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Lt Gov, Twin Falls mayor to fly with 366th Fighter Wing

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho – A pair of Idaho leaders will get the chance to experience up to six “Gs” and mach speeds July 29 as they jump into the back seat of an F-15E Strike Eagle here.

Lieutenant Governor Brad Little and Twin Falls Mayor Don Hall will each be receiving an orientation flight with the 389th Fighter Squadron as part of the 366th Fighter Wing’s Community Relations Program.

Lt. Gov. Little and Mayor Hall will receive survival harness and egress training, followed by a fitting for their aircrew ensemble during the morning. Then they will meet up with their pilots and get a pre-brief about the mission they will fly in the F-15E. From there, the two will head out to the flight line to do the traditional pre-flight walk around and get strapped into their F-15E that is designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions and has more than 50,000 pounds of thrust to propel them skyward. F-15E

Fact Sheet: <http://www.af.mil/information/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=102>

The U.S. Air Force conducts orientation flights to reward and motivate individuals, ensure a better understanding of a particular weapon system and its role, or when the flight is determined to be in the best interest of the USAF. This program has been used to reward Airmen who achieve such awards as Airman, Noncommissioned Officer, or Senior NCO of the Year. Media orientation flights have also been given in the past where the Fighter Wing has randomly chosen one of Idaho's media representatives and given them the opportunity to fly so they can gain a better understanding of a particular aircraft and mission.

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MEDIA NOTE: Media wishing to cover the day for interviews, B-roll and other footage are asked to meet 366th Public Affairs at the Grand View gate by 8a.m. July 29. We also ask that you please RSVP by e-mail Andrew.leonhard@mountainhome.af.mil or call 599-0525 or 828-3472.