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COLD WAR COMES TO CALGARY WITH BRAND NEW AIR FORCE MUSEUM OF ALBERTA EXHIBIT

Calgary, Alberta – An overlooked era in Canadian history is finally getting its due at The Military Museums here in Calgary. The much anticipated Ken and Roma Lett Cold War Exhibit is set to open to the public on 26 September 2015. Featuring three jet aircraft inside, and a fourth outside, the new exhibit will pay tribute to the Canadians who stood ready to defend Canada throughout the Cold War.

The Air Force Museum of Alberta will host a Grand Opening Reception on 25 September 2015. The reception will include a tour for VIPs and media, who will get a sneak peek of the finished product of years of hard work by the AFMA staff and volunteers.

“(The Cold War) was a significant era of Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) history that could be better covered,” says AFMA Chairman, and retired CF-18 Pilot, Don Matthews. “There was an important story to be told and we’re starting to correct this shortfall and to bring to the attention of Canadians the incredible exploits of the RCAF during the Cold War. Canadians were on the front lines of deterrence for 40 years and it worked.”

The CF-18 Hornet, CF-5 Freedom Fighter (mounted outside), CF-104 Starfighter, and the F-86 Sabre are just the highlights of a far more in-depth exhibit of immersive displays, artifacts, and equipment that recount the history of the Royal Canadian Air Force’s efforts during that tense era. All four aircraft have served in RCAF operations.

The Ken and Roma Lett Cold War Exhibit is a unique permanent installment at The Military Museums planned and developed by the Air Force Museum of Alberta. It was developed as a tribute to the men, women, and equipment that helped protect Canada and its allies during the Cold War.

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