

Albany leaders, students attend logo ceremony

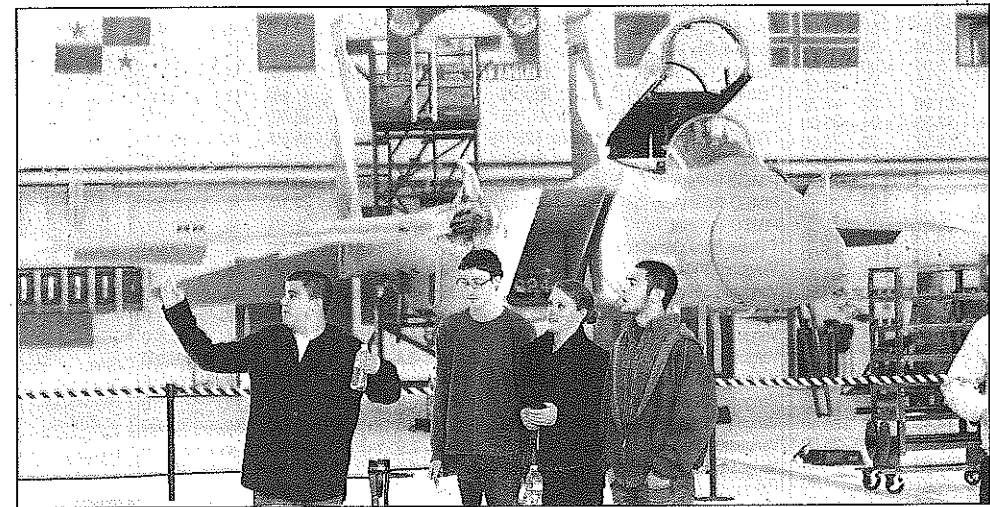
Above: Dignitaries, Albany residents and military officials visit in the Oregon Air National Guard hangar near Portland International Airport Thursday after the dedication ceremony for the F-15D named for the City of Albany.

At top right, Mayor Sharon Konopa and Patty Louisiana of the Veterans Commemoration Association talk with National Guard Pilot Major Tony Bierenkoven. At bottom right, South Albany students Daniel Barnes, 16, left, talks with, from left, Albany Options School student Gary Olson, 17, staff member Anna Sokolov, and student Alex Amador.

The students have spent

numerous hours at Albany's airport restoring three A-4 Skyhawks designed in the 1950s to operate from Navy aircraft carriers. When their work is finished, the planes will be positioned on "sticks" as part of a static display at the airport near the freeway.

City officials attending the ceremony along with Konopa and Louisiana were City Manager Wes Hare; Councilors Floyd Collins, Ray Kopczynski and Bill Coburn; and city spokeswoman Marilyn Smith. Others from Albany included Jimmie Lucht of the Albany Visitors Association; and Anna Sokolov, a teacher at Albany Options School and students Cary Olson, Alex Amador and Dan Barnes.



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