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**BATTLE BETWEEN BOEING'S X-32 AND THE LOCKHEED MARTIN, BAE SYSTEMS, AND
NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S X-35** – Celebrate the 20th Anniversary!

PALMDALE, CA – October 13, 2021 — The Flight Test Historical Foundation is excited to announce the 2021 “Gathering of Eagles” (GOE). Meet the pilots and flight test engineers who designed and developed the aircraft.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the events and tests that led to the creation of the 5th generation stealth fighter. Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Joint Strike Fighter Concept Demonstration Aircraft that pitted the Boeing X-32 against the Lockheed Martin/BAE Systems/Northrop Grumman X-35 and was documented in the PBS Nova program, “The Battle of the X-Planes.”

WHEN: October 23rd at 5:00 P.M. – Reception and at 6:30 P.M. - Awards Program Begins

WHERE: Antelope Valley College Performing Arts Theater

TICKETS: Tickets are on sale and range from \$35 (reception only) to \$75 (reception and awards)

MORE INFO: The presentation will include Eagle Recognition, and other awards and scholarship presentations. The Eagles will have a panel discussion with Q&A. There will be a Silent Auction and printed history program. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

“ABOUT GATHERING OF EAGLES”

The Gathering of Eagles is a yearly celebration of the Flight Test Historical Foundation to acknowledge significant achievements in the flight testing of aerospace vehicles. The celebration honors both significant events and individuals that have made these events possible. The Gathering of Eagles is meant to provide an avenue for camaraderie, education and as a way to memorialize some of the history of these programs. The event is also a fundraiser, providing resources to the Air Force Flight Test Museum at Edwards Air Force Base, University scholarships, and a variety of STEM education programs.

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BACKGROUND – The mission of the Flight Test Museum Foundation (FTMF) is to raise funds to support the development of the Air Force Flight Test Museum at Edwards AFB. The FTMF’s fundraising efforts focus on museum improvements, exhibits, and aircraft acquisition/restoration. They are actively engaged in STEM education and the construction of a new, more accessible museum facility.

The Flight Test Museum Foundation’s educational mission is to promote interest and generate excitement for K-12 students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through a focused educational outreach campaign about flight testing, aerospace, and Edwards Air Force Base.

To achieve this goal, the Flight Test Museum Foundation is committed to providing open-access educational resources in STEM subjects for teachers, students, and families. These resources enable them to engage in an exploration and understanding of STEM in aerospace and flight testing, build learning opportunities for Southern California students, and provide an educational center where students can learn and explore.

The Flight Test Museum Foundation (FTMF) is a private, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. Tax ID: 77-0003353. The FTMF is not a part of the Department of Defense or any of its components, and it has no government status.

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