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## Okaloosa Lowers Flags Saturday in Honor of James C. Binnicker, CMSAF #9

Okaloosa County government buildings will lower flags to half staff on Saturday, March 28, in honor of retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James C. Binnicker. Okaloosa County also included the Air Force Enlisted Village and the town of Shalimar in their request to the Governor's office to lower flags. Binnicker died on Saturday, March 21, 2015, and his life will be celebrated on Saturday, March 28, at the Emerald Coast Convention Center.

"Chief Binnicker served his country with distinction and leaves behind a lasting legacy of service to his community here in Okaloosa County," stated Chairman Nathan Boyles, Okaloosa County Commission. "We were very fortunate he decided to make our county his home and he will be missed by many." Binnicker also served as the chief executive officer of the Air Force Enlisted Village, Inc. for 15 years and oversaw the addition of the Hawthorn House, an assisted living facility at Bob Hope Village. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Air Force Enlisted Village.

For more information, call or email the county at the 311 Citizens Information Line, visit our website and follow us on Facebook at Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners. To contact the Air Force Enlisted Village, call 850-651-3766 or visit www.afev.us.

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