

RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY FOR

## KUCERA LEGACY CENTER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024



#### **PROGRAM**

#### WELCOME

**Jim Arthur**, Head Anchor and Play-by-Play Announcer — KVOR Radio

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM

#### REMARKS

Mark Hille '97, CEO Association of Graduates and Air Force Academy Foundation

**Nathan Pine**, Director of Athletics U.S. Air Force Academy

**Troy Calhoun '89**, Head Football Coach U.S. Air Force Academy

**Jack Kucera '78**, Director Air Force Academy Foundation Board

# RIBBON CUTTING AND PHOTOS REFRESHMENTS AND SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF KUCERA LEGACY CENTER



### **About the Kucera Legacy Center**

The Kucera Legacy Center offers the public not only an upgraded atmosphere, but also a new first impression of the iconic stadium and the Academy. In addition to improved fan experiences at athletic events, the Kucera Legacy Center is a premium venue to host events year-round.

The stadium's new east entrance highlights the heritage of the Academy and athletics while offering experiences befitting a 21st-century event venue. An improved game day experience will keep fans returning for future contests. This includes an array of high-quality concession options, increased restroom capacity, an Air Force team shop and expanded concourse areas. In addition, 850 new premium seats will be available within the East Club presented by L3Harris at the Kucera Legacy Center. These enhancements will also boost the recruitment of high-caliber and service-minded athletes who can take all USAFA athletics to new heights.

The facility's naming honors Jack '78 and Vianne Kucera, the lead donors for the modernization project. A standout on the Falcon football team during his four years at the Academy, Jack Kucera has put service before self, generously supporting the USAFA mission through sustained participation, volunteerism and giving. He credits USAFA for providing the foundation for the success he has enjoyed in his life and career. Jack and Vianne are passionate supporters of cadets, Falcon athletics and the Air Force Academy.

Falcon Stadium opened in 1962 and was built with private support from the original Air Force Academy Foundation Inc. As part of the Defining Our Future comprehensive campaign, the Air Force Academy Foundation and the Air Force Academy Athletic Corporation partnered to modernize the facility. Private philanthropy will provide \$35 million of the \$90 million project, while the AFAAC secured \$55 million in debt service bonds to complete the project. To date, donors have contributed \$32 million toward the fundraising goal. In addition to the Kucera Legacy Center, this phase includes tunnel modifications to enhance field access for concerts and other events.





