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Sean D. Tucker, Misty Blues and F4U Corsair join U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds in 2017 show lineup

U.S. Navy Blue Angels select Dayton for 2018 appearance

Dayton, Ohio – Air show officials announced three new attractions to the 2017 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger headlined by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. ***Sean D. Tucker, Misty Blues All Woman Skydiving Team*** and a ***Vought F4U Corsair*** will join the Thunderbirds and other top attractions in 2017. The 43rd annual show will take off on June 24th and 25th at the Dayton International Airport.

More than 80 million people have witnessed the dynamic and highly-entertaining aerobatic maneuvers of air show legend, ***Sean D. Tucker***. Spectators at the 2017 Vectren Dayton Air Show will watch in amazement as Sean puts his 400 horsepower Oracle Challenger biplane through a rigorous performance so intense it requires him to practice three times daily. A 2008 National Aviation Hall of Fame Enshrinee, Sean D. Tucker sets the standard of aerobatic excellence with the passion and perfection he brings to every show. Sean is a crowd favorite that appears regularly at Dayton's show.

Jumping with their massive 60-foot American flag during the National Anthem, members of the ***Misty Blues All Woman Skydiving Team*** will open the 2017 show. The full team of six ladies will also perform later in the show as a feature attraction. Adorned in their signature pink and blue jump suits, the Misty's are well-known for their skilled skydiving, fun personality and spending a lot of time meeting spectators – especially kids. These professional women hold 35 world records and have completed a record 40,000 combined jumps. The Misty Blues last performed in Dayton in 2012.

Dayton means air show and the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger has a long tradition of presenting classic WWII fighters in its feature show. This year will be no different when the ***Chance Vought F4U Corsair*** performs a tactical demonstration showing off its impressive aerial combat capabilities. The Corsair played a major role as a U.S. WWII frontline combat aircraft. The F4U became well-known as the fighter of the famed Black Sheep squadron in the Pacific theatre. It's distinctive "gull wing" and huge propeller with a 2,100 horsepower Pratt-Whitney radial engine behind it makes the Corsair a favorite among aviators and air show fans. The F4U will be flown by experienced warbird pilot, Dave Folk and will also be available for viewing by show spectators when not performing.

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Sean, the Misty Blues and the Corsair will add to the already exciting lineup of world-class aviation attractions at the 2017 show. The Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger announced earlier the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headliner. Other announcements for 2017 included the GEICO Skytypers Team, Redline Airshows Aerobatic Team, and Rob Holland Ultimate Air Shows.

In addition, show officials recently learned the **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** have selected Dayton for a 2018 performance on June 23rd and 24th. The Blues have been thrilling audiences for over 70 years with their six powerful Boeing F/A-18 Hornets flying a tightly choreographed, high-energy demonstration. A two-year scheduling process adopted by the Blues several years ago makes this early announcement possible. The Blues last appeared in Dayton in 2014.

“We're off to a great start with both the 2017 and 2018 shows,” stated Michael Emoff, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, the governing organization of the show. “These exciting attractions together with those announced earlier are the beginning of what will be an awesome show. What’s even better is that we will add more terrific features in the coming months,” Emoff added.

The show also expects to see the continuation and resurgence in military attractions both in the air and on the ground which will add to the 2017 excitement. Announcements on additional military flying attractions and aircraft that will appear on ground display will be made by early spring.

2017 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger tickets are now on sale at the show’s website, www.daytonairshow.com. Customers can now enjoy the new print-at-home or print-to-mobile options available on all website individual ticket purchases.

Beginning May 15, 2017, customers can conveniently purchase discount general admission tickets at area Kroger stores. This Kroger exclusive offers \$3.00 off adult and children tickets at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton and Cincinnati region. Kroger discount tickets are good for either Saturday or Sunday admission. Visit the show’s website for further information.

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For more information on 2017 feature attractions click below:

www.afthunderbirds.com

www.geicoskytypers.com

www.teamoracle.com

www.ultimateairshows.com

www.redlineairshows.com

<http://mistyblues.net/>

www.warbirddepot.com/aircraft_fighters_f4u5-fal-1.asp

For more information on 2018 feature attraction click below:

<https://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>

Founded in 1975, the Vectren 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 \$3.2 million to the region’s economy every year.