



Air Force 60th Anniversary Art Exhibit opens today at the museum

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National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

10/17/2006 - **DAYTON, Ohio** -- A special exhibit highlighting the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force opens today at the Air Force's national museum. Sixty pieces of art, one representing a significant event for each year in Air Force history, are displayed as part of the museum's commemoration activities.

The exhibit entitled, "Heritage to Horizons: Commemorating 60 Years of Air and Space Power Through Artists' Eyes," displays art from the Air Force Art Program and the museum's own collection. Artists featured include Keith Ferris, Robert McCall, William S. Phillips, and Maxine McCaffrey.

Throughout the first half of the 20th century, United States military aviators worked persistently for the creation of a separate air force. On Sept. 18, 1947, their efforts came to fruition as the U.S. Air Force was established as a separate service equal to the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy under the Department of Defense.

The Air Force kicked off the anniversary on Oct. 14 with the dedication of the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va. More information can be found at www.airforcememorial.org or www.af.mil. The museum supports the year-long celebration with this exhibition of official U.S. Air Force art.

In addition to showing people, aircraft, spacecraft, and events, this art displays a common thread—the Air Force's Core Values of integrity, service before self, and excellence.

The exhibit at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force will run through October 2007. Admission and parking are free.

The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day).

NOTE TO PUBLIC: For more information, contact the National Museum of the United States Air Force at (937) 255-3286.

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