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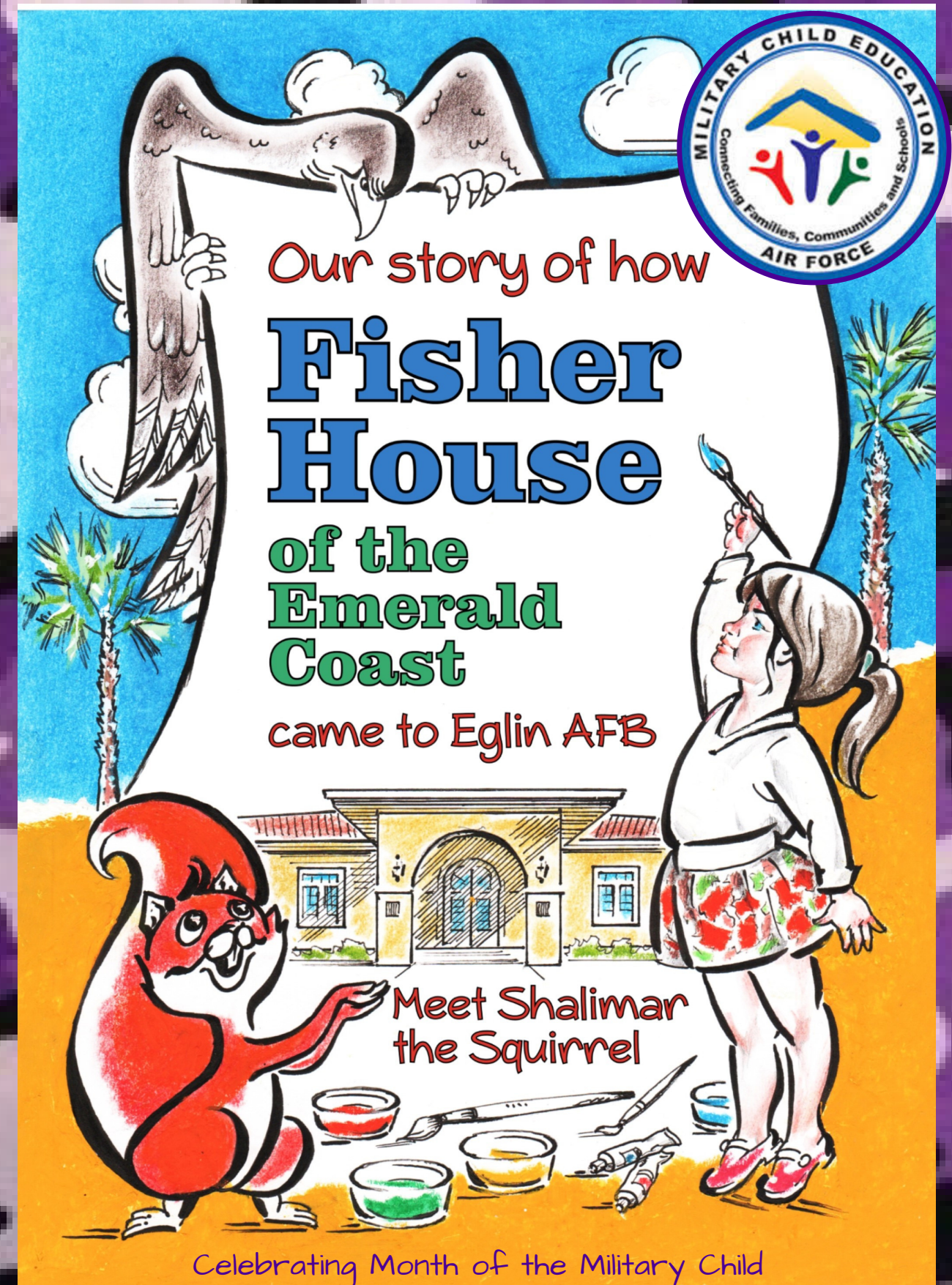
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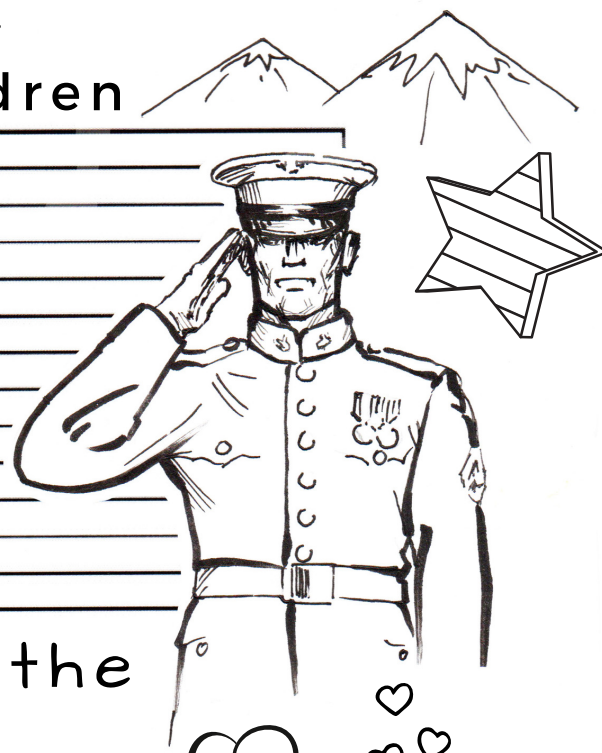
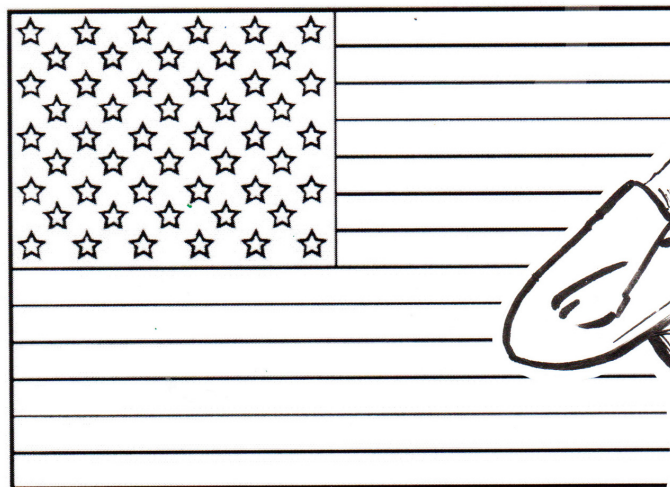
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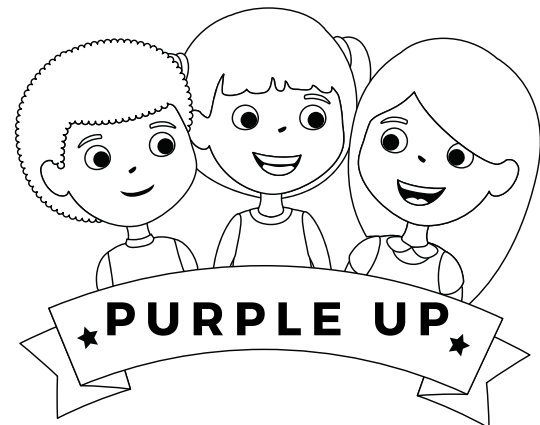


