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Red Bull Air Force, Cincinnati's Redline Air Shows added to 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger

(DAYTON, OH – March 8, 2023) – Air show officials announced today the addition of two new performers that will join the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds** for the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. The **Red Bull Air Force** and **Redline Air Shows** will be part of the 49th annual show on July 22 and 23 at the Dayton International Airport.

The **Red Bull Air Force** is a team of the most accomplished and experienced aerial athletes that specialize in highly-coordinated aerial jump demonstrations at events across the globe. The team combines more than 10,000 skydives, 6,000 BASE jumps, and performs over 60 demos each year. A team of four skydivers will perform a demonstration of wingsuit formations and low-altitude stunts with light and smoke effects to thrill spectators. This will be the first appearance in the Dayton region for the Red Bull skydiving team.

Local pilot Ken Rieder and teammate Adam Baker are the Cincinnati-based **Redline Air Shows** aerobatic duo. Rieder flies an RV-8s equipped with 200-hp engines while Baker flies an Extra 330. Rieder was inspired to pursue aviation at an early age, attending the Dayton Air Show growing up. From jets to helicopters, “Shakenbake” Baker is an award-winning pilot with a vast competition and freestyle flying history. Baker teamed up with Rieder following the tragic death of his Redline partner Jon Thocker in 2018.

These renowned performances will join the 2023 headliner, the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**, performing precision maneuvers, flying formations and solo routines in their F-16 Fighting Falcons. The Thunderbirds are known as America’s Ambassadors in the Blue thrilling millions of spectators around the world. The premier jet team was last seen in the Dayton region in 2021

“It’s great to see such exhilarating, world-renowned acts joining our 2023 lineup,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “We’re really excited to see so many Red Bull performances that’ll thrill our spectators, and to welcome back locally-based Redline Air Shows to the skies that inspired Ken to be an aviator.”

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The Red Bull Air Force Skydivers (left) and Redline Air Shows will appear as part of the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show lineup. (Photos courtesy of Demo Teams)

Air show officials plan to announce more exciting attractions to the air and ground show over the coming months. Tickets are available for purchase online for print-at-home or mobile ticket options. Beginning mid-summer 2023, discount general admission tickets can be conveniently purchased at over 100 area Kroger stores in the Dayton/Cincinnati region. Children ages 5 and under are free in general admission. For more information, visit the show's website at www.daytonairshow.com.

For additional information on the 2023 performers, visit their websites below:

- U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, airforce.com/thunderbirds
- U.S. Army Golden Knights, goarmy.com/golden-knights
- AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck, shockwavejettruck.com
- Bill Stein Airshows, billsteinairshows.com/
- Randy Ball, fighterjets.com
- Red Bull Helicopter, redbull.com/us-en/athlete/aaron-fitzgerald
- Kirby Chambliss, teamchambliss.com
- Red Bull Air Force, redbullairforce.com
- Redline Air Shows, facebook.com/Redlineairshows

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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.