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TEST YOUR SKILLS AT THE AIR LEGACY COMPETITION

Dayton, Ohio - October 30, 2012 - 12-I04 -This November, don't let the cold weather keep you stuck inside. Instead, visit The National Museum of the United States Air Force to find out if you have what it takes to call yourself an 'Ace'. For the entire month of November, the Museum will be sponsoring an "Air Legacy Competition" using our two, 360° Interactive Simulators.

Our new simulators are fully enclosed, cockpit-like rides capable of completing 360 ° barrel rolls as the pilot maneuvers the ride by operating a joystick control. These simulators, operated by trained and professional Foundation staff members, are capable of seating two people at a time, one pilot and one gunner. Directly in front of the pilot and gunner is an interactive, cockpit display that allows both riders to feel as if they are piloting an actual aircraft.

The Air Legacy Competition seeks to find the best of the best in three separate divisions: Individual, Two-Person Crew and Organization. Visitors entering the Individual Competition will pilot the mighty F-15 Eagle solo, as well as operate that aircraft's state-of-the-art weaponry system to quickly dispatch computer-piloted enemy aircraft. At the end of the month the pilot with the most Average Kills wins! Fly as many times as you want for the best possible average score! Visitors competing in the Two-Person Crew contest will compete with a friend or family member. One rider will pilot the aircraft while the other rider operates the weapons systems.

Do you have a group of more than 10 people who want to play on the same team? Your company, office, Church or volunteer group larger than 10 people can compete on the same team in the Organizational Division! With more people you have a better chance for a higher average and to win the competition. The same basic rules of our simulators apply however, only a maximum of two riders per simulator can ride at the same time.

Tickets for this event cost \$7.00 per rider if two people are riding a simulator at the same time or \$12.00 per individual rider if the rider decides to operate the simulator solo. Proceeds from this event will directly support the *Expanding the Legacy* Campaign which helps fund a fourth building and other activities at the Museum.

Finally, to commemorate your time as a fighter pilot, don't forget to stop by the Theatre Box Office to purchase customized dog tags, identical to the dog tags real Air Force pilots wear! So please, visit us soon. The National Museum of the United States Air Force is a place where history comes alive and learning is an adventure!

Mission application forms will be available at our sales desk in front of our simulators or at our website www.airforcemuseum.com.

The Air Legacy Leaderboard will be updated daily at our simulators and weekly on our Facebook page and website. For more information, please contact us at Theatre@afmuseum.com or by calling 937-253-4629.

The simulators operated by the Air Force Museum Foundation, a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization, established to assist the Air Force in the development and expansion of the facilities of the National Museum of the United States Air Force. For more information on the Air Force Museum Foundation, visit <u>www.airforcemuseum.com</u>. The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit private organization, it is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and it has no governmental status.

The museum is located six miles northeast of Dayton, accessed easily off Interstates 70 and 75 to Interstate 675, exit 15, which is the Colonel Glenn Highway exit. The museum is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Parking and admission are free; however, there is a charge for the Theatre. For more information, visit the museum on the Web at **www.nationalmuseum.af.mil**.

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