"April is Month of the
Military Child"

In partnership with Eglin's School Liaison Officer,
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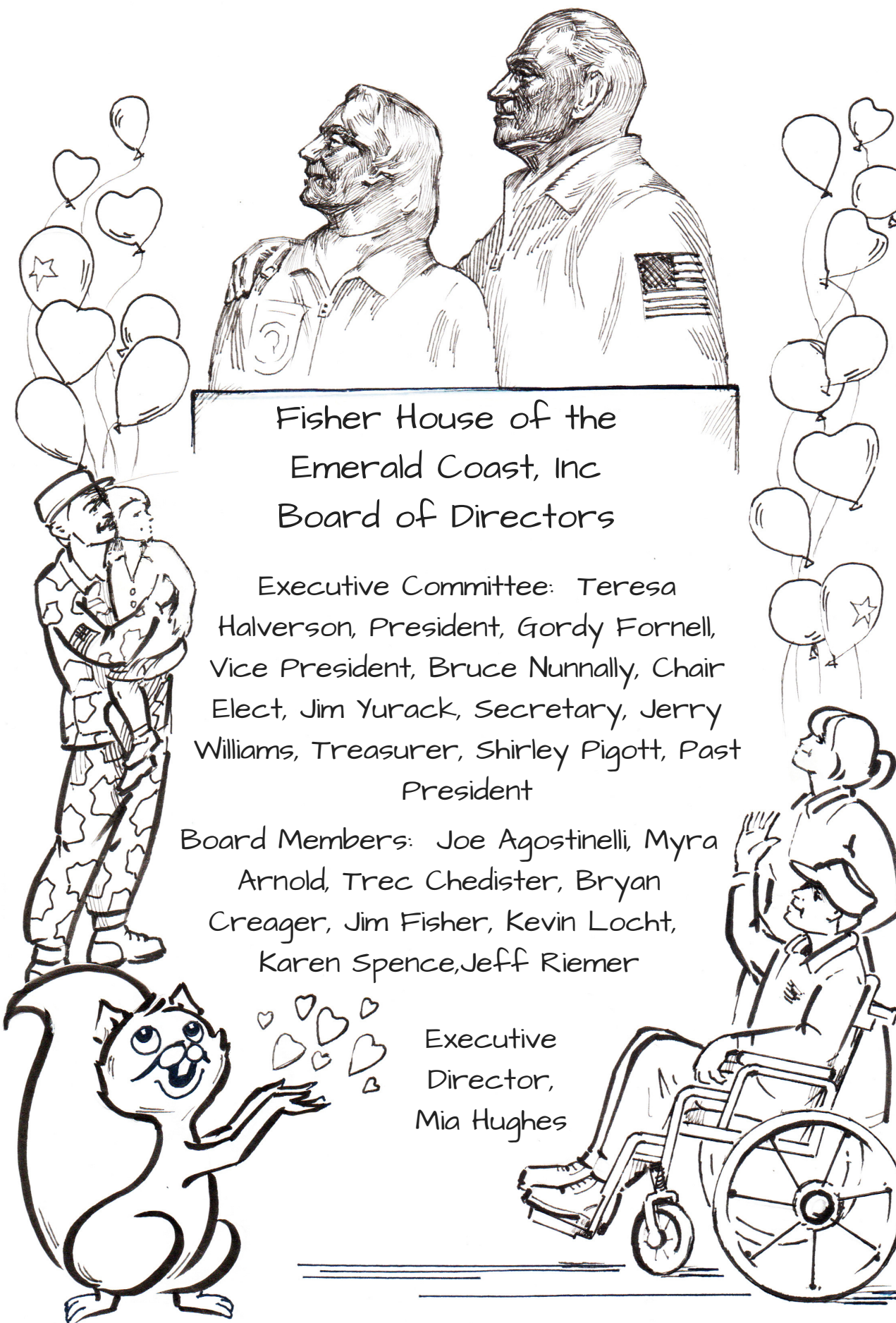
SLO promotes:

- Communication between K-12 schools, military families, installation and surrounding community.
- Parental involvement in their child's education and works to
- Identify barriers to academic success and
- Develops solutions in partnerships with local schools and military connected families



