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END OF AN ERA: Vermont F-16's final flights – 33 years

What: The Vermont Air National Guard will host two events next week to celebrate the final flight and history of Vermont's F-16's. Airmen will be available for Interviews on Wednesday, April 3 from 1 – 3 p.m. The final departure ceremony, 'Viper Out', is Saturday, April 6 at 1 p.m. The aircraft are being divested into other Air National Guard units. The 158th Fighter Wing is in conversion and will receive the F-35 Lightning II this fall.

Who:

April 3: Various Airmen available for interviews

April 6: Brig. Gen. Gregory Knight, adjutant general, Vermont National Guard, Col. David Smith, 158th Fighter Wing commander, and various distinguished guests and retirees

When:

April 3: 1 - 3 p.m., Wednesday – interviews

April 6: 12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Saturday – 'Viper Out' ceremony

Where:

April 3: Please meet at the Pratt & Whitney parking lot located at 15 Eagle Drive, South Burlington, VT, by 1 p.m.

April 6: Please arrive to the front gate by 12:30. All media representatives will be escorted from the front gate.

Why: The Vermont Air National Guard is celebrating 33 years of history with the F-16. The F-16 has been a significant part of the VTNG and Vermont communities. Wednesday marks an opportunity to speak with Airmen about their experiences and the history of the F-16. Saturday the Adjutant General and 158th Fighter Wing Commander will provide comments to Airmen and the media followed by the final take-off at 1:58 of Vermont's F-16's from Burlington International Airport.

This is a media invite only. The event is not open to the general public.



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If you'd like access to use some of our b-roll check out the following links:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/668611/158-fw-f-16-heritage-b-roll-1>

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/668621/158-fw-f-16-heritage-b-roll-2>

* R.S.V.P for Wednesday by Tuesday, April 2 by 10 a.m.

* R.S.V.P for Saturday by Friday, April 5 by 10 a.m.

To attend these events, please contact 2nd Lt Chelsea Clark at 802-660-5379, or e-mail: usaf.vt.158-fw.mbx.public-affairs@mail.mil

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