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World's Oldest Flying Jet Fighter added to 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger lineup

(DAYTON, OH – April 14, 2022) –Air show officials announced today the addition of a brand-new act to the 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. The **Vampire Airshows de Havilland DH-115 Vampire** has been added to the air show lineup on July 30 and 31 at the Dayton International Airport.

The Vampire is unique to the air show circuit bringing speed, noise, jet warbird aerobatics and a profile that grabs the audience's attention. The de Havilland Vampire is a historical aircraft, developed as the world's first single engine jet fighter. Only 3,300 were manufactured worldwide to replace many wartime piston-engine fighter aircraft. Nicknamed Vampy "Too," the jet will perform rolls, inverted flight, high-speed passes and more, all with an extreme smoke system.

In addition to flying the warbird, Ohio-native Jerry "Vlad" Conley adds his banter with the announcer to give audiences insight into the history of the aircraft. Jerry's flying career began at eight years old in the village of Beaver, Ohio when he received a kids' book titled, "Jerry the Jet." He's been flying for more than 42 years.



DH-115 Vampy "Too" and pilot Jerry "Vlad" Conley will take to the skies for the 2022 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show (Photos courtesy of Vampire Airshows)

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“Vampire Airshows has been a crowd favorite wherever they’ve flown, and we are excited to bring such a unique act to our 2022 show,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “Not only will audiences be thrilled – they’ll have a piece of history flying right overhead. There’s nothing quite like it.”

Vampire Airshows will join a host of other top attractions previously announced, including the world-renowned **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** and feature performances by the **U.S. Army Golden Knights, TORA! TORA! TORA!**, aerobatic flyer **Kevin Coleman**, and the **U.S. Air Force F-16 Viper Demonstration Team**. More attractions for the 2022 show are expected to be announced soon.

Tickets for the 2022 show are on sale now at www.daytonairshow.com. Customers can 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 five 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>
- Vampire Airshows, <https://vampireairshows.simdif.com>

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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.