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2019 Air Show...Red, White & Zoom!

Patriotic Line-Up Includes Military Jet Demonstrations and Vintage WWII Warbirds

CLEVELAND, OH (July 10, 2019) – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will showcase a patriotic line-up of military jet demonstrations including the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, F-35A Lightning II and A-10C Thunderbolt II on Labor Day Weekend (August 31, September 1 & 2) at Burke Lakefront Airport. The event will also feature vintage WWII Warbirds including a B-25 Mitchell Bomber and B-17 Flying Fortress.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbird pilots will put their six distinct red, white and blue F-16 Falcon jet fighters through a choreographed 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 hosted by Parker Hannifin.

The F-35A Lightning II is the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter with the world's most powerful fighter jet engine. The demonstration will highlight the F-35A's numerous capabilities of speed, agility, and high-g turning. 2019 marks the first year of the F-35A full tactical demonstration and **Cleveland is one of only 15 cities in North America to host the historical demonstration.**

The A-10C Thunderbolt II is the first U.S. Air Force aircraft designed for close air support of ground forces. The demonstration profile will include combat maneuvers of constant changes in airspeed, altitude, heading, and bank angle. The A-10 Thunderbolt II is nicknamed the Warthog (or "Hog").

A World War II B-25D Mitchell Bomber "Yankee Warrior" will take Air Show fans on a sentimental journey when it takes to the skies. The B-25 has a distinctive shape with a low rumbling engine and is a living, flying embodiment of the Greatest Generation's winning spirit. The B-25 Mitchell was one of the most significant aircraft in World War II and is best known for its role in the Doolittle Raid, April 1942.

World War II will touch down in Cleveland when one of five B-17s seen in the epic movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!* lands at Burke Lakefront Airport on Labor Day Weekend. Air Show fans will be able to tour the B-17G Flying Fortress "Yankee Lady" plus meet the pilots and crew.

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The impressive line-up also includes the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, solo aerobatics, skytyping 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. The 2019 Air Show is also part of the Grunt Style Air Show Majors tour uniting the most prestigious air shows in the country.

All tickets for the Cleveland National Air Show are on sale now. 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. Advance General Admission Tickets will also be available at local Discount Drug Mart stores starting August 1, 2019. The most sought-after seating options include Reserved Box Seats, Sponsor Boxes, Barnstormer Club and the NEW Flight Deck Loge, which offer a variety of amenities. For more information, please visit www.clevelandairshow.com or call (216) 781-0747.

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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.