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Team Oracle and U.S. Army Golden Knights will join U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds in 2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show lineup

U.S. Navy Blue Angels select Dayton for 2020 performance

Dayton, Ohio – Vectren Dayton Air Show officials announced today the new **Team Oracle** with Sean D. Tucker and Johnny De Gennaro will debut at Dayton in 2019. In addition, Dayton has been selected for a **U.S. Army Golden Knights** demonstration in 2019 and a **U.S Navy Blue Angels** performance in 2020. This year's Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will take off on June 22nd and 23rd at the Dayton International Airport headlined by the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**. 2019 marks the 45th year for the popular summer event in the Miami Valley region.

Fasten your seat belts as the new Team Oracle led by air show legend Sean D. Tucker flying the Oracle Challenger III and John De Gennaro, also known as “Johnny D,” in the Oracle Extra 300L, take you to the limits of your imagination with aerial precision and elegance. Then, be prepared for jaw-dropping thrills as they separately catapult, tumble and hurdle across the sky for a performance unlike any ever seen before.

Sean and his Oracle Challenger III have thrilled millions of fans for years. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the new Oracle Team starring Sean and Johnny D. for the first time. Also, witness Sean flying his amazing Challenger III aircraft for the last time. This infamous Challenger will be heading to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum “Thomas W. Haas We All Fly” gallery in 2021.



Team Oracle Challenger III and Extra 300L



Sean D. Tucker



**John De Gennaro
“Johnny D.”**

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Formed in 1959, the **Army Golden Knights** inspire audiences of all ages with their patriotism and exciting maneuvers. The Golden Knights are the Army's official demonstration team. Members are drawn from U.S. Army paratroopers who have demonstrated excellence in parachuting skills. They will thrill spectators with their intricate canopy work along with skydiving formations and landings that require extreme precision. Based in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, the Golden Knights represent the skill and professionalism of U.S. soldiers serving all over the world. The 12-member team will travel to Dayton in their Fokker C-31A Troopship which will also serve as their jump aircraft. The team last appeared in Dayton in 2018.



U.S. Army Golden Knights...our Army's best!

Show officials also recently learned the **U.S. Navy Blue Angels** have selected Dayton for a **2020** performance on June 27th and 28th. 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 2018.

"What a great show lineup we have for 2019," stated Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the USATS Board of Trustees. "The new Team Oracle, our Army's amazing Golden Knights and the awesome Thunderbirds, along with other top attractions previously announced, will make 2019 a show you've got to see," he added.

Team Oracle and the **Army Golden Knights** will join previously announced attractions, the world-renowned **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**, **British Sea Harrier**, **GEICO Skytypers**, **Jacque B Airshows**, **Shockwave Jet Truck** and **Skip Stewart Aerobatics**. Air show officials plan to announce other aircraft that will fly and appear on static display during the 2019 feature show in the months ahead.

2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger tickets including the popular Pavilion and Chalet areas are now on sale at the show's website, www.daytonairshow.com. Customers can enjoy print-at-home or print-to-mobile options available for website purchases.

Beginning May 13, 2019 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 Team Oracle and the Golden Knights, please click below:

www.teamoracle.com

www.ArmyGK.com

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 \$3.7 million to the region's economy every year.