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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL RHODE WARRIORS

SUBJECT: THANK YOU

TEAM,

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your support to our Rhode Warrior Team these past three years. Our accomplishments have been extraordinary. With a record-breaking ops tempo, we continued to provide the finest trained, educated, ready and fit Airmen to our state and nation. These accomplishments are yours. Be proud of them.

In the last three years, we deployed over one-third of our Wing. We completed an ORE, and an ORI with brilliant results. We trained over 100 international students. We delivered a foreign military sales package to Iraq worth nearly \$1 billion. We have turned around an environmental program that now ranks in the top ten of DoD bases around the country. We've made enormous strides improving our safety program and culture. Medical readiness is at an all-time high along with our physical fitness program. Take a moment to think about the Air Force Inspection System we brought to life. During our Capstone event, two sub-areas were graded as 'highly-effective.' Our Rhode Warrior spirit is remarkable. No challenge too difficult.

Sunday, Col Dan Walter will assume command of the 143d Airlift Wing. He is, without question, one of the most talented leaders in our Air Force. He has many years in leadership roles and many thousands of hours in C-130 aircraft. He is poised to take the Rhode Warriors to even higher altitudes. Lt Col Rick Hart will assume duties as the new Vice Wing commander. Rick has over two decades of service to our Team and possesses vast knowledge of Wing operations. Lt Col Joe Francoeur has been selected to lead our Operations Group. Joe has been a major part of every one of our Team initiatives for the last 15 years. Congratulations to our new Wing leadership. We offer special thanks to Col John Sullivan as he moves to JFHQ. He has made our Wing a world-class competitor.

As I move to JFHQ, I'm really looking forward to all of the great things the Rhode Warriors will accomplish. It has been the privilege and honor of a lifetime to have been part of this Team. The memories will last forever.

As always, just lucky, honored, and most proud to be on the Team.

Colonel Arthur J. Floru
Commander, 143 Airlift Wing