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Vectren Dayton Air Show Cancels 2020 Show ...will make a strong comeback in 2021 with U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

Dayton, Ohio – Officials of the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger announced today that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic impact, it will cancel the 2020 show. This year's show was originally scheduled for June 27th and 28th. A postponement was announced in April due to COVID-19 safety concerns.

Today's cancellation is based on the uncertainty if the State of Ohio will permit a large gathering event due to safety concerns and if military aircraft will be able to participate.

"It was a very difficult decision to cancel," stated Scott Buchanan, Chair, United States Air and Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the event. "There were simply too many unanswered questions significantly increasing the risk of not being able to produce a safe and successful show for the community. We decided it would be better to focus our efforts on the 2021 show and make a strong comeback next year," he added.

The 2021 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will be held on **July 10th and 11th** and headlined by the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**. 2021 will be a very special year. 2006 Beaver Creek High School graduate, now Captain Kyle "Gumbo" Oliver, will be flying as the opposing solo in the Thunderbird # 6 aircraft next year. The Dayton native was inspired to join the Air Force while watching the Thunderbirds as a teen visitor to the Dayton Air Show.

Any tickets or special seating that have already been purchased for the 2020 show will be honored at the 2021 show. Visit the show's website, www.daytonairshow.com for information.

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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.