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U.S. Air Force F-35 Tactical Demonstration to be Featured for the First Time in Cleveland National Air Show History

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CLEVELAND, OH (January 9, 2019) – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature the U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II Tactical Demonstration on Labor Day Weekend (August 31, September 1 & 2) at Burke Lakefront Airport. 2019 marks the first year of the F-35A full tactical demonstration and Cleveland is one of only 15 cities in North America to host the historical demonstration.

The F-35A is the U.S. Air Force's latest fifth-generation fighter with the world's most powerful fighter jet engine producing 43,000 pounds of thrust, capable of pushing the F-35A into stomach-jolting 9 G turns at speeds approaching 1,200 mph. In addition, the F-35A is an agile, versatile, high-performance, multirole fighter that combines stealth, sensor fusion, and unprecedented situational awareness.

The demonstration will highlight the F-35A Lightning II's numerous capabilities of speed, agility, and high-g turning. This never seen before demonstration will include controlled flat spins as well as high-speed passes and vertical climbs.

"We are thrilled and honored," said Air Show Executive Director Kim Dell. "to be a part of the first F-35 Tactical Demonstration tour bringing one of the world's most advanced aircraft to Cleveland. We were fortunate to have the F-35 make its first appearance at our 2016 Air Show in a Heritage Flight, and we know our loyal Air Show fans will be eager to see what this incredible aircraft is capable of, during its first FULL demo in Cleveland."

Headlining this year's show are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. They will be joined by the U.S. Air Force A-10 Tactical Demonstration, U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, world famous GEICO Skytypers and more. Inside the gates spectators will experience the 300 mph Shockwave Jet Truck and pyrotechnics with a Wall of Fire. Fans can tour unique aircraft, help pack a parachute, meet a pilot and explore aviation first hand.

For more information on the F-35 Lightning Demonstration please visit:
<https://www.luke.af.mil/F-35-Demo-Team/>

Advance General Admission tickets are \$23 for adults, \$14 for children ages 6-11 (\$2 more at the gate) and FREE for children 5 and younger. Popular seating, including Reserved Box Seats and Barnstormer Club, offer a variety of amenities. For more information, please visit www.clevelandairshow.com or call (216) 781-0747. Advance General Admission Tickets will be available at local Discount Drug Mart stores starting August 1, 2019.

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The Cleveland National Air Show has been Northeast Ohio's Labor Day Weekend Tradition since 1964, attracting 60,000 to 100,000 visitors to Burke Lakefront Airport and making it one of the region's largest annual events. It is produced by Cleveland National Air Show, Inc. a 501(c)(4) not-for-profit Ohio corporation that relies on sponsorship and community support to offset the costs of producing the event. The Air Show has an annual economic impact of \$7.1 million+ on the City of Cleveland. For more information, please visit www.clevelandairshow.com or call (216) 781-0747.

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