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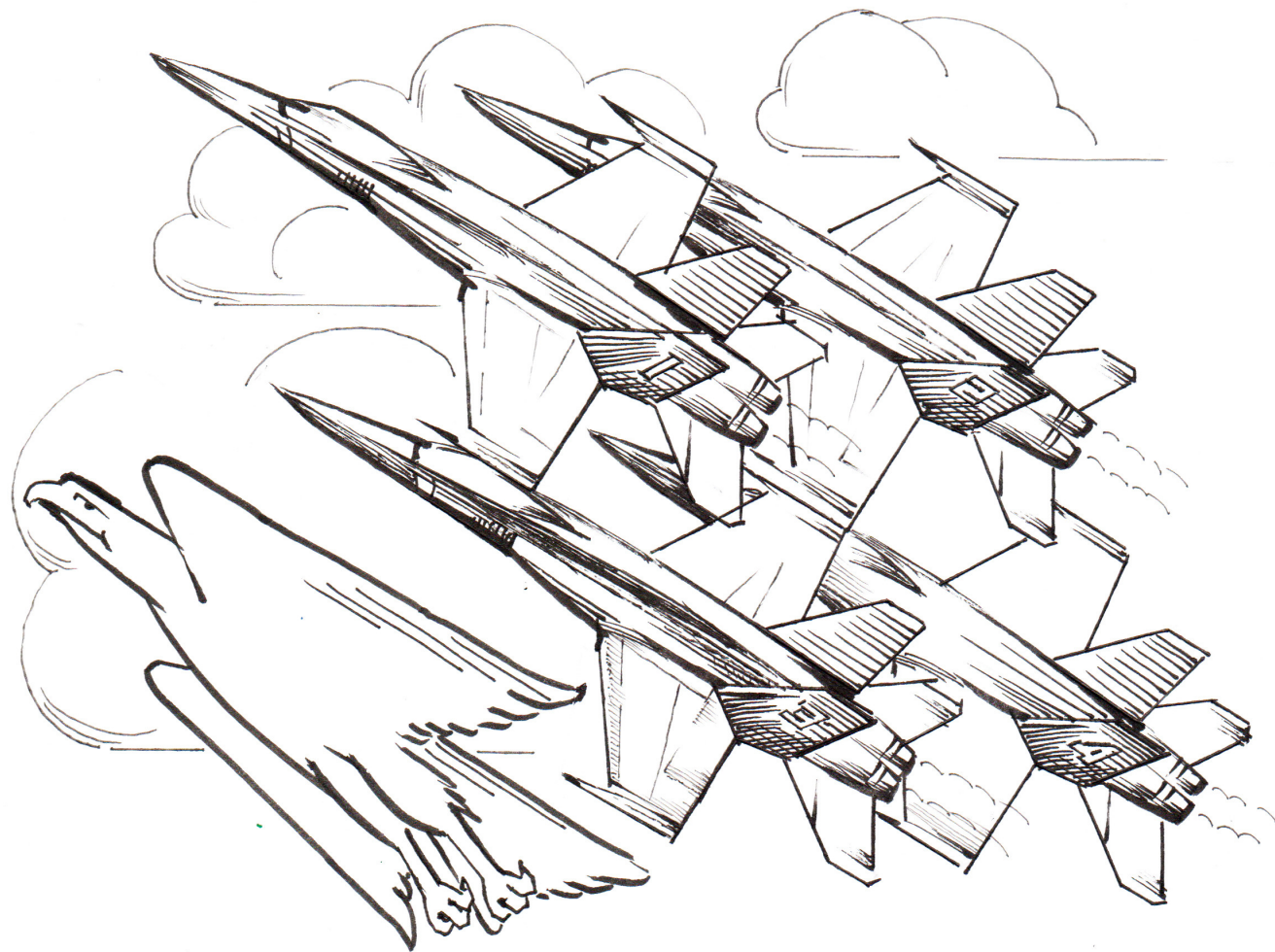
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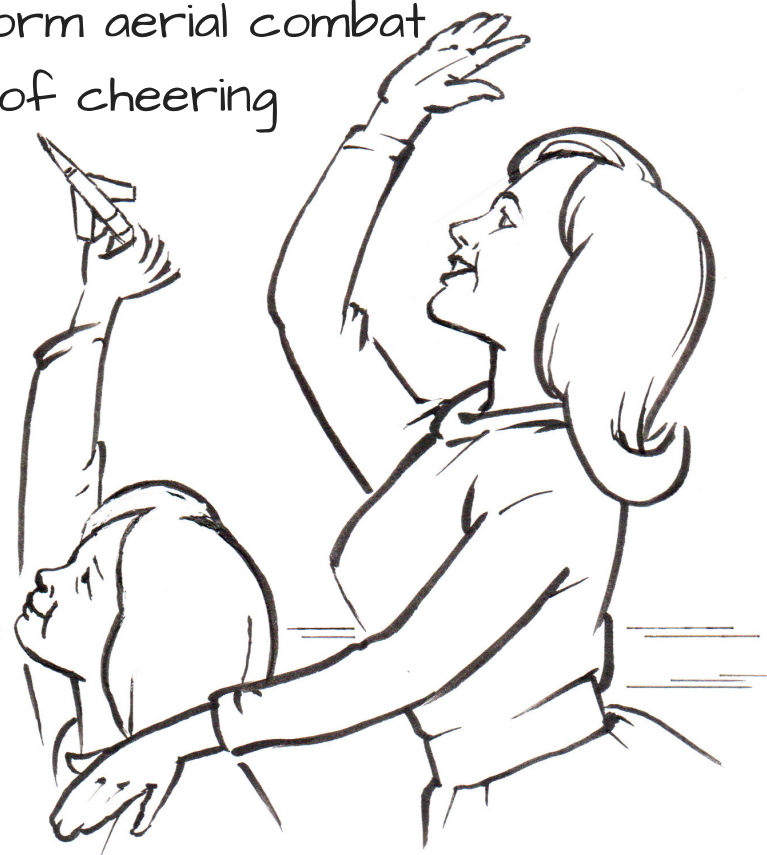
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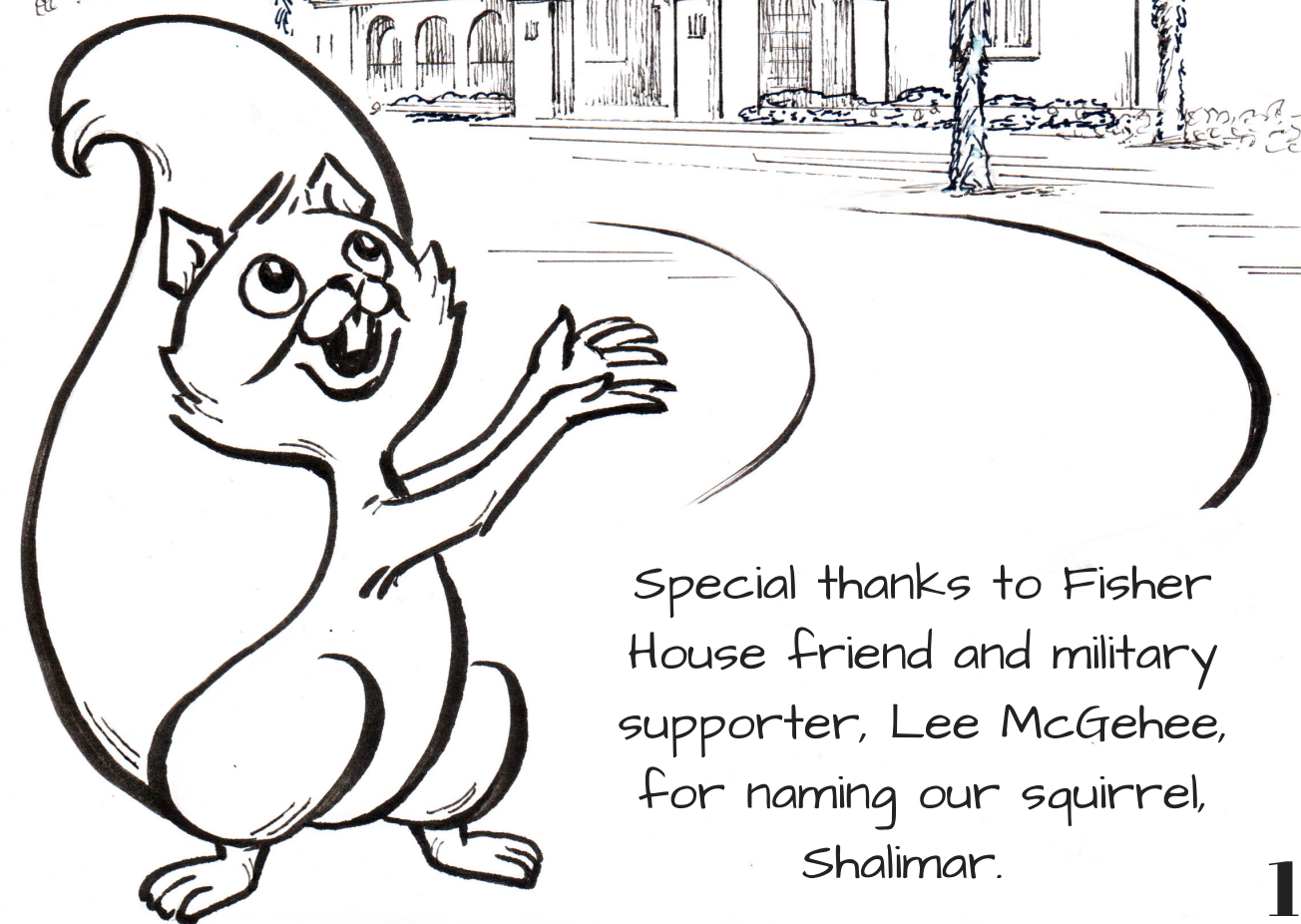
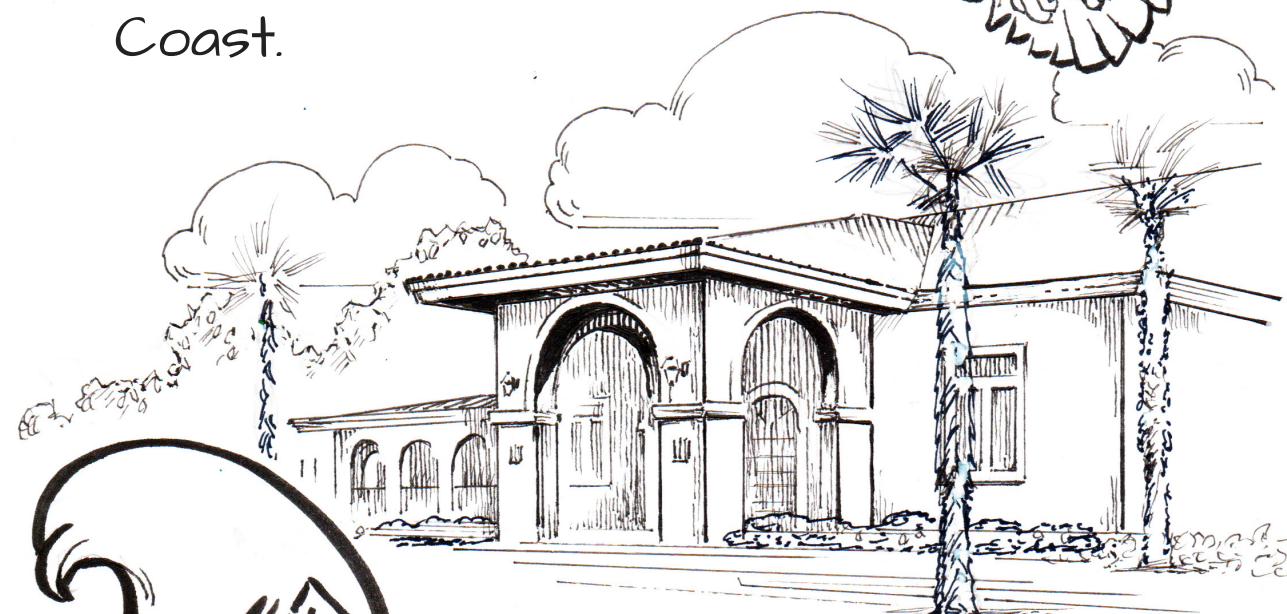
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The Blue Angels are a flying squadron in their F/A-18 Hornets. They perform aerial combat demonstrations in front of cheering crowds each year and call NAS Pensacola home.

