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## **U.S. Navy Blue Angels to Headline 2018 Cleveland National Air Show**

*Advance Pilots land Tuesday to prep for Labor Day Weekend show*

**CLEVELAND, OH (November 20, 2017)** – Cleveland will host the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as headliners of the 2018 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart on Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1, 2 & 3) at Burke Lakefront Airport. Cleveland is among 31 select U.S. cities chosen to host the U.S. Navy Blue Angels in 2018.

The six “Blues” demonstration pilots will thrill Air Show fans with a one hour choreographed presentation that includes the graceful aerobatics of the four plane Diamond Formation and exciting high energy opposing solo maneuvers by the two solo pilots.

Two members of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will be in Cleveland Tuesday in preparation for the 2018 Air Show. Blue Angel #7 LT Andre Webb of Lawton, Oklahoma and Blue Angel #8 LT Dave Steppe of Birmingham, Alabama, will do a flyover in their F/A-18 Hornet aircraft and are expected to land at 8:45am. The team members of the elite flying squadron will make the advance visit to meet with the air show officials and supporting organizations.

“We are thrilled to host the U.S. Navy Blue Angels for their winter visit,” said Air Show Executive Director Kim Dell. “This is a great way to kick-off the 2018 Air Show season.”

The Air Show is Cleveland’s Labor Day Weekend tradition with three days of aerial thrills. From stomach-churning aerial jumps to gyroscopic aerobatics to military jet demonstrations to Shockwave the Jet Truck racing an airplane down the runway...fans will be on the edge of their seats. Plus there will be excitement on the ground with interactive displays, kid-friendly activities, planes and more. Fans can tour unique aircraft, help pack a parachute, get a picture with a pilot or just enjoy the day-long festival of flying, food and outdoor fun.

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. For more information, please visit [www.clevelandairshow.com](http://www.clevelandairshow.com) or call (216) 781-0747.

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