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***Dayton's "Big Show" takes off next weekend!  
...get ready for the 2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger***

*Dayton, Ohio* – Headlined by the world-renowned **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**, the 2019 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will launch its 45<sup>th</sup> annual show next weekend, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Dayton International Airport. The **Thunderbirds** will be joined by other military favorites in the air such as the **U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet Legacy Flight**, the **U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team** and a first, a U.S. Air Force **C-17 Globemaster III/ KC-135 Stratotanker flight** demonstration.

The 2019 show will also feature many other top attractions. Here are some highlights of what spectators will see at one of Dayton's premier summer event:

- **British Sea Harrier** - This amazing example of aviation technology lifts off like a helicopter, hovers in mid-air and then flies at nearly the speed of sound. The famous Harrier "Jump Jet" is astounding.
- **GEICO Skytypers** - Flying six North American SNJ-2 World War II aircraft equipped with 600 horsepower Pratt and Whitney radial engines, this unique team will showcase maneuvers taught to pilots training for WWII combat. Also see signature Skytyping as tall as the Empire State Building!
- **Sean D. Tucker** - Watch the 2008 National Hall of Fame Inductee, put his 400-hp Oracle Challenger through his entertaining performance for the very last time, 26 years after his first Dayton show. The Challenger III is off to the National Air and Space Museum 'We All Fly' gallery opening in 2021. Sean and his new Team Oracle partner Jessy Panzer will also thrill spectators.
- **Shockwave** - Powered by three afterburning jet engines producing 36,000 horsepower, Shockwave is the Guinness Book world record holder for the fastest jet truck in the world at 376 MPH. You'll be amazed as it explodes down the runway at lightning speeds...even racing an airplane!
- **Jacque B** - "Ladies, it's Time to Fly!" is a message displayed on Jacque B's Extra 300S aerobatic aircraft. She started aerobatic flying at the age of 50! Jacque has been a powerful inspiration to millions of fans who realize that they too can accomplish great things in life if you put your mind to it.
- **Skip Stewart** - One of the most electrifying aerobatic pilots on the air show circuit. Skip will thrill spectators with his highly-modified Pitts S-2S appropriately named "Prometheus". The "hot rod" bi-plane is complete with a dramatic flame paint scheme which matches Skip's sizzling routine.

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- **Impressive ground displays** – Tour aircraft from unique civilian aircraft to WWII warbirds to modern military aircraft like the massive C-17 Globemaster III, KC-10 Extender, carrier-based F-18 Super Hornet and more. See the Air Force Band of Flight perform as well.
- **Meet and greet the members of the U.S. military** – Let our current military personnel show you the impressive aircraft and equipment they use to protect our freedom. It's a great opportunity to thank them for their service to our country too.
- **Fun for the entire family** including the Vectren Kids' Hangar, interactive activities and displays. Don't miss out on the delicious food, beverages and merchandise as a keepsake for your special day at one of the greatest air shows in the country.

"We have an incredible show for you in 2019", said Scott Buchanan, Chairman of the United States Air and Trade Show Board of Trustees, producers of the show. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, sponsors and fans for making the show possible in our community", he added.

Buy discounted general admission tickets at all area Kroger stores, the exclusive advance ticket outlet for the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger. Patrons will enjoy a \$7 savings for adult and \$3 savings for senior citizen and child tickets off gate prices when purchased at Kroger. This means at Kroger only adult tickets are available for \$18 while senior citizen and child advance tickets are \$13.

Popular specialty seating options are also on sale at the show's website, [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). Customers enjoy convenient print-at-home or print-to-mobile options on all website purchases.

Spectators can get to the show with ease by taking the continuous Park & Ride Express Shuttle service provided by Greater Dayton RTA from the U.S. Air Force Museum and Wright Stop Plaza in downtown Dayton to the show's main gate. Go to [www.riderta.org](http://www.riderta.org) or call 937-425-8300 for more information.

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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.*

