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## ***Navy adds F/A-18 Super Hornet Legacy Flight to 2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger***

*Dayton, Ohio* – Air show officials announced today the show has been selected by the U.S. Navy for an ***F/A-18 Super Hornet Legacy Flight*** at the 2019 show on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Dayton International Airport. 2019 marks the 45th anniversary for the show, a true summer tradition in Dayton.

The F/A-18 Super Hornet is the Navy's premier strike fighter. Powered by two General Electric turbofan after-burning engines, the supersonic Hornet has a top speed of Mach 1.8 (1,190 mph). Spectators will witness history in the air as the Hornet will fly in formation with the famed Corsair warbird, a matchup called the Legacy Flight. The Corsair is well known for its distinctive “gull wing” and huge propeller with a 2,100 horsepower Pratt-Whitney radial engine making the aircraft a favorite among aviators.

Having the modern-day powerful Hornet flying with the iconic WWII and Korean era Corsair will be a thrilling sight. It permits show fans to see the tremendous advances made in naval and Marine Corps aviation.



**F/A-18 Super Hornet**



**AU-1 Corsair**

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Dayton's Legacy Super Hornet will be flown by Lt. Dominic Garcia from Strike Fighter Squadron VFA-122, Naval Air Station Lemoore, California. Lt. Sean Krueger will also fly the F-18 in the show. Flying the Corsair will be veteran warbird pilot Stuart Milson from Midlothian, Texas.

"We are thrilled the Navy has selected Dayton for an F-18 Legacy Flight," stated Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air & Trade Show Board of Trustees, the governing organization of the show. "What an awesome show we have shaping up for 2019. We can't wait for summer to get here," he added.

The **F-18 Super Hornet Legacy Flight** will add to an already exciting lineup of world-class aviation attractions at the 45th annual Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger, including the famed **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, U.S. Army Golden Knights, Sea Harrier, and U.S. Air Force C-17 and KC-135 Demo**. Also appearing will be the **GEICO Skytypers, Team Oracle, Skip Stewart, and Jacquie B** aerobatic demonstrations as well as the **Shockwave Jet Truck**.

On the ground, spectators will see a large display of military aircraft and enjoy a variety of civilian and warbird aircraft as well as interactive exhibits. Add delicious food and ice-cold beverages and it makes the show an enjoyable outing for people of all ages, especially families.

2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger tickets including the popular Pavilion and Blue Sky Chalet specialty seating options and bargain Synchrony Family Four Packs are on sale at the show's website, [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com).

Beginning May 13th, deep discount general admission tickets will also be available for purchase at over 100 Kroger stores in the Dayton and Cincinnati region.

For more information on the F/A-18 Super Hornet and Corsair Legacy Flight or other feature attractions, please click on the links below:

<https://www.vfa122.navy.mil/index.html>

<https://cavflight.org/>

[www.afthunderbirds.com](http://www.afthunderbirds.com)

[www.artnalls.com](http://www.artnalls.com)

[www.ShockwaveJetTruck.com](http://www.ShockwaveJetTruck.com)

[www.geicoskytypers.com](http://www.geicoskytypers.com)

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[www.ArmyGK.com](http://www.ArmyGK.com)

<https://www.altus.af.mil/About-Us/Units/>

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*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.*