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## **New Acts Create a Circus in the Sky at 2018 Air Show**

*Tiger Airshows, Wingwalking and Patriotic Skywriting Add Sizzle to Line-Up*

**CLEVELAND, OH (August 8, 2018)** - The 2018 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature Tiger Airshows, Wingwalking and patriotic Skywriting on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 1, 2 & 3) at Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland.

Making their first appearance in Cleveland, Tiger Airshows pilots Mark Sorenson and Mark Nowosielski, will team up and put their identical Tiger Yak 55's to the test displaying a magnificent aerial demonstration of precision and skill. The team will perform razor sharp maneuvers that will highlight the demanding skills required to fly close formation aerobatics, all while combining the challenges of flying through the Ringmaster's exciting smoke rings in the sky.

Wingwalking will return to the Cleveland National Air Show with the debut of husband and wife team, Greg and Ashley Shelton. This crowd favorite features Ashley as she climbs about the wings of a 450 Super Stearman piloted by Greg. One of the exciting maneuvers includes Ashley, without a parachute, on top of the plane while the aircraft turns upside down. Greg will also perform a solo aerobatic routine tearing up the sky in his 450 Super Stearman with its combination of smoke, noise, and elegance.

Skywriting, nearly a lost art, began in the 1920's and is related to the early years of Barnstorming. Air Show fans will witness this amazing feat early each show day. During the patriotic Salute to Veterans performance, air show pilot Mark Sorenson will narrate an introduction from the cockpit as he is climbing to an altitude of approximately 3,000' above show center. Once in position, it's SMOKE ON, and the first letter of the routine begins to take its shape. Along with the Skywriting routine is a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace and God Bless America designed and choreographed to perfectly fit the routine.

Headlining this year's show are the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. They will be joined by the U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Jet Demonstration, U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team 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. The 2018 Air Show is also part of the inaugural Grunt Style Air Show Majors tour uniting the most prestigious air shows in the country.

Advance General Admission tickets are \$23 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](http://www.clevelandairshow.com) or call (216) 781-0747. Advance General Admission Tickets are also 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.

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