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Hamwaves of History: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club to Operate Live from Historic WWII Buckingham Army Airfield

WHAT: A unique live amateur radio operating event, "Hamwaves of History," honoring the legacy of the 50,000 "flexible gunners" who trained at the Buckingham Army Airfield (BAAF) during WWII. Using the event call sign W4LX, the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC) will operate from the original airfield grounds to connect with operators globally, sharing the story of Southwest Florida's critical role in the Allied victory.

WHY IT MATTERS: Once a massive 7,000-acre "School of Aerial Gunnery," Buckingham was the training ground for the brave men who manned B-17 and B-24 bombers. Today, FMARC is using modern technology to ensure this history isn't forgotten. Media will have the opportunity to capture:

- **Live Operations:** Watch "hams" communicate across the country & the world using high-gain antennas.
- **Historical Context:** Interviews on the airfield's motto, "Death from the Corners," and its impact on the war effort.
- **Tech in Action:** A look at how amateur radio preserves history and serves as a modern emergency lifeline.

WHO: The Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC), a community of tech enthusiasts and public service volunteers established in 1957.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 17 Live Demonstrations Begins: 11:30 AM

WHERE: Lee County Mosquito Control District – Homestead House
15140 Homestead Rd., Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

IMPORTANT MEDIA ACCESS NOTE: Due to elevated security requirements at the facility, all media personnel must RSVP by Monday, March 16. Please contact Daniel Eaton at 239-425-7914 or pio@fmarc.net to be added to the gate access list.

About the Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club (FMARC)

Founded in 1957, FMARC is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the advancement of radio technology and public safety. An affiliate of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the club provides essential emergency communications during hurricanes and promotes STEM education through amateur radio. Learn more at www.fmarc.net.

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