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Legacy Flight, Ground Displays return to 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger

(DAYTON, OH – May 31, 2023) – Air show officials announced today the return of the U.S. Navy **F/A-18 Super Hornet Legacy Flight** as well as **aircraft static displays** for air show spectators to get up close and personal with at the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger on July 22 and 23 at the Dayton International Airport.

The Navy's premier strike fighter will be joined by the iconic WWII and Korean War-era Corsair for a moving matchup as the two fly in formation. The Corsair is known for its distinctive "gull wing" and large propeller with a 2,100 HP Pratt-Whitney radial engine making the aircraft a favorite among aviators. The F/A-18 is powered by two GE turbofan afterburning engines with a top speed of Mach 1.8 (1,190 MPH), compared to the Corsair's 389 MPH.

The AU-1 Corsair will be flown by West Virginia-native Scott "Scooter" Yoak, an airshow pilot, aircraft restoration mechanic and museum curator. In addition to the Corsair, he flies a P-51 and performs in 20-25 airshows each year.



The F/A-18 Super Hornet and AU-1 Corsair will appear together in the iconic Legacy Flight as part of the 2023 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show lineup. (Photos courtesy of Dayton Air Show)

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Additionally, Air Show officials announced the following aircraft scheduled to be at air show grounds:

U.S. Air Force A-10C Thunderbolt II (2)	C-45 Beech 18
U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress	Cirrus SR-20
U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III	CRJ-200 Bombardier
U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning II (2)	CRJ-700 Bombardier
U.S. Air Force KC-135R Stratotanker (2)	DC-3 “Flagship Detroit”
U.S. Air Force KC-46 Pegasus	FedEx B-757 Freighter
U.S. Air Force T-1 Jayhawk	L-4 Piper Cub
U.S. Air Force T-6 Texan II	L-39 Albatros (2)
U.S. Navy CMV-22 Osprey	Piper PA-44 Seminole
U.S. Navy E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (2)	Samaritan's Purse DC-8
Beechcraft T-34 Mentor	

“We are thrilled to be able to bring the Legacy Flight back to Dayton spectators to honor our nation’s history of aviation and the sacrifices of those who have flown in defense of our country,” said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. “From the explosive performances by our Firewalkers and Jet Fire Truck and the thrilling Red Bull performances to the legacy acts, this year’s show has something for everyone.”

These performances will join the recently announced **WWII B-25 Bomber** and headliner, the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**. Also appearing will be aerobatic performers **Kevin Coleman, Bill Stein Airshows, Kirby Chambliss, and Redline Air Shows**. The world’s fastest **AFTERSHOCK Jet Fire Truck** and the world-renowned **Red Bull Air Force** will also be at the 2023 show.

Tickets for the 2023 show 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
- Firewalkers International, firewalkersinternational.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.