

Aircraft of Yesterday...Take to the Skies at 2022 Air Show

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CLEVELAND, OH (July 28, 2022) – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart takes place Labor Day Weekend (September 3, 4 & 5) at Burke Lakefront Airport and features aircraft of yesterday including a Vietnam MiG-17F and WWII B-25. The vintage aircraft are fully functioning time machines which will immerse Air Show spectators into the sights and sounds of eras gone by.

Randy Ball will pilot the first Cleveland appearance of the MiG-17F. Made famous by the Vietnam War, the MiG-17F was the primary enemy aircraft engaged in the skies over Vietnam and one of the first production jet fighters in the world with an afterburner. Randy Ball's MiG-17F is one of only a handful of vintage jets flying the North American air show circuit. It has an authentic paint job and has been filmed on several occasions for both the Discovery and History Channels.

Air Show fans will take a sentimental journey when a B-25D Mitchell Bomber "Rosie's Reply" 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. Ground tours will provide Air Show attendees with a close-up look at this authentic aircraft.

Headlining this year's show are the U.S. Navy Blue Angels showcasing their new F/A-18 Super Hornets for the first time in Cleveland. They will be joined by the U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon and more. Inside the gates, spectators can witness the Blue Angels choreographed "walk down" preflight routine and feel the heat from 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.

General Admission tickets are \$30 for adults (\$35 after 8/29/22), \$20 for children ages 6-11 and FREE for children 5 and younger. Popular seating options include Reserved Box Seats, Sponsor Boxes, Barnstormer Club and Flight Deck Loge offer a variety of amenities. **Tickets are available only in advance, online at** <u>www.clevelandairshow.com</u> – NO GATE SALES.

The Air Show is a financially self-sufficient not-for-profit organization and ticket sales directly support event production costs for this Cleveland tradition. For more information, or to purchase your tickets today, please visit <u>www.clevelandairshow.com</u> 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.