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### *Dayton's "Big Show" takes off next weekend!*

(DAYTON, OH – July 22, 2022) – The **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** return to the skies next weekend along with an all-star lineup for the 47th annual CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger on **July 30 and 31** at the Dayton International Airport.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. with the feature show beginning around 11:30 am. The show schedule, parking information along with ground attractions and additional guest information can be found at [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com).

The Blue Angel's new F/A-18 Super Hornets will be joined by other fan favorites including **TORA! TORA! TORA!**, an eight-plane emotional reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor complete with pyrotechnics and aerobatic flyer **Kevin Coleman**, who is making his solo debut in his Red Bull Extra 400 aircraft.

The 2022 show will feature many top military and civilian aircraft, including:

- **U.S. Army Golden Knights**, the Army's official aerial parachute demonstration team, will kick the show off with their world-renowned skydiving.
- **Vampire Airshows**, making its first appearance at the Dayton Air Show, showcases the historical de Havilland DH-115 "Vampy" aircraft with aerobatic rolls, inverted flight, high-speed passes and a killer smoke system.
- **Kent Pietsch Airshows**, also making his first appearance over Dayton skies, will thrill audiences with his dead-stick routine from 6,000 feet and an incredible aerobatic routine along with his comedy act.
- **C-17 Globemaster III Demo**, out of Charleston, S.C., performing its aerial demonstration.



The **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** (left), **TORA! TORA! TORA!**, and **Kent Pietsch Airshows** (right)  
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- **F-16 Viper Demonstration Team**, the Air Combat Command’s precision aerial maneuver team, will be demonstrating the unique capabilities of the Air Force’s multi-role fighter.
- **Flybys by the F-15 Eagle, CH-53 Super Stallion, AH-64 Apache, and E-3 Sentry AWACS** (Sunday only) will showcase the aerial power of our U.S. military forces.

There will also be many attractions and activities on the air show grounds, including:

- **Impressive array of aircraft static displays** gives attendees access to tour over 50 aircraft from modern military to historic to unique civilian airplanes such as the massive B-52 Stratofortress bomber, UH-60M Black Hawk helicopter, B-25 “Super Rabbit” used in the Doolittle Tokyo Raid, and the classic airliner DC-3 American Airlines “Flagship Detroit”.
- **Meet and greet with members of the U.S. military** lets the men and women of our armed forces show you the impressive aircraft and equipment they work with during military operations and the variety of jobs they fill across their units.
- **Fun for the entire family** can be found across the show grounds, including the CenterPoint Energy Kids’ Hangar, along with interactive activities and displays. Don’t miss out on the delicious food, beverages and souvenirs for your special day at one of the nation’s top air shows.

Attendees are also reminded of the major parking changes for the 2022 show. Maps that identify the location of each parking area can be found at [www.daytonairshow.com/parking](http://www.daytonairshow.com/parking).

“We have an amazing lineup that I know everyone will enjoy,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “I would like to thank CenterPoint Energy, Kroger, the cities of Dayton and Vandalia, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, as well as all the sponsors, volunteers, and fans for making the show possible. This would not be possible without all of you, and we look forward to an exciting weekend.”

Tickets for the 2022 show can be purchased at [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). Customers have the option to print tickets at home or download the e-ticket on a smartphone. **Discount general admission tickets** can also be conveniently purchased at area **Kroger stores**. Children ages 5 and under are free in general admission.

Entry into the Handicap Parking Lot, VIP Parking Lot, C-Lot Parking, Media Parking, and P-Lot Parking requires a **lot-specific parking passes**. Parking for General Admission is **\$15 per car** and **\$25 for RVs, buses and other large vehicles**. Parking passes printed at home or located on mobile devices can be shown to the parking attendant.



Longtime air show announcer **Rob Reider** (left), **Vampire Airshows**, and **more than 50 static display aircraft** (right)

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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.*