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**The Air Force Museum Foundation Hosts
Annual Legacy Data Plate Wall of Honor Tribute Ceremony**

DAYTON (May 24, 2018) – Stories honoring the actions and service of veterans, friends, and family members were celebrated today at the Air Force Museum Foundation’s Legacy Data Plate Wall of Honor Tribute Ceremony, held on the grounds of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

Col Susan Richardson, USAF (Ret), Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Air Force Museum Foundation opened the ceremony in front of hundreds of guests by sharing how each unique story on the Legacy Data Plate Wall plays an important part in fulfilling the vision of the Foundation – “Honoring every Airman's story with a permanent home to inspire future generations.”

Col James Schepley, USAF (Ret), Director, Contract Operations, General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. then told the large crowd in attendance that the ability to reflect on the service of others enables us to both learn from history and not repeat its mistakes.

Keynote speaker Lt Gen John L. Hudson, USAF (Ret), Director of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, closed the day’s remarks with thoughts on the power of the Legacy Data Plate Wall to keep loved ones “alive and remembered.” There are Legacy Data Plates for both Gen Hudson’s father and father-in-law.

Each of the over 1,000 Legacy Data Plates on the Wall of Honor represents a unique and enduring tribute to someone special. These custom-etched aviation-grade stainless steel plates are displayed near the entrance to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

To view stories of the honorees on the Legacy Data Plate Wall of Honor, or to find out how you can honor a loved one with a Legacy Data Plate, visit www.legacydataplates.com or contact Rebecca Vachon at rvachon@afmuseum.com or 937.656.9607.

The Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc. was established in 1960 as a philanthropic, non-profit organization to assist the Air Force in the development and expansion of the facilities of the National Museum of the United States Air Force and to undertake and advance programs and activities supporting the Museum. For more information on the Air Force Museum Foundation, visit www.airforcemuseum.com

The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, is the service's national institution for preserving and presenting the Air Force story from the beginning of military flight to today's war on terrorism. It is free to the public and features more than 360 aerospace vehicles and missiles and thousands of artifacts amid more than 19 acres of indoor exhibit space. Each year about one million visitors from around the world visit the museum. For more information, visit www.nationalmuseum.af.mil