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Media Advisory

U.S. Air Force's 332nd Recruiting Squadron to Hold Change of Command Ceremony

WHAT: The 332nd Recruiting Squadron of the U.S. Air Force, located in Nashville, Tenn., will hold its Change of Command ceremony tomorrow at 10 a.m. at The Hermitage. Command will transfer from Lieutenant Colonel Richard Mendez to Lieutenant Colonel Assad Samad.

During the ceremony there will be a posting of colors and the presentation of a medal to Lieutenant Colonel Mendez. The squadron's flag will be passed from the relinquishing commander to the new commander to signify a smooth transition. The presiding official for the ceremony will be Colonel Patricia Sergey, commander of the 369th Recruiting Group.

All active and retired military personnel will receive free admission to The Hermitage, as a part of a continuing 2015 policy in recognition of the bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. victory in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812.

WHEN: July 22, 2015
10 a.m.

WHERE: Andrew Jackson's Hermitage
4580 Rachel's Lane
Hermitage, TN 37067

WHY: The 332nd Recruiting Squadron directs and operates the recruiting activities of eight enlisted accession flights with approximately 81 active-duty and 11 civilian personnel in Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. It is one of Air Force Recruiting Service's 27 recruiting squadrons located across the United States.

The Change of Command ceremony is deeply rooted in military tradition, dating back to the 18th century during the reign of King Frederick The Great of Prussia.

About The Hermitage

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest and most-visited presidential homes in the United States. In 1856, the state of Tennessee purchased the property from the Jackson family, entrusting it to the Ladies' Hermitage Association in 1889 to operate as one of America's first historic site museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 30 historic buildings, including restored slave cabins. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as archaeology and the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of more than 180,000 annual visitors. On Jan. 8, The Hermitage launched its newest exhibit, "Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm," which delves into the life of Andrew Jackson, including his military and presidential careers. Throughout 2015, all active and retired military personnel receive free admission to The Hermitage in honor of the bicentennial anniversary of the U.S. victory in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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