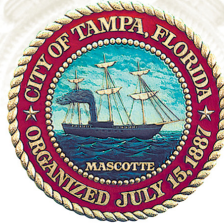


Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is proud of the partnership we have with MacDill Air Force Base and joins their community in recognizing and celebrating their history; and

WHEREAS, this marks the 70th anniversary of the ceremony that formally dedicated the Army Air Corps' new Southeast airfield that was held on April 16, 1941, and henceforth April 16th will be officially recognized as MacDill Air Force Base's birthday; and

WHEREAS, we commemorate Colonel Leslie MacDill, a military aviation pioneer and the base's namesake, whose life's work contributed to the creation of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the rich heritage of those service members as they represented the wide diversity of the American people is celebrated and we honor the many thousands of military members and civilians who have served over the past 70 years; and

WHEREAS, as part of the ongoing history, we recognize all who currently serve at MacDill. The Tampa community appreciates their participation with direct and indirect economic impact of the almost \$5 billion through various organizations and units including the 6th Air Mobility Wing, the 927th Air Refueling Wing, United States Central Command, United States Special Operations command, 36 mission partners and 62 international coalition partners; and

WHEREAS, it is important to reflect on the struggles and selfless acts that allow for our freedoms, not only from those that have paved the way over the past 70 years at MacDill, but also those that are currently serving to make a better world for all of us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2011 as

"MACDILL HISTORY DAY"

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in congratulating MacDill Air Force Base on their 70th Anniversary and taking this opportunity to thank them for their continued service to our country.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 15th day of April, 2011.



Bob Buckhorn

Mayor