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2019 Air Show is a Festival of Flight

Aviation Festival with Ground Attractions for the Whole Family

CLEVELAND, OH (August 21, 2019) – An aviation festival with ground attractions for the whole family awaits at the 2019 Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart, this Labor Day Weekend (August 31, September 1 & 2) at Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland. Proving once again that the Air Show isn't ONLY in the air, the Air Show grounds will give spectators the opportunity to experience an aviation theme park first-hand. Guests inside the gates can board and explore a variety of display aircraft; listen in as the maneuvers of their favorite acts are explained by a narrator and choreographed to music; experience the shock and awe as Shockwave Jet Truck zooms down the runway racing a plane at over 300mph; take part in virtual reality experiences; and much more!

The Air Show grounds will be a living aviation museum filled with 40 unique display aircraft including military, vintage and commercial planes. Air Show visitors will have the chance to go inside the planes, meet the pilots and explore aviation first hand. Military display aircraft will include the U.S. Air Force's KC-135 Stratotanker, C-17 Globemaster and C-5M Super Galaxy...the largest aircraft in the USAF inventory. Vintage aircraft will consist of a WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber "Yankee Warrior" and B-17 Flying Fortress "Yankee Lady" from the movie *Tora! Tora! Tora!* And commercial planes on the grounds will range from a small Cessna used by flight schools, to a large United Airlines Boeing 737-800 aircraft. As an added perk, many of the display aircraft boast crew members from Northeast Ohio.

Air Show fans inside the gates will be entertained by professional narrators who will provide colorful commentary throughout the show, describing the history and capabilities of various aircraft, and detailing the in-flight maneuvers. As an added bonus, all flying performances will be choreographed to music.

Adding to the excitement is the world-famous Shockwave Jet Truck. This custom-built race truck is equipped with 3 huge J34-48 Pratt & Whitney Jet Engines. Twice each show day, Shockwave will spew smoke and flames as it screams down the runway racing an airplane that is flying above it at 300mph. Spectators will feel the intense heat, smell the smoke and feel the roar of the turbines. Shockwave will also be on static display so fans can meet the driver and get a close up look at the three jet engines which produce 36,000 horsepower.

The Air Show will offer spectators of all ages the opportunity to explore interactive and STEM based educational displays as well. Participants who visit the U.S. Air Force Hangar are placed into the role of a Crew Chief as they use Kinect technology to signal an F-35. Visitors to the U.S. Army Usability Lab will strap on a virtual reality Oculus Rift headset and experience

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parachuting into the Army vs Navy football game with U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team. Plus the grounds will include a Drone Zone, Career Eagles Scavenger hunt, Aeromodelling, Pyrotechnics and a 2,000 sq. ft. NASA display.

Headlining this year's show are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. They will be joined by the U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II and A-10C Thunderbolt II Tactical Demonstrations plus parachuting, skytyping, solo aerobatics and more.

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 and Reserved Box Seat Tickets are available online. 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 Air Show is a financially self-sufficient nonprofit organization. Ticket sales directly support event production costs for this Cleveland tradition.

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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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