

## “Yellow Fever” Spreads to Tampa International Airport!

Tampa, FL (April 10, 2003) - - A group of patriotic women in Tampa have “yellow fever” and want to spread it to Tampa International Airport. A yellow ribbon campaign that began in a northwest Hillsborough neighborhood, spread to MacDill Air Force Base and continued throughout the Tampa area, will decorate the trees of the George J. Bean Parkway at Tampa International Airport beginning Thursday, April 10, 2003.

The ladies known as the “yellow ribbon gang”, are Sue Ann Jones, Connie Dengler, Lisa Spirko and Tee Schantz. They describe their goal as a prelude to a happy homecoming. “We want the men and women in the Armed Forces to be greeted by yellow ribbons from the moment they return to the Tampa Bay area,” says Sue Ann Jones, “and for all of Tampa to be a glorious field of yellow.”

In addition, to the Airport and MacDill, they have also decorated the Clear Channel Communications building and other select areas in northwest Tampa, with many more locations planned.

Louis E. Miller, Executive Director HCAA, “We have always done our part to support MacDill Air Force Base as a neighboring airport and local business partner. This is something we can do to show our support for the individual men and women serving in the Armed Forces who are also members of our community - and we’re proud to be a part of it.”

The ribbons will be placed on trees along the George J. Bean Parkway beginning with a brief ceremony on Wednesday, April 10, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. Parties interested in attending should contact Brenda S. Geoghagan, Director of Public Information and Community Relations, HCAA at 813/870-8707.

The media may drive directly to the site. On the outbound parkway(leaving the airport), travel past the exit for the post office, get into the right lane, go to the end of the guard rail, and pull off the parkway into the grassy area.

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