

# Join Us In Capturing... the Dream



## DESCRIPTION

The Field of Dreams project was conceived in Spring of 1999 by Jon S. Ogg, Director, Engineering Directorate as a Wright-Patterson community project that would pull together the folks at the base who are proud members of a premier acquisition and support team.

Working closely with 88th Air Base Wing Civil Engineering and industry representatives, an Aeronautical Systems Center Engineering Directorate (ASC/EN) team created to bring Mr. Ogg's vision to reality, went to work developing the plan.

The first part of the plan called for more than a dozen scale-models of Aeronautical Systems Center systems to be placed in the courtyard areas of ASC's Acquisition Management Complex. These models, made available with the support of the Aerospace Industrial Enterprise, represent systems for which WPAFB had a key role in "birthing."

The team went to work identifying the landscaping options for model placement, stanchion design, and phased introduction. To date, five models (F-15, F-22, F-117, B-1, and B-2) have found a home

## SUMMARY

### GOAL:

- To obtain a sculpture of a Wright Flyer for the new Area B entrance at Wright-Patterson AFB and have it in place to support the 2003 Anniversary of Powered Flight.

### SOLUTION:

- To gain financial support from past and present base employees, the aerospace industry and community. The cost of the overall project will be approximately \$250,000. This cost includes the model of the Wright Flyer, two bronze statues of Orville and Wilbur Wright seated in the aircraft, the model's mounting and support structure, lighting, and area landscaping.



Conceptual Photo of Proposed Wright B Flyer Sculpture



in the complex with nearly a dozen additional models under consideration for the next installment in early 2002.

Another part of the plan includes a \$3.4 million military construction project that involves the creation of a new Gate 1B entrance to Area B near the Acquisition Management Complex. In addition to a new entry road, civil engineers will move the historic stone gatehouses near the existing Gate 2B exit to the new entrance. One of those buildings will be used as a visitor's center for Area B.

As the Field of Dreams evolved, it became clear that something was missing in capturing our strong aviation heritage. With Wright-Patterson as the "Birthplace, Home and Future of Aerospace," it seemed appropriate to include a Wright Flyer in the "Field of Dreams."

Funding for this project is estimated at \$250,000 and includes a full-scale Wright Flyer, two bronze statues of Orville and Wilbur Wright, the mount/support structure, lighting, and area landscaping inclusive of a brick paved courtyard. This project will be a memorial to pay tribute to all the men and women who have contributed and will contribute to the technological superiority of the Air Force.

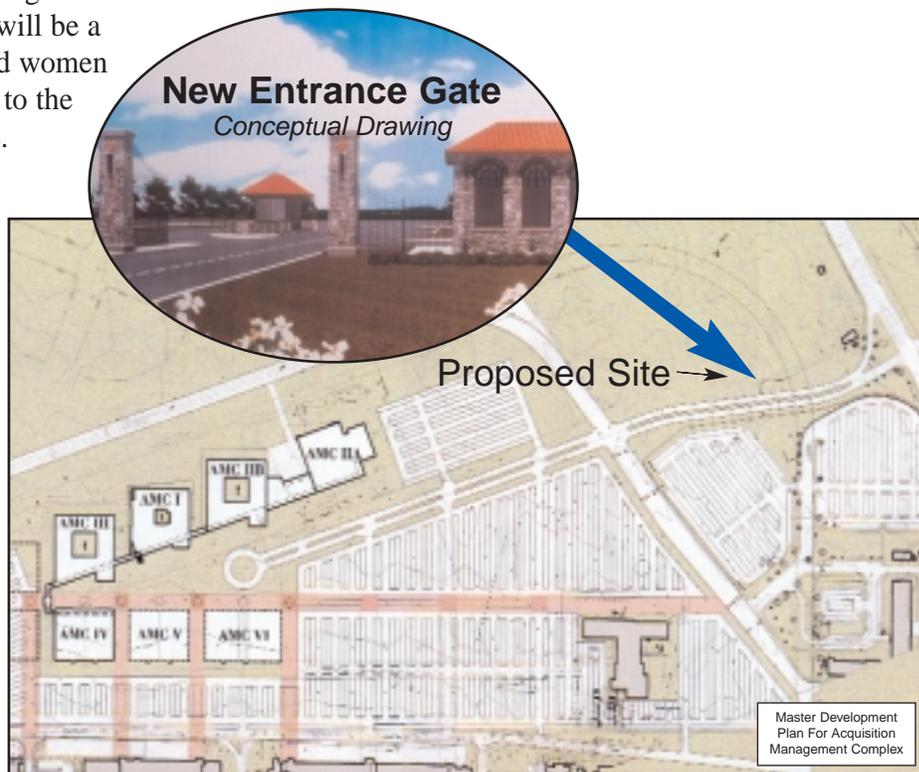
In order to obtain funds for this part of the project and potentially complement the site with other features, such as decorative fencing, benches, etc., the 2002 Wright Flyer Campaign was created. A fundraising effort spearheaded by the Air Force Association (AFA), the campaign was developed to generate funds for the creation of the memorial through an engraved brick sale. Originally, the fundraising effort was available to previous or present civilian, contractor, or military employees of Wright-Patterson AFB. However, in response to multiple requests from the commu-

nity and aerospace industry to participate in this project, the Air Force Association decided to expand this campaign to allow supporters of the base from both industry and the community to contribute to this effort. Available in a wide variety of choices, price ranges, and engraving options, bricks may be donated by anyone willing to contribute. The first round of brick orders for the fundraiser will closeout on 17 Dec 02 to support the schedule for installation of the plaza. After 17 Dec 02, any engraved bricks that are purchased will be installed in the plaza in 3-6 month intervals at a higher cost to cover removal and replacement of the blank brick with an engraved one.

The engraved bricks will be used in the construction of a walkway and courtyard surrounding the Wright Flyer sculpture with a site/locator map for use in identifying each purchaser's enduring mark of "Capturing the Dream."

If you would like to be part of turning this dream into reality, visit AFA's website at:

<http://www.afadaytonwright.com>.



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