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**2015 Air Show Ready for Take Off**

*Military line-up includes USAF Thunderbirds, USMC Harrier and USN F-18 Hornet*

**CLEVELAND, OH (July 6, 2015)**— The 2015 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and take place Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 5, 6 & 7) at Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland.

Hosted by Parker Hannifin, the six select Thunderbird pilots will put their distinct red, white and blue F-16 Falcon jet fighters through a choreographed hour-long performance each day at speeds up to 500 mph and as close as three feet from each other. The demonstration features 40 maneuvers including the trademarked Thunderbird six-plane delta formation, high bomb burst and solo knife-edge pass. The Thunderbirds are the U.S. Air Force “Ambassadors in Blue”.

The U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier Tactical Demonstration is one of the most sought-after aerial demonstrations offered by the U.S. military. Performed by the same Marines who deploy in support of real-world contingencies, the demonstration consists of a display of the aircraft’s abilities, including a 90-degree climbing turn, a high-speed pass over the runway, and a vertical landing in front of the crowd. Cleveland is one of eight cities to host the Harrier in 2015.

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 VFA 106, “The Gladiators” based at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia.

The impressive line-up also includes aerobatic legends Sean D. Tucker and Rob Holland plus the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team. 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.

All tickets for the Cleveland National Air Show are on sale now. Popular seating including Reserved Box Seats and Barnstormer Club offer a variety of amenities. For more information, please visit [www.clevelandairshow.com](http://www.clevelandairshow.com) or call (216) 781-0747. Beginning August 1, advance General Admission Tickets will be available at local Discount Drug Mart stores.

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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.*