

DINNER

WHAT A GREAT EVENING AND I'M EXTREMELY MOTIVATED THAT THESE EVENTS ARE FINALLY COMING TOGETHER WITH A CHANCE TO OFFER A FEW WORDS OF THANKS TO THE ASSOCIATION:

I'M HONORED TO BE A PART OF THIS ASSOCIATION, THE 1ST FIGHTER WING AND THE AIR SUPERIORITY MISSION.

FROM DAY 1 OF MY COMMAND THIS WAS A SPECIAL PROJECT TO GET DONE.

YOU'RE GENEROUS DONATIONS HAVE KEPT THE HERITAGE ALIVE AND EVERYONE DRIVING IN THE WEST GATE CANNOT BUT STARE AT THE MIGHTY MIGHTY!

GEN HOSTAGE – FORMER COMACC AND IRON 1, PROVIDED THE TOP COVER TO MOVE FORWARD WE ARE IN VERY FISCALLY CONSTRAINED TIMES IN OUR AF...

I THANK ALL THE DONORS – EVERYONE HERE HAS SOME ATTACHMENT TO THE F-15 EAGLE, AND WITHOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, THIS PROJECT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED.

NUTS, YOU WERE RIGHT, THE DEDICATION TOMORROW WILL BE 27 DEGREES FREEZING COLD, AND I'LL KEEP MY REMARKS SHORT, BUT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BBQ WHERE WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO THANK THOSE THAT DID ALL THE GREAT WORK DE-MILLING, MOVING, WELDING AND CONSTRUCTING THE DISPLAY.

NEXT TIME YOU'RE OUT THERE BE SURE TO NOTICE THE UNIT COINS IN THE CEMENT... IT IS A GREAT REMINDER OF THE OWNERSHIP AND PRIDE TAKEN IN THE EAGLE – AND A GREAT REMINDER OF WHAT AIR SUPERIORITY LOOKS LIKE.

ALL THE AF WING COMMANDERS MET WITH THE CSAF LAST WEEK IN DC AND HE HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF AIRPOWER... AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THAT AIR SUPERIORITY IS SACRED! AS ONE OF OUR AF CORE MISSIONS, WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT TRULY IS.

THE SAYING ON THE 1ST FIGHTER ASSOCIATION EMBLEM CELEBRATES "SPADS TO RAPTORS" ... ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DILIGENTLY SUPPORTED, EXPERTLY MAINTAINED, AND STRAPPED ON AND FLOWN THE MIGHTY-MIGHTY KNOW THE EMOTIONS THIS MEMORIAL INVOKES... AND WE ARE CHARGED WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF HONORING OUR LEGACY AND HISTORIC LINEAGE.

GREAT TO SEE OUR YOUNGEST LTs AND AIRMEN HERE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO OUR AF MISSION, WE'LL SEE MORE OF THEM TOMORROW... THEY HEAR THE CALL TO THE FUTURE, CONTINUALLY ADAPT AND WILL CARRY OUT OUR AF VISION SO WE CAN FLY, FIGHT AND WIN!