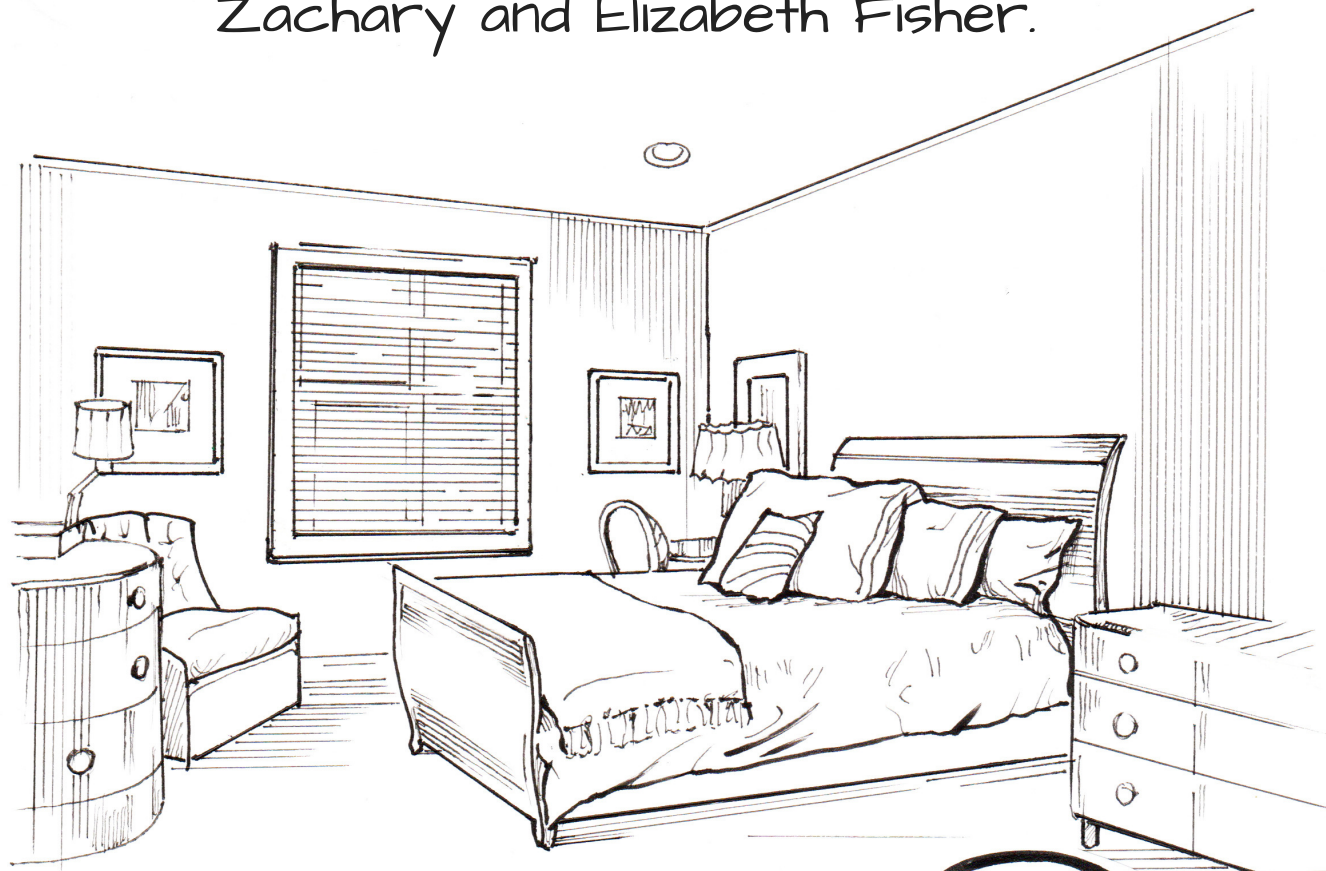


Welcome to Fisher House at Eglin Air Force Base! You will meet Shalimar the Squirrel and Stephen the Hawk as you learn how our house came to the Emerald Coast.



