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Brazilian Air Force Squadron Arriving Today 25 Air Show Directors to Participate in Air Show Academy

Dayton, Ohio – A journey that began July 8th and has logged over 5,000 miles ends today as the Brazilian Air Force Smoke Squadron, the Esquadilha da Fumaça, land at the Dayton International Airport to participate in the 2009 Vectren Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger on July 18th and 19th. Making its only U.S. appearance in Dayton this weekend, the Smoke Squadron consist of seven festively painted T-27 Tucano aircraft and will also be accompanied by a C130 support aircraft. In all there will be over 50 Brazilian Air Force personnel in Dayton for this special appearance.

“We are honored to be the only U.S. air show this summer to host the Smoke Squadron,” said Michael Emoff, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees. “We know our spectators are going to enjoy their dynamic performance,” added Emoff.

This year will also mark a special visit by another group, but they won’t be performing in the show. The International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) selects an air show site each year to host an Academy, a professional development program that provides an opportunity for representatives from other air shows throughout North America to visit a recognized host show to learn first-hand how to produce a well-run event. “Dayton was asked to host the 2009 program because it conducts one of the most-organized and successful air shows in the country,” stated John Cudahy, ICAS President. Academy participants are provided a manual, attend briefings, and have behind-the-scenes access to the management team and volunteers of the host event. This year’s Academy class consists of directors of both military and civilian air shows. Participants are coming from as far away as Japan and from all parts of the United States and Canada.

Air shows are among the most cost-efficient family entertainment alternatives available today. Discount general admission tickets are on sale now at area Kroger stores. Patrons can find a ticket package to suit every need and budget by visiting our website www.daytonairshow.com. Don’t miss Dayton’s premier summer event.

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Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is one of America’s premier air shows. The Air Show showcases world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family celebrating Dayton’s aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, National Museum of the US Air Force and Wright Patterson AFB. For more information, visit www.daytonairshow.com.