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Iconic F-4 Returns to US-1

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The F-4 Jet returns to its perch just as the City of Homestead begins to gear up for its Military Appreciation Week Celebration.



Photo: HARB Members steady the F-4 jet as it is returned to its perch on US-1 in Homestead. USAF Photo by Tim Norton.

For those driving along Florida's Turnpike or US-1 around 6 a.m. Saturday morning, they may have thought they were still dreaming when they saw a fighter jet being pulled on a flatbed truck.

But they weren't.

Members of Homestead Air Reserve Base returned the F-4 Jet to its perch on US-1 just north of 304 Street.

The jet was removed last year for maintenance. According to HARB spokesperson Ross Tweeten, more than 1,100 man hours went in to refurbishing the jet.

With a fresh coat of paint and some new hardware, the iconic jet is back in its location.

According to Dennis Maytan of the City of Homestead, crews from Redland Company brought the plane to its location, while George's Crane donated its services to lift the jet onto its perch. Reserve officers from Homestead Police Department escorted the jet from HARB to its current location.

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Homestead Lays Out Plan to Honor Military

The Homestead/Florida City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Military Appreciation Art and Essay Contest on the meaning of freedom and honoring our Military.

The Essay Contest invites Middle School (6-8 grade) and Senior High School (9-12 grade) students to write a 500-word essay about what freedom and honoring service members means to them.

The Art Contest, open for four age groups, Elementary (K-2), Elementary (3-5 grade), Middle School (6-8