Special thanks to Fisher House friend and military supporter, Lee McGehee, for naming our squirrel, Shalimar.

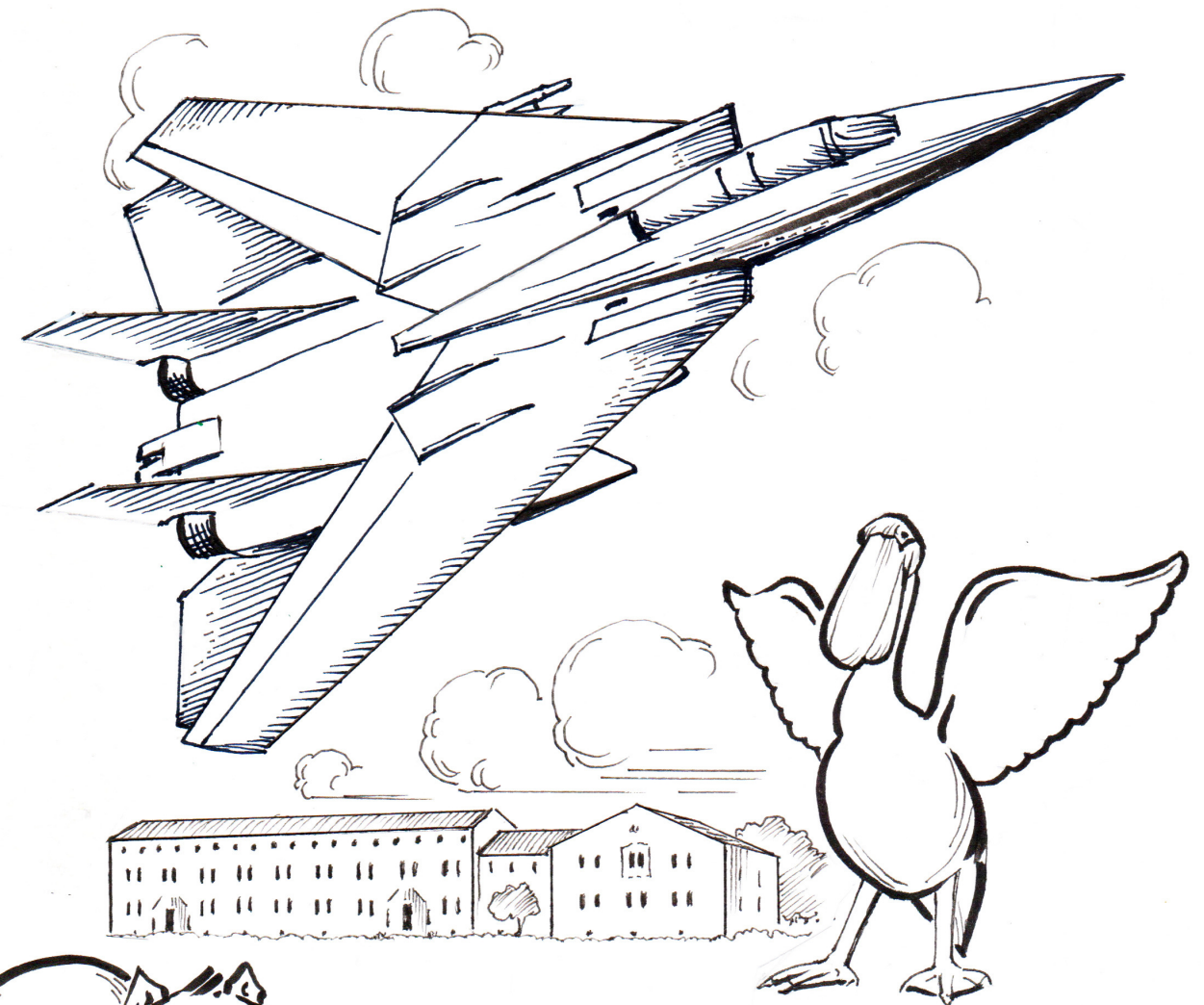
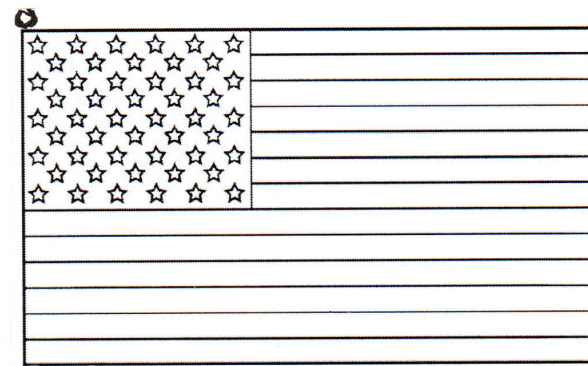
A Fisher House is a comfort home, donated by the Fisher House Foundation so that military members and their families may be together during a medical event. Fisher Houses are named after the family who started building them, Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher.



They personally
donated the first
22.

