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U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III demonstration added to 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger lineup

(DAYTON, OH – February 24, 2022) – The U.S. Air Force has confirmed it will add a **C-17 Globemaster III** flight demonstration to the 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. The 48th annual show will be held on July 30 and 31 at the Dayton International Airport.

The Boeing C-17 Globemaster III is the one of the largest and most flexible military transport aircraft. Flying as fast as 590 MPH, the C-17 primarily transports troops, equipment and supplies throughout the world. It also conducts medical evacuation and airdrop duties when needed. The Dayton-based 445th Airlift Wing flies the C-17 out of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The aircraft last performed an aerial demonstration at Dayton in 2021.

The return of the C-17 Demo Team will bring **Centerville-native Maj. Ryan Versen**. Versen grew up in Centerville and graduated from Centerville High School in 2006. He went on to study mechanical engineering at The Ohio State University where he graduated in 2011. Versen is currently serving as an instructor pilot with the 15th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

The demo aircraft and crews will be traveling to Dayton from the 15th Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. The C-17 is the largest aircraft that performs aerial demonstrations and will be a big hit with air show fans.

“We are excited to have the C-17 team added to our 2022 show. Their performance not only demonstrates how this massive aircraft flies in a real-world mission, it takes flying to the next level to wow audiences,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “The C-17 is also a hometown aircraft so to see it fly at the show will be amazing.”

The **C-17 Demo Team** will join a host of other top attractions previously announced, including the world-renowned **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** and feature performances by **U.S. Army Golden Knights, TORA! TORA! TORA!** and aerobatic flyer **Kevin Coleman**. More attractions for the 2022 show are expected to be announced soon.

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U.S. Air Force Boeing C-17 Globemaster III (Photo courtesy of the C-17 West Coast Demo Team)

Tickets for the 2022 show are on sale now at www.daytonairshow.com. Customers have the option to print tickets at home or download the e-ticket on a smartphone. Beginning mid-summer 2022, discount general admission tickets can also be conveniently purchased at area **Kroger stores**. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3 off adult and children's tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. Children ages 5 and under are free in general admission.

For additional information on the 2022 performers, visit their websites below:

- U.S. Navy Blue Angels, www.blueangels.navy.mil
- U.S. Army Golden Knights, www.goarmy.com/events/golden-knights
- F-16 Viper Demonstration Team, www.acc.af.mil/Home/Aerial-Events/F16-Viper
- TORA! TORA! TORA! www.toratoratora.com
- Kevin Coleman, <https://www.facebook.com/TheKevinColeman>

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Founded in 1975, the CenterPoint Energy 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.