

## U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Featured at 2024 Air Show

First Cleveland appearance of the F-35B Lightning II Tactical Demonstration

**CLEVELAND, OH (June 20, 2024)** – The Cleveland National Air Show presented by Discount Drug Mart will feature the U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II Tactical Demonstration on Labor Day Weekend (August 31 & September 1, 2) at Burke Lakefront Airport. 2024 will mark the first Cleveland appearance of the U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II.

The F-35B Lightning II is the Marine Corps variant of the Joint Strike Fighter and features a vertical lift fan and pivoting engine nozzle to deliver vertical landing and short takeoff capability. The F-35B is replacing AV-8B Harrier II in the Marine Corps inventory. Renowned as one of the most advanced and versatile fighter jets, the F-35B will demonstrate unparalleled maneuverability and showcase cutting-edge airpower. Piloted by aviators from the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, the tactical demonstration will showcase the aircraft's impressive potential.

"We are honored to host the U.S. Marine Corps F-35B," said Air Show Executive Director Kim Dell. "This will make the 2024 Air Show a historic and must attend event."

The Air Show is Cleveland's Labor Day Weekend tradition with three days of aerial thrills. But the Air Show is more than just fancy flying-- inside the gates fans can witness Hot Streak Jet II Jet Truck race a plane down the runway and hear the incredible narration. Ground attractions also include interactive displays, kid-friendly activities, drones, and unique display aircraft.

General Admission Tickets are day specific (Saturday, Sunday OR Monday) and \$35 for adults (\$40 after 8/26/24), \$20 for children ages 6-11 and FREE for children 5 and younger. Popular seating options include Reserved Box Seats, Sponsor Boxes, Barnstormer Club and Flight Deck Loge offer a variety of amenities. Parking passes are limited and day specific (Saturday, Sunday OR Monday). Tickets and On-Site Parking are available ONLY in advance, online at www.clevelandairshow.com – NO GATE SALES.

The Air Show is a financially self-sufficient not-for-profit organization and ticket sales directly support event production costs for this Cleveland tradition. For more information, or to purchase your tickets today, please visit <u>www.clevelandairshow.com</u> or call (216) 781-0747.

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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.