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### **Crane to place T-38A aircraft in new static display on Thursday**

MESA, Ariz.-A crane will lift a T-38A aircraft onto its pedestal on Thursday creating a new static display at Williams Gateway Airport.

The operation will begin at 9 a.m. with the aircraft being towed from the airport site where it was refurbished. Placement will be at approximately 10 a.m. Media may begin set-up at 8:30 a.m.

The display, in a recreational park setting, will commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the airport's opening in March 1994 and to honor fallen aviators who have valiantly served our country.

The T-38A is on permanent loan by the U.S. Air Force and was formerly located at the entrance to Williams Air Force Base at Power and Williams Field roads. This type of aircraft was the primary trainer for pilots when the Mesa base was open and is still used by the Air Force today.

A formal dedication of the T-38 Park is planned on March 22. Corporate donations funded part of the initial phase of the project, including engineering and site preparation. A community fundraiser will be launched next month to pay for landscaping and park amenities.

For safety reasons, all media representatives will be asked to remain within a designated area during the placement of the T-38A onto the pedestal.

Please report to Marie Frank, Director of Marketing at 5835 South Sossaman Road.

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