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## ***Blue Angel Lt. John Hiltz Returns “Home” along with more than a Dozen Local Servicemen***

*Dayton, Ohio* – The Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger takes off on July 7 & 8 at the Dayton International Airport. Headlining the event will be the US Navy Blue Angels and for Blue Angel #2, right-wing pilot, Lt. John Hiltz, the show will be a homecoming of sorts as he hails from Ft. Mitchell, KY. The 1998 graduate of Covington Catholic High School will be joined by three other Blue Angels from Ohio: AM1(AW) Damien Hurrier and AM1(AW) Chris Simon of Cincinnati along with AM1(AW) Joseph “Bo” Tullis of Miamisburg. Along with these four Blue Angels, a dozen pilots or crew members with local ties will be participating in the 2012 Vectren Dayton Air Show. Those individuals include the following:

### **Demonstration Crews**

- Ben Niessner (Crew Chief) F-4 Phantom Cleveland, OH

### **Static Display Pilots/Crews**

- MAJ Kevin Wuebker C-27 Spartan Anna, OH
- MAJ Jeremy Ford C-27 Spartan Mansfield, OH
- David Cales C-27 Spartan Cleveland, OH
- Dave Pitroff C-27 Spartan Mansfield, OH
- LCDR Sean Hays EA-6B Prowler Dayton, OH
- MAJ Michael Stevens EA-6B Prowler Richmond, IN
- LTjg Brandon Marucci EA-18G Growler Ohio
- MAJ Doug Hayes T-1 Jayhawk Springfield, OH
- LT Matt Keefe F-18F Super Hornet Butler Township, OH

Matt is a 2001 graduate of Chaminade Julianne High, School in Dayton, OH

- CPT Leigh Larkin F-15E Eagle Dayton, OH

Leigh is a graduate Carroll High School and The Ohio State University

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| ➤ CPT Daniel Etue   | F-15E Eagle   | Toledo, OH    |
| ➤ LT Alex Bernstein | HC-144 Ocean Sentry                                       | Fairfield, OH |
|                     | Bernstein is a 2004 graduate of The Ohio State University |               |
| ➤ CPT Shawn Yandle  | E-3 Sentry  | Ohio          |
| ➤ LT Dave Slapak    | MH-65 Dolphin   | Dayton, OH    |

Other Air Show performers include the USAF Heritage Flight, a historic formation flight with an F-4 Phantom and a P51 Mustang; the Sea Harrier, a vertical takeoff and landing jet aircraft; TORA TORA TORA, an emotional reenactment of the bombing of Pearl Harbor complete with pyrotechnics; Michael Goulian, an acclaimed, high-energy aerobatic performer; P51 Quick Silver, a beautifully restored WWII fighter; Gene Soucy Air Shows, barnstorming and wing walking at its best; the Misty Blues, the world's only all-woman skydiving team; and the A-4B Skyhawk, a Vietnam-era jet fighter.

Get discount general admission tickets now for the Saturday or Sunday show at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton-Cincinnati region. Specialty seating options including the popular Blue Sky Chalet and LaRosa's Pavilion are available through the show's web site, [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com).

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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](http://www.daytonairshow.com).*