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Unique Acts Add Excitement to 2017 Air Show

Rare Vampire Jet, WWII Pacific Dogfight, Bill Stein and Tiger Airshows to perform in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH (August 9, 2017) - The 2017 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature a rare de Havilland D.H. 115 Vampire Jet, a WWII Pacific Dogfight, solo aerobatics by Bill Stein, and Tiger Airshows on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2, 3 & 4) at Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland.

The de Havilland D.H. 115 Vampire was the world's first single engine jet fighter. The Vampire was designed and built in 1943 and entered active service with the British Royal Navy in 1945, shortly after the end of WWII. It is powered by a centrifugal flow de Havilland Goblin engine that generates over 3,500 pounds of thrust. The Vampire was also the first jet to cross the Atlantic and the first jet to land on an aircraft carrier. Nearly 3,300 Vampires were manufactured and served in 29 different countries.

The World War II Pacific Dogfight will feature a Corsair and a Japanese (replica) "Kate" Torpedo Bomber/Fighter in a unique display of wartime history. This captivating demonstration of a bygone era will include adrenaline-charged loops, turns, and a high-energy aerobatic performance. The Corsair and Japanese Kate Torpedo Bomber/Fighter are based at the Commemorative Air Force Dixie Wing Historical Air Power Facility in Peachtree City Georgia.

Bill Stein will perform high energy solo aerobatics in his eye catching Edge 540. Using cutting edge paint technology, Bill has designed the spectacular look of his airplane using a paint that continuously changes color based on the constantly varying angles between the spectators, airplane, and the lighting. The visual impact of Bill's airplane is that it is multiple colors at one time.

Making their first appearance in Cleveland, Tiger Airshows will put their identical Tiger Yak 55's to the test displaying a magnificent aerial demonstration of precision and skill. The Tigers will start the Air Show day off with a dual ship Salute to Veterans. This patriotic performance includes seldom seen skywriting. Later in the show, the team will perform a precision formation aerial demonstration all while combining the challenges of flying through the Ringmasters exciting smoke rings.

Headlining this year's show are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. They will be joined by the U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet Demonstration, U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, world aerobatic champion Sean D. Tucker and more. Inside the gates, spectators will feel the heat of Shockwave Jet Truck and ground shaking pyrotechnics with a Wall of Fire. Fans can tour unique aircraft, help pack a parachute, meet a pilot and explore aviation first hand.

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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 are also available at local Discount Drug Mart stores.

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.

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