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Guinness World Records Confirms Wyland's Legendary American Flag to be Largest Flag Mural in the World

Wednesday, July 13, the Title of Guinness World Record Holder for Largest Flag Mural in the World was bestowed upon renowned marine-artist Wyland for his Legendary American Flag, located in Destin, FL. Painstakingly painted over a four-month period, the flag sits atop the Legendary Marina boat storage facility and covers 3.83 acres or 166,834.8 square feet.

Wyland, the Wyland Foundation, Legendary and Sherwin Williams partnered to bring this Legendary American Flag Mural to life and dedicate it to the United States Armed Forces and all First Responders. This monumental work of art is especially inspirational because Eglin Air Force Base, one of the largest bases in the world, is located just across the Choctawhatchee Bay. When military, commercial and private planes fly over the area, the American flag on the Legendary Marina roof at the south end of the Mid-Bay Bridge is not to be missed.

For Peter Bos, Legendary's Founder, the new Legendary American Flag was a dream come true.

"When we painted the first flag in 2001, it was only painted on the north end of the roof," said Bos. "Impressive as it was, I wished we could have done more to show our appreciation to all those that keep our nation and ourselves safe and free."

So in late 2015, when Wyland returned to restore the beautiful Marine Life Whaling Wall #88 that wraps the entire building, talks began about not only restoring the American Flag on the roof top, but expanding it to cover the entire rooftop, and officially dedicating it to the US Armed Forces and First Responders.

In 2016, the dream was realized as the new flag began to come to life, with a final reveal and dedication ceremony in April 2016, featuring local Military and First Responder Heroes, dignitaries and special guests.

However, even though the flag was finished, the process to have it certified as a Guinness record holder was still underway. In July 2016, the flag mural was confirmed to be the new Guinness World Records title holder for Largest Flag Mural in the World.

"When the flag committee heard the final Guinness confirmation had come through, we were ecstatic," Bos said. "Not so much because of the record, but that our U.S. Armed Forces and first responders all over the nation and the globe could see and appreciate our 3.8 acre thank you message to them. This project has meant so much to so many, and especially to those that have worked to see it through."

Marine-Artist Wyland, known for painting large outdoor murals of whales and other ocean life, painted his first whaling wall in 1981. To see the full 30-year history of Wyland's landmark Whaling Wall mural campaign, visit http://www.wylandfoundation.org/community.php?subsection=wyland_walls