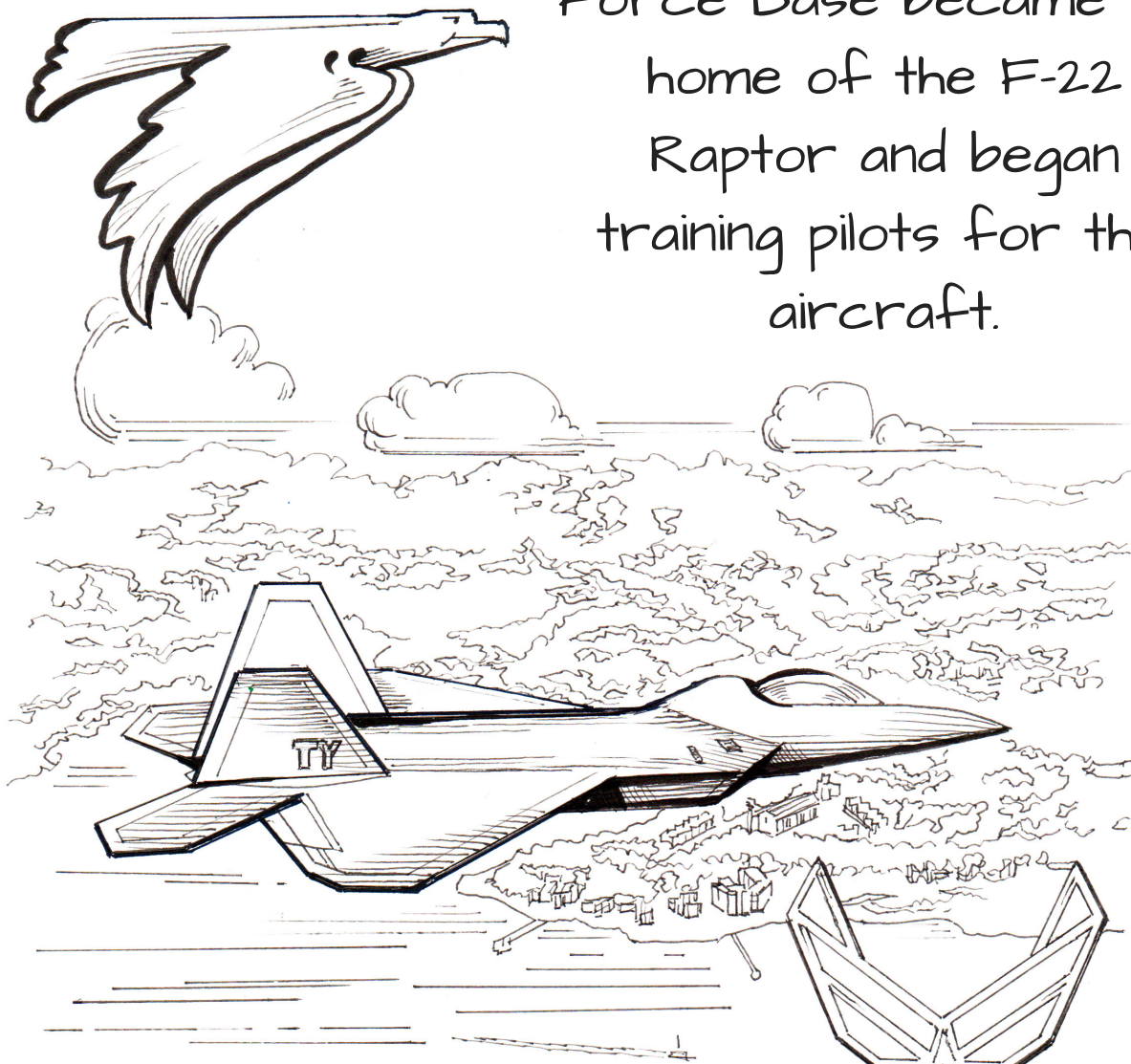


Naval Air Station
Pensacola



NAS Pensacola is the starting
point for all students who
want to become pilots in the
military and is known as the
Cradle of Naval Aviation.

In 2002, Tyndall Air Force Base became the home of the F-22 Raptor and began training pilots for this aircraft.



Tyndall Air Force Base, located in Panama City, opened in 1941 and was named after Lieutenant Francis B. Tyndall, a World War I flying ace who was awarded the Silver Star. Many of our guests are stationed at Tyndall or retired there.



The Fishers became aware of families needing access to affordable lodging conveniently located during a medical event.

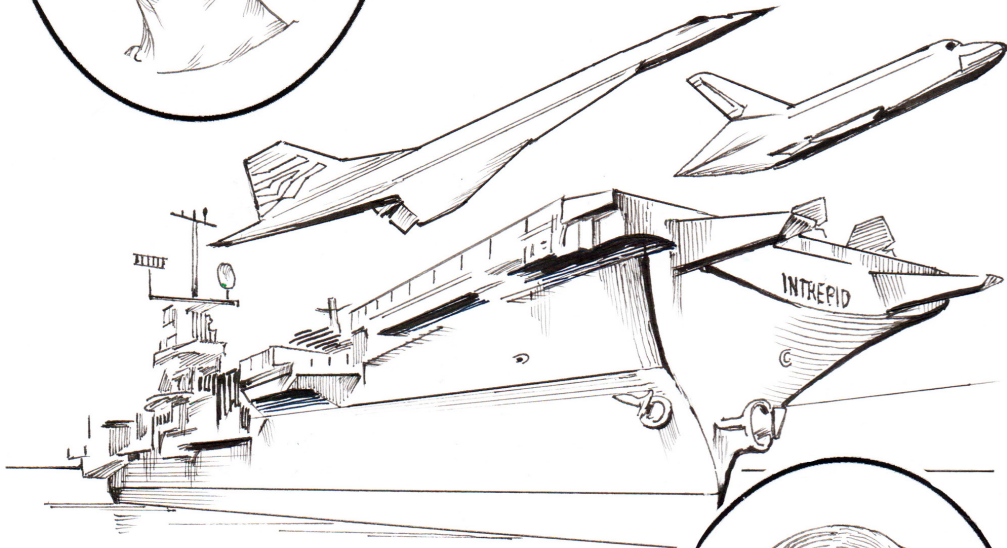


In 1991, the first Fisher House opened in Bethesda, Maryland, and was dedicated by President George H.W. Bush.



