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Madison's Truax Field Officially Chosen to Receive Next-Generation F-35A Aircraft

Basing guarantees continuation of 115th Fighter Wing's economic and community benefits for decades to come

MADISON – In her record of decision announced today, U.S. Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett officially designated Madison's Truax Field, home of the 115th Fighter Wing of the Air National Guard, as one of two sites that will receive the next-generation F-35A aircraft in 2023. In response, Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce President Zach Brandon, released the following statement:

"The F-35A basing decision is much-needed positive news for Greater Madison. From generating \$100 million in annual economic impact to their extraordinary work responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, time and again we have seen firsthand the tremendous value the 1,200 Airmen of the 115th Fighter Wing bring to our community. We look forward to Greater Madison continuing to be their home for decades to come.

"Many thanks to the Badger Air Community Council and all the business leaders, community members and elected officials at every level who showed their unwavering support to the 115th throughout this process."

About the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce:

The Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business with more than 1,200 organizations – ranging from one-person shops to corporations with more than 10,000 employees – working to bring the Greater Madison area to its full potential. The Greater Madison region is a leader in innovation. From cutting-edge technologies to distinctive retail shops to inventive services and products, our members vary greatly but are united by the region's entrepreneurial spirit. More information can be found at <u>madisonbiz.com</u>.

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