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2023 Air Show...Go Vertical!

Incredible Array of Military Demonstrations Will Roar Over Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH (July 26, 2023) – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature an incredible array of military demonstrations including the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier and U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet on Labor Day Weekend (September 2, 3 & 4) at Burke Lakefront Airport.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbird pilots will put their six distinct red, white and blue F-16 Falcon jet fighters through a choreographed 50 minute performance each day at speeds up to 500 mph and as close as three feet from each other. 2023 will mark the 70th year the Thunderbirds have been performing and Cleveland is a part of the team's rich history. In 1965, the Thunderbirds made their first Cleveland appearance flying their North American F-100s (first supersonic jet fighters).

The 2023 Air Show will go full throttle with the U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration team. The F-22 Raptor is a fifth-generation fighter incorporating fourth-generation stealth technology, radical maneuvering capabilities, the ability to fly at supersonic speed without afterburners and unprecedented pilot situational awareness, making it the most dominant and advanced air superiority fighter in the world.

Taking off from Burke Lakefront Airport, the U.S. Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier will perform a rare demonstration at the 2023 Air Show. Cleveland is one of only two show sites to host the Harrier this year. The Harrier Demonstration is performed by the same aircraft and Marines who train and deploy in support of real-world contingencies.

Featured in the movie *Top Gun: Maverick*, the U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet will scream down the runway while spectators inside the gates feel the rumble under their feet. The F/A-18 Super Hornet demonstration is designed to highlight the mobility, versatility, and power of the aircraft.

The Air Show is Cleveland's Labor Day Weekend tradition with three days of aerial thrills. But the Air Show is more than just fancy flying-- inside the gates fans can witness Hot Streak Jet II Jet Truck race a plane down the runway and hear the incredible narration. Ground attractions also include interactive displays, kid-friendly activities, drones, and unique display aircraft.

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General Admission Tickets are day specific (Saturday, Sunday OR Monday) and \$30 for adults (\$35 after 8/28/23), \$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. Parking passes are limited and day specific (Saturday, Sunday OR Monday). **Tickets and On-Site Parking are available only in advance, online at www.clevelandairshow.com – 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 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.