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The dedication honors the late James R. Thede, former manager of the center until his death last year.

Lt Colonel John Nikolauk, 3480th Technical Training Group deputy commander, will officiate during the ceremony, giving a welcome address and a biographical sketch of Thede.

Col. Donald E. Weaver, 3480 TTWg commander, will deliver the dedication address and unveil a memorial to Thede.

Thede served 30 years in the Air Force, first enlisting in the old Army Air Corps in September, 1940. His assignments included tours of duty in the Canal Zone, the Philippines and Germany. He was assigned to Goodfellow as a first sergeant in 1963 and retired here in 1970.

In 1972, he joined the Morale, Welfare and Recreation division as a civilian manager of the base bowling center.

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Thede's widow, Elizabeth, resides in San Angelo and is employed at Goodfellow as secretary to the wing commander.

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GOODFELLOW AFB, TEXAS 76903

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The Goodfellow AFB Bowling Center is redesignated the Thede Bowling Center, 10 August 1979, in honor of MSGT (RET) JAMES ROBERT THEDE, (deceased) former manager of the base bowling center with an outstanding record of performance of duties on behalf of the United States Air Force.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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