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Last Veterans Day of the 20th Century without an Air Force Memorial

Groundbreaking in Spring 2000

Arlington, VA – On Thursday, November 11th the nation will commemorate Veterans Day, a time when the men and women of the United States military are celebrated for their service and dedication. On the eve of the new millennium, the United States Air Force enthusiastically awaits the groundbreaking of their memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

Air Force Memorial Foundation President, Maj.Gen. (USAF, Ret.) Chuck Link views the project as long overdue. "The Air Force Memorial will give generations of airmen and their families a place to remember those who died in the name of freedom. In the 21st century, on Veterans Day and throughout the years – we will be able to do just that," Link stated. In May 1999, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld a decision by Congress and a lower court, granting permission to erect a memorial dedicated to the men and women of the United States Air Force. Located on Arlington Ridge, the site will feature a sculpture replicated from the famous five-pointed Air Force star and will stand 50 feet high. The United States Air Force is the only major branch of the Armed Services without a memorial in Washington, D.C. Groundbreaking is scheduled for Spring 2000.

Formed in 1992, the Air Force Memorial Foundation is charged with developing a monument to pay tribute to the men and women who have served, are serving or will serve in the United States Air Force. The organization is raising private funds to help build the monument in a city that is famous for its elaborate statues and structures remembering those who so bravely defended our nation. No taxpayer dollars will be used. Contributions may be made directly to the Air Force Memorial Foundation, 1501 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209-1198.