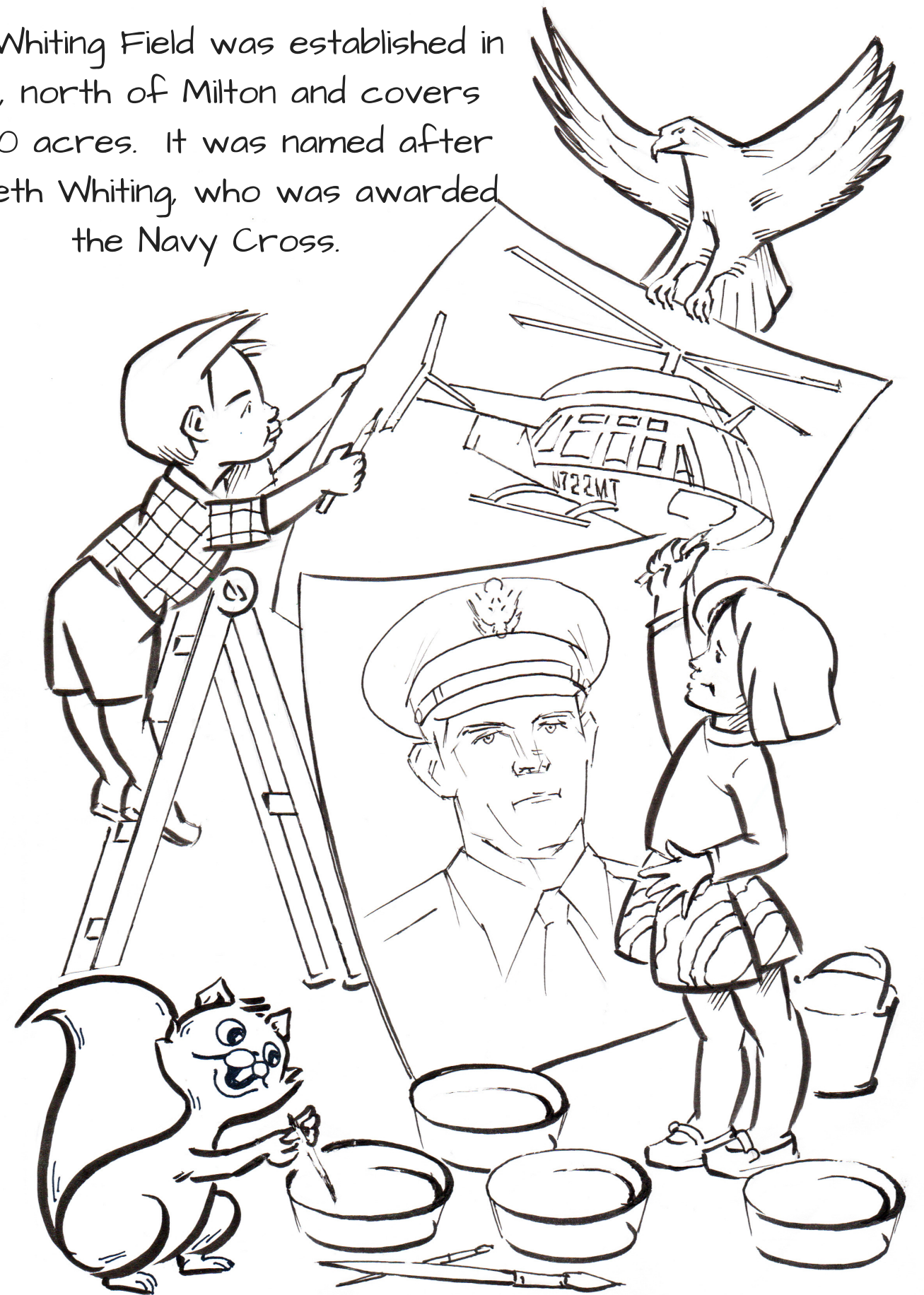


Elizabeth Fisher toured with the USO during World War II entertaining troops.



Zachary Fisher saved the USS Intrepid, a legendary aircraft carrier from World War II from becoming scrap metal and created the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City. The museum opened in 1982 and continues to be enjoyed by many visitors each year.

NAS Whiting Field was established in 1943, north of Milton and covers 12,000 acres. It was named after Kenneth Whiting, who was awarded the Navy Cross.



About 1,200 Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines learn to fly helicopters at Whiting each year.

Camp James E. Rudder opened in 1951 and the camp is the final stage of US Army Ranger School.



Duke Field is home to the

919th Special Operations Wing and Jimmy Doolittle's Raiders

trained there in 1941 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Just down the road from Duke Field is the 7th Special Forces Group, whose motto is De Oppresso Liber-- To Free the Oppressed.



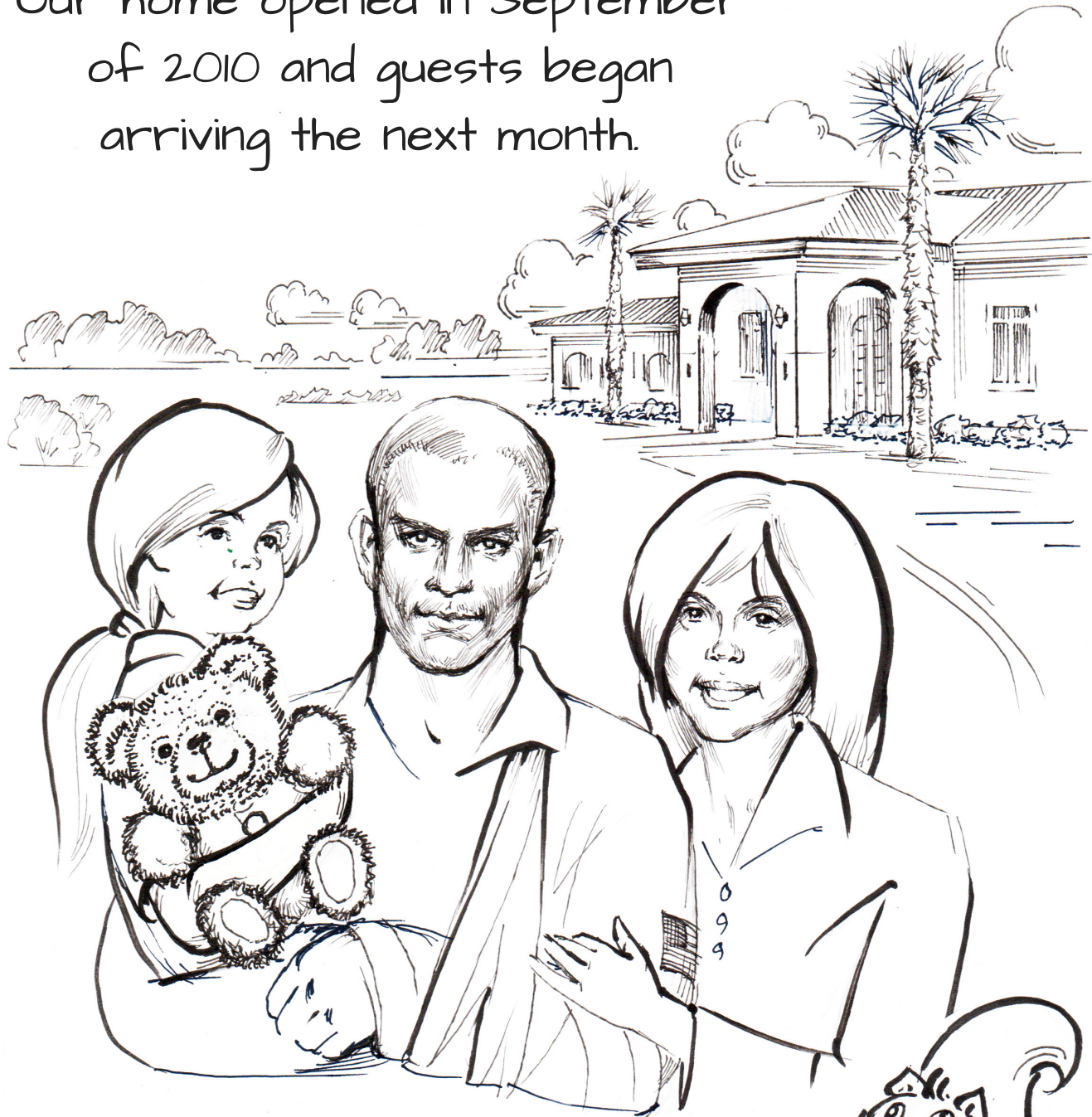
In 2007, a small group of people in our community with big hearts saw a need for us to have our very own Fisher House.



They started telling others what a Fisher House is, how it could help our military families and began raising money to help build the house.



Our home opened in September of 2010 and guests began arriving the next month.



