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Thousands attend 45th annual Vectren Dayton Air Show

Dayton, Ohio – An estimated 49,000 people attended the 45th annual Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger held at Dayton International Airport this weekend. Attendance was down approximately 25 percent due to the show implementing Alternate paved parking requiring 100 percent shuttling to distant lots.

The show's normal parking lots were unusable due to heavy rains in recent weeks. Patrons tend to avoid shows with shuttling because entry and exit can take longer especially if they arrive close to show time.

Despite the alternate parking, the weekend weather was beautiful and thousands came out to see the star-studded lineup of top aerobatic performers including the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. The show also had an impressive display of aircraft and other activities on the grounds with performances by the Air Force Band of Flight.

"The 2019 show lineup was great! We were very pleased with the number of people that attended and the show quality," stated Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air and Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the event. "Our thanks to the dedicated spectators, sponsors and volunteers for their support of the show."

Plans are already underway for the 2020 show on June 27th and 28th featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. Information on the 2020 show will be available soon at daytonairshow.com.

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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.