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## **Lockheed Martin Makes Gift to Air Force Memorial Foundation**

**Arlington, VA, May 17, 1997** -- The fund-raising campaign for an Air Force Memorial got off to a promising start when Lockheed Martin Corporation made a major contribution to the Air Force Memorial Foundation. The United States Air Force and Lockheed Martin have had a long relationship which has served our nation and its allies well over many decades.

On April 17, 1997, Lockheed Martin CEO Norm Augustine hosted Mr. Joe Coors, Jr., Air Force Memorial Foundation Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the Honorable Frank Carlucci, who is co-chairing the Memorial Foundation's capital campaign with Maj. Gen. William Anders, USAF (Ret.), the former chairman and CEO of General Dynamics Corp.

"We are committed to the Air Force Memorial and the role it will play in helping visitors to the nation's capital understand the past, present and future achievements of the United States Air Force," Augustine said. "This will be a dynamic memorial with an educational facility that will keep history alive and project future possibilities of advanced aerospace technologies."

Coors thanked Augustine and said, "With Lockheed Martin's commitment, vision, and generosity, we are well on our way to raising the \$25 million in private donations needed for the construction and endowment of the Air Force Memorial."

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 a Memorial to all members of the Air Force and its predecessors, such as the Army Air Forces, and to highlight the aerospace technology that has been so important to the service.

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