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Gary / Chicago International Airport Salutes Long-Time Fixture Hank Mook

Aviation Veteran Retires After Career Dedicated to Service

(Gary, IN – August 30th, 2023) – Earlier today, the Gary / Chicago International Airport (GCIAG) hosted a ceremony to commemorate the retirement of long-time airport employee Hank Mook. Mr. Mook is a United States Air Force Veteran, having first served in the active-duty Air Force in Korea for four (4) years and then in the 181st Indiana Air National Guard Fighter Wing until 2012. He has a long and distinguished aviation career that spanned active military service, reserve duty and private aviation engagements, with his most recent position being Program Manager at GCIAG. In this most recent engagement, he was a key participant in the ongoing growth fueled by the airport’s substantial public and private investments over the last decade.

“Hank Mook has been a tremendous asset to the Gary / Chicago International Airport and his professionalism, dedication and commitment to service will be sorely missed,” **said GCIAG Executive Director Dan Vicari.** “He has played a profound impact on the growth of the airport, and we wish him the absolute best of luck as he moves onto this exciting new chapter.”

Mook began his career with the military as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician in the active-duty Air Force in Korea. He then transferred to the 181st Indiana Air National Guard Fighter Wing as an F-4 Aircraft Maintenance Technician Trainer. He spent the rest of his military career with the 181st, with his last assignment being 181st Intelligence Wing Command Chief. He served with honor and integrity during his time in the service, with his peers ascribing strong leadership, class, professionalism, passion for excellence and a strong sense of humor as hallmarks of his leadership.

After and during his time with the 181st Indiana Air National Guard Fighter Wing, Mook volunteered as a United Service Organizations (USO) Volunteer at O’Hare International Airport for over six (6) years. He gave back to all branches of the military by assisting disabled veterans with their airport transportation to the annual summer and winter sports clinics sponsored by the Veterans Affairs (VA) and Disabled American Veterans Charity (DAV).

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