



## **Williams Gateway Airport Selling Inscribed Paving Bricks for New Park**

*Airport invites public to help honor former Air Base, military veterans*

MESA, Ariz. – Mar. 27, 2006 – The Williams Gateway Airport Authority is inviting the public to be a part of the Lt. Charles L. Williams Memorial Park on-site by purchasing inscribed paving bricks for its walking paths.

The bricks, which cost \$50 and help defray the cost of the park's construction, offer an opportunity to salute military veterans, including former Air Force Base personnel, or simply support the Airport.

The park, located on Sossaman and Tahoe Rds., was dedicated on Mar. 22, 2004 to honor fallen aviators who have courageously served our country. A refurbished T-38 plane, which was once located at the entrance to Williams Air Force Base at Power and Williams Field Rds., is now the focal point of the park area as a permanent display.

“Between 1941 and 1993, close to 27,000 men and women earned their wings at the former Williams Air Force Base,” said Executive Director, Lynn Kusy. “This public park is a great way to honor the heritage of the former Base and the people who serve our country.”

The paving bricks will be part of the walkway around the park, which will also have ramadas, benches, and trees as part of the landscaping.

Persons interested in purchasing a brick may contact Community Relations Coordinator, Patrick Oakley at 480-988-7637 or visit WGAA's website at [www.flywga.org](http://www.flywga.org).

Paving bricks will also be available for purchase at the Airport Open House on Sat., Apr. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., where visitors can also view the park's progress.

Williams Gateway Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, visit [www.flywga.org](http://www.flywga.org).

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