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U.S. AIR FORCE adds A-10 Thunderbolt II Demonstration to 2020 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger

Las Vegas, Nevada – Vectren Dayton Air Show officials announced today that the Air Force has selected Dayton for an A-10 flight demonstration at the 2020 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger on June 27th and 28th. The announcement was made today at the International Council of Air Shows' annual convention in Las Vegas. 2020 will mark the 46th anniversary of Dayton's premier summer event held annually at the Dayton International Airport.

The **Fairchild Republic A-10 Thunderbolt II**, dubbed the “**Warthog**” for its unglamorous appearance, came into the Air Force inventory in 1975. No one ever thought that it would still be such a valuable asset 35 years later. With upgrades through the years, it's gained a reputation as one tough, highly maneuverable, low altitude attack aircraft. The Warthog can survive direct hits from armor-piercing and high explosive projectiles, even flying when hydraulic power is lost. Known as the “tank buster”, the Thunderbolt II has served in many conflicts including Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Air Combat Command's A-10 Demonstration Team, from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona will fly the 2020 demonstration in Dayton. Leading this year's team and flying the demo is Captain Cody “ShIV” Wilton. The A-10 last appeared for a demo in Dayton in 2011.



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“This is great news from the Air Force,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “The A-10 is a rare up close and personal demonstration show spectators will absolutely love,” Buchanan added.

The A-10 joins an all-star 2020 lineup headlined by the **U.S. Navy Blue Angels**. Also appearing will be **Tora! Tora! Tora!**, an eight-plane emotional reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor complete with pyrotechnics, the **AeroShell Aerobatic Team**, **Redline Airshows** and **Kevin Coleman** aerobatics. Air show officials indicate additional attractions to the 2020 show will be announced in the months ahead.

2020 tickets are on sale now at the show’s website, www.daytonairshow.com. Customers can enjoy print-at-home or print-to-mobile options on all website purchases.

Customers can also purchase the popular Pavilion and Blue Sky Chalet tickets online. Private chalets can be purchased by emailing info@daytonairshow.com or calling 937-898-5901 x132. Private chalets are popular for annual company picnics and outings.

Beginning May 18th, 2020, customers can conveniently purchase discount general admission tickets at area Kroger stores. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3.00 off adult and children tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. Visit the show’s website for additional show information.

For additional information on 2020 performers visit their websites below:

<https://www.acc.af.mil/Home/Aerial-Events/A10DemoTeam/>

<https://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>

<http://www.toratoratora.com/home.html>

www.naat.net/

https://www.facebook.com/TheKevinColeman/?ref=py_c

www.redlineairshows.com

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Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is one of North America’s premier air shows. It features world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family, celebrating Dayton’s rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force and National Aviation Heritage Area. It is produced by the United States Air and Trade Show, Inc., a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset costs. The Dayton/Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the show adds \$3.7 million to the region’s economy every year.