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## **115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Selected for F-35 Mission**

### ***USAF selection is strong recognition of the 115<sup>th</sup> and the Madison Community***

MADISON – Today the United States Air Force (USAF) announced it has selected the Wisconsin Air National Guard’s 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Madison’s Truax Field as its preferred location to host an F-35 mission.

In response to today’s announcement, Chairman of the Badger Air Community Council (BACC) Board of Directors Marvin Siegert released the following statement:

“For the last 69 years there has been an uninterrupted Air Force mission at Truax Field. From the F-51 Mustangs first assigned to the squadron at its formation in 1948, to becoming the first Air National Guard unit to fly a modern jet fighter with the F-89A Scorpion mission in the 1950s. Following the F-89 was the F-102s in the 1960s-70s, the A-10 Thunderbolt in the 1980s and the assignment of the F-16s in the early 1990s. Today’s announcement regarding the F-35 mission, the sixth to be based at Truax, is strong recognition of the legacy of excellence the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing has established, as well as recognition of the community that has supported the men and women of the Fighter Wing over the last seven decades.”

Executive Director of the BACC, and former Wing Commander of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Jeff “Ace” Wiegand released the following statement:

“As a former commander of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and now as a civilian member of the community supporting the men and women of the Wing, I could not be prouder of today’s announcement for 1,200 airmen who serve at Truax. Today’s announcement not only ensures the base and its associated economic impact remain in our community, but also the immeasurable amount of talent that works alongside us in our businesses, volunteer alongside us at our charities, coach and mentor our kids with us and live next to us as our neighbors, will remain here, benefitting our community.”

Today’s successful announcement would not have been possible without years of commitment from the Wisconsin Air National Guard, the leadership of the 115<sup>th</sup>, strong support from Governor Scott Walker, members of Wisconsin’s congressional delegation, state leaders and local elected officials from Dane County and the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce. We are incredibly thankful to all of them for their hard work and dedication to making this day a reality.

We encourage all supporters of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing to visit the [www.togethertruax.com/](http://www.togethertruax.com/) website and register their support for the F-35 mission and sign-up to receive updates on opportunities to voice your support in the coming months.

#### About the BACC:

The Badger Air Community Council (BACC) was formed in 2012 by former members of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and business and civic leaders, to act as a liaison organization between the community and the Fighter Wing. The BACC supports the mission of the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing by educating the public on the economic and social benefits of having the unit based in Madison while highlighting the contributions made by the more than 1,200 Airmen who serve there.

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