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## **Capt. Lance P. Sijan Memorial Plaza Re-dedication**

MILWAUKEE- Following an extensive rehabilitation, the Captain Lance P Sijan Memorial Plaza at Mitchell International Airport will be re-dedicated on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2025.

For the last month, the F4C Phantom Jet, located at 5500 South Howell Avenue, has undergone extensive refurbishing, renovation & repainting. A husband/wife team from Florida spent most of June repairing, cleaning & repainting the aircraft.

At 10am on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, the aircraft at Sijan Plaza will be re-dedicated with full military honors.

Video & audio recording, as well as photo opportunities will be made available. Speakers & guests of honor will also have media availability before & after the ceremony.

### **LANCE SIJAN BACKGROUND**

Lance Sijan was from Bay View, WI & graduated from the Air Force Academy before he was assigned to the F4C Phantom Jet in Vietnam. On November 9, 1967, Sijan's F4 exploded mid-air in the dense jungles of Laos. He was severely injured and survived in the jungle for 46 days before he was captured on Christmas Day. Sijan was held captive at the infamous Hanoi Hilton Prison Camp in North Vietnam until his passing on January 22, 1968. Sijan was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Gerald Ford in 1976. The award recognized Sian's bravery, courage, and valor.

### **LANCE P SIJAN MEMORIAL BACKGROUND**

Sijan's sister, Janine Sijan, had the Sijan Plaza built in 2017, complete with an F4 that is believed to be the aircraft that Sijan once flew. In addition to the jet, the memorial includes a concrete walkway, a memorial stone telling Sijan's story, and a marble bench. Over the years the aircraft & plaza fell into disrepair. In September 2024, WTMJ Radio led a fundraising effort that raised over \$80,000 to repair the plane & the memorial at large.

**Who:** WTMJ Radio & The Lance P Sijan Foundation

**What:** Lance P Sijan Memorial Re-dedication

**Where:** 5500 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53207

**When:** Thursday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m.



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