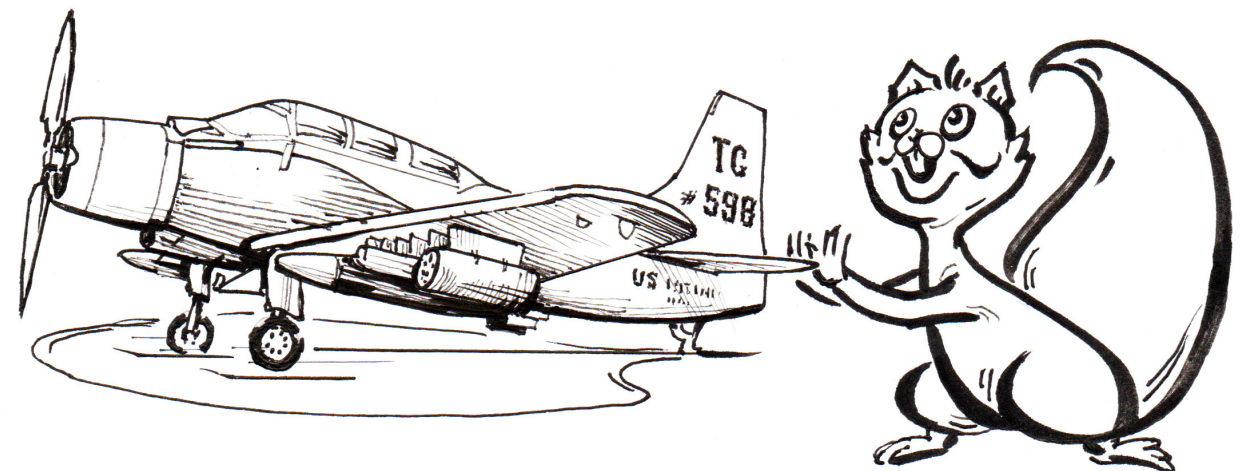
80 houses exist today across the United States and Europe and ours was number 48. More homes are being built.



Hurlburt Field is named after Donald Hurlburt, who was killed while his plane was taking off from Eglin Field in 1943. Hurlburt is home of the first Special Operations Wing and the Air Force Special Operations Command, the most heavily deployed wing in the Air Force.



Hurlburt Field



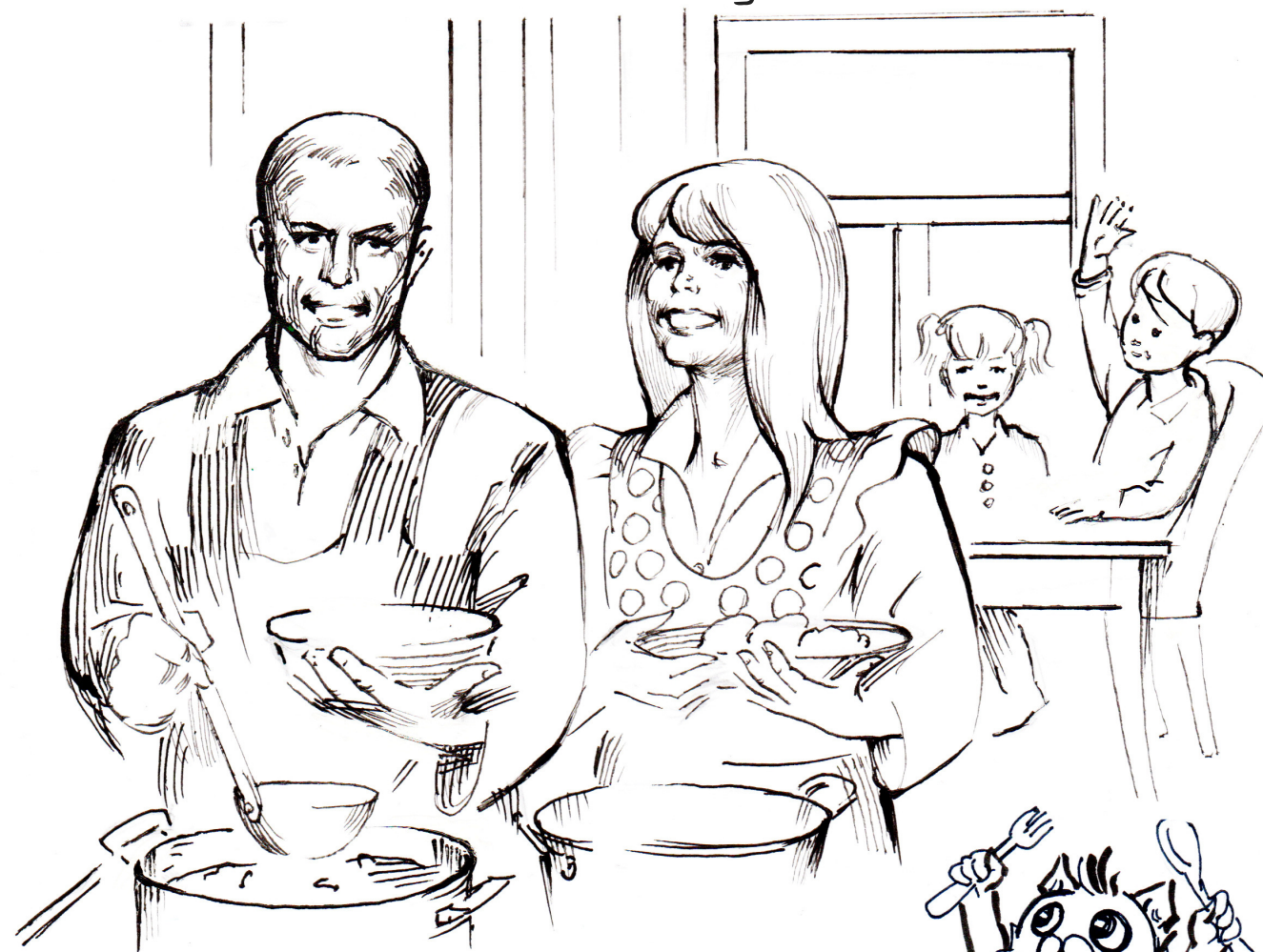
While our home is close to the hospital at Eglin, if you are receiving care from any local medical facility, military or civilian, you can stay at our home.



One of the longest stays in our house was eleven months and was a soldier injured in Afghanistan. He was blinded in combat but has become an inspiration to others.

He is an athlete who runs marathons, climbs mountains, whitewater rafts and started his own company making fudge.

Our home has a house manager who welcomes our guests. Food is provided and there is a kitchen where guests can cook. Generous folks also provide cooked meals for our guests to enjoy. There are dining areas, along with common areas where guests can visit with each other for hope and healing.



Since we opened, our home has saved military families almost \$1.9 million in temporary lodging.



Our Fisher House on Eglin serves the community from Pensacola to Panama City. Several military bases are across the Panhandle.

Camp Rudder
Duke Field
Eglin AFB
Hurlburt Field
7th Special Forces Group
NAS Pensacola
Tyndall AFB
NAS Whiting Field



Any active duty, Veteran and retired military member and their loved ones can stay at our home on Eglin. Guests usually stay on average three days and there is never a fee.

Most of the land that makes up Eglin was donated in 1930 by James E. Plew, a local banker from Valparaiso. The base was named after Lt. Colonel Fred Eglin and is home to the 96th Test Wing. They provide test and evaluation for Air Force air delivered weapons, navigation and guidance systems.

The 33rd Fighter Wing "Nomads," a graduate flying and maintenance training wing for the F-35 Lightning II is at Eglin AFB. Prior to the F-35, the 58th Fighter Squadron aka "Mighty Gorilla's" flew the F-15 Eagle.



The MOAB, "massive ordinance air blast" bomb was first tested at Eglin in 2003 as part of their mission.