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Feel the Adrenaline Rush at the 2017 Air Show

Military line-up includes USAF Thunderbirds and USN F/A-18 Super Hornet

CLEVELAND, OH (March 14, 2017)— The 2017 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and will take place Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2, 3 & 4) at Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland.

Hosted by Parker Hannifin Corporation, the six select Thunderbird pilots will put their distinct red, white and blue F-16 Fighting Falcon jet fighters through a choreographed hour-long performance each day at the Air Show. Hitting speeds of up to 500 mph, the Thunderbird pilots will fly as close as three feet from one other. Their demonstration will feature 40 maneuvers including the trademarked Thunderbird six-plane delta formation, high bomb burst, and solo knife-edge pass. Also referred to as the U.S. Air Force “Ambassadors in Blue,” the Thunderbirds made their first appearance in Cleveland in 1965. 2017 will mark the 70th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force and the Thunderbirds’ 65th season.

The U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet Demonstration will thrill spectators with its awesome power and agility. The Super Hornet is an all-weather strike fighter aircraft that performs fighter escort, fleet air defense, force projection, interdiction, and close air support. The U.S. Navy East Coast F/A-18 Super Hornet Tactical Demonstration Team will come from Strike Fighter Squadron 106 (VFA 106), also known as the “Gladiators” based at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia.

The impressive line-up for the 2017 Air Show will include aerobatic legend Sean D. Tucker, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, a World War II Dogfight and more. Inside the gates, spectators will witness the 300 mph Shockwave Jet Truck racing down the runway, and will feel the heat of the heart-pumping, ground-shaking pyrotechnic display including a wall of fire. Plus fans roaming the Air Show grounds 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 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 will be available at local Discount Drug Mart stores starting August 1, 2017.

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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.