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## **MITCHELL GALLERY OF FLIGHT AND USO LOUNGE CELEBRATE NEW LOCATIONS**

**MILWAUKEE (August 25, 2020)** – The Mitchell Gallery of Flight and the USO Lounge have officially opened inside their new locations at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE). Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley, Milwaukee County Supervisor John F. Weishan Jr., and several other distinguished guests joined together for an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday.

The two new locations are the latest remodels to be completed as part of a major refresh to the retail and restaurant offerings at MKE.

“The new and larger museum space will provide us with more opportunities to showcase Wisconsin’s proud flight heritage, and the newly-remodeled USO Lounge will continue to ensure the safety and comfort of military members and their families traveling through MKE,” said Airport Director Brian Dranzik.

The Mitchell Gallery of Flight is a free non-profit aviation museum that features a multitude of exhibits, displays, and artifacts. It is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

“Along with our new space, we will also be introducing a new exhibit honoring Wisconsin's Tuskegee Airman, World War II African-American fighter pilot Lt. Alfred Gorham,” said Mitchell Gallery of Flight Board President Bill Streicher.

Located next door to the museum, the USO Lounge is open daily and is designed to be a comfortable space for military members and their families.

“The new USO Wisconsin Center is pre-security and will allow us to better serve military who are flying out of any concourse,” said Executive Director of USO Wisconsin Josh Sova. “Our VIP service is even more enhanced for recruits headed to basic training, reservists and National Guard annual training, service members deploying overseas, and families of the fallen.”

*MKE currently offers nonstop flights to nearly 40 destinations coast-to-coast, and 200 international destinations are available from Milwaukee with just one easy connection. MKE is served by Air Canada, Alaska, American, Apple Vacations/Funjet Vacations, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United. The complete list of nonstop cities can be found at [mitchellairport.com](http://mitchellairport.com).*

*Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is owned by Milwaukee County and operated by the Department of Transportation, Airport Division, under the policy direction of the Milwaukee County Executive and the County Board of Supervisors. The Airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the Airport’s capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation.*