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Airman To Become Lompoc Mayor For A Day *Sgt. Kris Lopez will shadow Lompoc Mayor Bob Lingl on March 16*

LOMPOC, CA, March 13, 2017 – An airman stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base will get an up-close look at city government when he serves as Lompoc “Mayor for a Day” this week.

Technical Sgt. Kris Lopez won the opportunity to shadow Lompoc Mayor Bob Lingl by making the winning bid of \$650 at the Rotary Club of Lompoc’s 31st Annual Wine Tasting and Auction on Feb. 26.

Funds raised from the event will be used to help upgrade the Lompoc Comprehensive Care Center and other programs that benefit senior citizens.

Lopez will be “Mayor for a Day” on Thurs. March 16, joining Lingl for a staff meeting and touring city facilities. Lopez will also attend the Lompoc City Council meeting on March 21, opening the meeting and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Lingl will then present Lopez with a plaque honoring him as “Mayor for a Day”.

Lopez said being “Mayor for a Day” is a way of showing his respect for the City of Lompoc, and of helping continue the city’s partnership with Vandenberg Air Force Base.

“It’s something I’ve always wanted to do, and I feel this will enrich my career by being the mayor of a city and a voice for the people,” he added.

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City of Lompoc

The City of Lompoc, known as “The City of Arts and Flowers”, was founded as a town in 1874 and incorporated as a city on Aug. 13, 1888. Prior to the City’s establishment, the building of La Purisima Mission in 1787 marked the earliest European settlement in the Lompoc Valley. Growth in the Lompoc Valley was sparked by the 1901 completion of the coastal railroad between San Francisco and Los Angeles, which included the extension of a spur into Lompoc. The Lompoc Valley is home to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the first missile base of the United States Air Force. Today, the City of Lompoc is a travel destination known for its downtown mural program, local wines and acclaimed cuisine, historic landmarks, parks and nearby beaches. For more information, visit: <http://www.cityoflompoc.com/>