



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Colonel Lenny J. Richoux, USAF
Commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing
MacDill Air Force Base
Tampa, FL 33621

Dear Colonel Richoux,

On behalf of the State of Florida, please accept our sincere congratulations on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the dedication of MacDill Air Force Base. From your beginning, where you trace your heritage back to training bomber crews for operations in WW II through the Korean War and the Cuban Missile Crisis, MacDill has proven crucial to the defense of our Nation.

Today, as home for US Central Command, US Special Operations Command and your newest Reserve partner, the 927th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill is engaged in all of our nations major global conflicts. Even more, you are home to NOAA and the most historic Coalition of Nations ever built in support of our combat operations. Your Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines as well as Reservists, Guardsmen, and civilians can always stand tall and be proud of their bravery, sacrifice and contributions in defense of our Nation.

MacDill Air Force Base is a wonderful example of a positive military/community partnership. With your Tampa Bay community partners, you are the role model for everyone to emulate. You have developed a true sense of community through your support of families, especially those deployed; embraced your local retired population, which in turn contributes over 1,000 volunteers annually; and led the way in environmental and protection initiatives.

Florida is extremely proud of MacDill Air Force Base and salutes your heritage, as well as your legacy of patriotism and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor