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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 114th Fighter Wing Named Top Recruiting and Retention Team in Nation

Gulfport, Miss. – The 114th Fighter Wing earned the Golden Eagle Award, presented during the Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Annual Training Conference in Gulfport, Miss., March 2019.

The Golden Eagle Award recognizes the top state recruiting and retention team in the Air National Guard (ANG). The 114th Fighter Wing was recognized as number 1 of 54 states and territories across the entire ANG for superior recruiting and retention programs. The Recruiting and Retention team was judged on Leadership and Job Performance, Significant Self-Improvement, as well as Base and Community Involvement. The 114th Fighter Wing achieved a historical 106.3% overall end strength, the highest recorded end strength in the history of the Wing. They also achieved a 96% retention rate, highest of 90 wings across the nation.

“I am extremely proud of our recruiting and retention team, but without the support of the entire unit, we could not have achieved this award. There are so many people within the unit that work hard day-in and day-out that have an impact on our recruiting and retention efforts,” said Senior Master Sgt. Rebecca Langloss, 114th Fighter Wing recruiting and retention superintendent.

This is the first time the 114th Fighter Wing has received the Golden Eagle Award at the national level. The 114th Fighter Wing was also awarded top honors at the regional level by earning the Golden Eagle Award for the top state, as well as the Patriot Team Award for the top wing in Region II. There are 9 states and 16 wings within Region II.

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