organization whose objective is to site, design and construct an Air Force Memorial with NO taxpayer dollars . . . funds must come from private (donated) sources. Contributions may be made directly to the Air Force Memorial Foundation, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-1198, and through the Combined Federal Campaign.

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