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**Department of Wisconsin Support for the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and the F-35 Mission**

**Madison, WI** - The Department of Wisconsin, Veterans of Foreign Wars position on the defense of the United States is clear: Our U.S. military forces shall be given the greatest advantage to fight and win our nation's wars against any adversary.

Wisconsin has a storied history of support to US military causes through today's current Global War on Terrorism and deterrence of war through strength. The VFW urges all Wisconsinites to continue that support regardless of the sacrifice. The F-35 brings an unmatched lethality and survivability that our Warfighters need to dominate critical airspace around the globe, now and into the future. Bringing the F-35 to Truax Field equips our highly deployable National Guard Pilots with 5<sup>th</sup> Generation technology that maximizes their tactical advantage. The Wisconsin Veterans of Foreign Wars stands for bringing the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter to Truax Field as devotion to fortifying our national security and perpetuating the coveted freedoms we have.

The Department of Wisconsin VFW Commander, Donald Lynch, urges all VFW and Auxiliary members who are available to attend the City of Madison's official hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It will take place on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. An Open House will begin at 5 p.m. as well as sign-up to speak in favor of and supporters will be invited to do so in the order they sign-up followed by public comment beginning at 6:30 p.m. These are only declarative statements and can be as simple as reading your name into the record as a supporter.

For those VFW members and others who cannot attend the hearing but wish to still register their support please go to: <http://www.angf35eis.com/Comments.aspx>.