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U.S. Air Force's F-35 and F-22 Featured at 2016 Air Show

Cleveland only U.S. Civilian Air Show to host both the F-35 Lightning II and F-22 Raptor

CLEVELAND, OH (March 3, 2016) – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature the U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning II Heritage Flight and the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Tactical Demonstration on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 3, 4 & 5) at Burke Lakefront Airport. The F-35 and F-22 will be appearing for the first time in Northeast, Ohio and Cleveland is the only U.S. Civilian Air Show selected to host both aircraft in 2016.

The F-35 and the F-22 are both 5th Generation fighters featuring advanced stealth, integrated avionics, sensor fusion and superior logistics support. The F-35 also delivers additional 5th Generation features, such as multi-spectral sensors, interoperability and modernized avionics. The F-35 and the F-22 are the world's two premier fighters.

The F-35 Heritage Flight will feature the F-35 Lightning II flying alongside a World War II, Korean or Vietnam era aircraft in a dynamic display of the nation's airpower history. 2016 marks the inaugural year of F-35 Heritage Flight program and Clevelanders will witness firsthand the capabilities of the F-35. Three variants of the F-35 will replace legacy fighters for the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, and 10 other countries around the world. The F-35 Heritage Flight Team is based at Luke Air Force Base.

The F-22 Raptor will perform an aerial demonstration each event day and is one of the most sought-after demonstrations on the air show circuit. Its incredible maneuverability, aided by its computerized controls and powerful, thrust-vectoring jet engines, make the Raptor demonstration unlike any other. The F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team is based at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

"We are thrilled and honored," said Air Show Executive Director Kim Dell. "To have the world's most advanced aircraft in Cleveland will be historic and unprecedented. The 2016 Air Show will be a must see."

Headlining this year's show are the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. They will be joined by the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, world aerobatic champion Matt Chapman, Third Strike Wingwalking and more. Inside the gates spectators will experience the 300 mph Shockwave Jet Truck and pyrotechnics with a Wall of Fire. Fans can tour unique aircraft, help pack a parachute, meet a pilot and explore aviation first hand.

Advance General Admission tickets are \$21 for adults, \$14 for children ages 6-11 (\$2 more at the gate) and free for children 5 and younger. Popular seating, including Reserved Box Seats

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and Barnstormer Club, offer a variety of amenities. For more information, please visit www.clevelandairshow.com or call (216) 781-0747. Advance General Admission Tickets are also available at local Discount Drug Mart stores starting August 1, 2016.

For more information on the F-35 Heritage Flight and F-22 Raptor Demonstration please visit: <http://www.acc.af.mil/Home/AerialEvents.aspx>

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The Cleveland National Air Show has been Northeast Ohio's Labor Day Weekend Tradition since 1964, attracting 60,000 to 100,000 visitors to Burke Lakefront Airport and making it one of the region's largest annual events. It is produced by Cleveland National Air Show, Inc. a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset the costs of producing the event. The Air Show has an annual economic impact of \$7.1 million+ on the City of Cleveland.