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NEW IBERIA, LA. - January, 2016: The Iberia Industrial Development Foundation (IDF) is pleased to congratulate the Acadiana Regional Airport (ARA) on the announcement of their new passenger terminal.

The new terminal will be located at 1404 Hangar Drive, New Iberia. There will be a groundbreaking and a dedication ceremony at the location on Thursday, January 28th at 10:00 am.

The terminal will be dedicated to and named after Brigadier General Wiltz P. Segura, USAF, born and raised in New Iberia. He flew with Chennault's Flying Tigers during WWII and his Curtis P-40E Warhawk hangs in the USS Kidd Museum in Baton Rouge. The General's military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with seven oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation Emblem, Venezuelan Distinguished Flying Cross, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Honor Medal. He was a command pilot with more than 6,500 hours, and a veteran of 28 years as a pilot in the United States Air Force.

The new passenger terminal will host several round-trip commercial flights per week to the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas. General aviation and corporate aviation will have separate designated sections, with their own entrances.

The commercial roundtrip flights are in response to the heavy travel between Iberia Parish and the Houston area by oil and gas businesses and their need for regularly scheduled, low-cost flights.

The new 1,200 square foot passenger terminal will be the first of its kind at ARA and is expected to be completed in the fall of 2016 at a cost of \$800,000.

Several members of Brigadier General Wiltz P. Segura's family will be in attendance, with his son, Paul Segura, speaking on their behalf. The dedication ceremony will include the Presentation of Colors by the Acadiana Veterans Honor Guard, and will be immediately followed by a groundbreaking ceremony with Jason Devillier, ARA Director, and the Iberia Parish Airport Authority Commissioners. Mike Tarantino will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

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