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## ***“U.S. Navy Blue Angels are Back”***

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### **Milwaukee Air & Water Show Presented by WaterStone Bank Announces Additional 2017 Performers July 15&16**

*Milwaukee Air & Water Show will feature the return of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels along with other exciting air and water show performers at Milwaukee’s lakefront; New special ticket packages available April 1.*

**Milwaukee, Wis., March 15, 2017....** Organizers of the [Milwaukee Air & Water Show](#) presented by [WaterStone Bank](#), today announced additional air show acts slated to perform at the 2017 show July 15&16. Other exciting acts to perform in Milwaukee’s skies this July include the [U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Demonstration Team](#), [Team Aerostars](#), Firebirds Xtreme, [Lucas Oil Airshows](#) and the A-4 Skyhawk. As previously announced, the 2017 Milwaukee Air & Water Show will be headlined by the [U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team](#).

“We are excited to bring a thrilling line-up of performers to this year’s air show,” said Paul Rogers, president of the Milwaukee Air & Water Show. “With the help of WaterStone Bank and our other generous sponsors and supporters, we look forward to making this year’s Milwaukee Air & Water Show the best of record.”

In addition to the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the air show will play host to Team Aerostars – a precision aerobatic demo team led by pilots Harvey Meek, David Monroe and Paul Hornick who perform in the Yak 52TW WWII-type aerobatic trainer, and Firebirds X-Treme Aerobatic Team featuring Rob Holland and Jack Knutson. Michael Wiscus will return with Lucas Oil Airshows performing dizzying and intense stunts in the Pitts S-1-11B airplane while Paul Wood will guide the Warbird Heritage Foundation A-4 Skyhawk for a tactical demonstration through the blue skies of Milwaukee.

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Milwaukee Air & Water Show organizers previously announced the U.S. Navy Blue Angels would be returning as the main headliner in 2017. The Blue Angels' six demonstration pilots fly the F/A-18 Hornet at over 34 locations throughout the U.S. each year, where they still employ many of the same practices and techniques used in their aerial displays when formed in 1946. The Blue Angels last performed in the Milwaukee area in 2010, as the 2014 visit was postponed due to weather-related unsafe flying conditions.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels "C-130 Fat Albert" will make a return visit to Milwaukee in July. The United States Marine Corps Lockheed C-130T Hercules, affectionately known as "Fat Albert" flies with an all-Marine crew and three officers and five enlisted personnel. Air show fans will enjoy watching this monstrous workhorse that has been in service for over half a century grace Milwaukee's skies. An [Air Combat Command](#) demonstration team will also be making an appearance at the air show. The specific aircraft will be announced at a later date.

Water acts scheduled for this year's show include Tony Demattero's "[Hustler 50 Raceboat](#)" and [Gene Greber's MTI Racing Team](#) on the Wake Effects Champion Superboat. In addition, [Gary Burtka](#) will perform an exciting Jet Ski freestyle show, and the Water Show Ski Team will show off their skills. The Milwaukee Fireboat and a demonstration from the [U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Helicopter](#) will show the crowd their detailed skill when dealing with crisis on the water. Finally, [Seven Marine](#) outboard boats will take their talents to the western waters of Lake Michigan to show off power and speed. Additional air and water acts will be announced in the coming months.

The Milwaukee Air & Water Show, which draws nearly 400,000 people to Milwaukee's lakeshore every year, has a significant economic impact on the city, provides the community with a meaningful impact to our nation's armed forces and supports military veterans by supporting its sponsor, The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

### **Ground Displays & Exhibits:**

While the air and water acts will surely be enticing, Milwaukee Air & Water Show will also provide displays and exhibits on land. There will be an A-7D Corsair II "Ghost rider" cockpit display featuring real helmets and instruments. The EAA will make their 2017 debut in Milwaukee providing an incredible opportunity for aviation fans with their new Spirit of Aviation mobile experience trailer.

The Air & Water Show will offer many activities for the entire family to enjoy including a Kidz Fun Zone located in the middle of the event grounds. Michael Tuley will be back selling trendy air show merchandise and many vendors will be on the air show grounds offering delicious food and beverages for everyone to enjoy.

**Ticket Packages:**

Ticket packages for the 2017 [Milwaukee Air & Water Show](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com) will go on sale April 1. Ticket packages on sale will include the Reserved CenterPoint package, the Flight Line Club package and Sky Chalet VIP tickets. Reserved parking will be available at the lakefront. To order tickets and reserved seating packages online, please visit [www.milwaukeeairshow.com](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com).

**Sponsorship Information:**

For those interested in learning more about the benefits and value incurred by sponsoring the 2017 show and/or specific event activities, including VIP hospitality tents or corporate entertainment packages, please contact Paul Rogers at the Milwaukee Air & Water Show office at 414-482-2069, or email to: [prog@milwaukeeairshow.com](mailto:prog@milwaukeeairshow.com).

*For more information about performance details, show-site information and other news surrounding the Milwaukee Air & Water Show, please visit [www.milwaukeeairshow.com](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com). Follow the air show on Twitter [@MKEAirandWater](https://twitter.com/MKEAirandWater) and on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MKEAirandWater) for the latest Milwaukee Air & Water Show updates.*

**About the Milwaukee Air & Water Show**

The [Milwaukee Air & Water Show](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com), sponsored by [WaterStone Bank](http://www.waterstonebank.com) this year, is unique in Milwaukee's history and provides affordable, wholesome entertainment for the entire family. From its grassroots beginnings in 2002, the air show has grown into Wisconsin's largest free event, providing a substantial economic impact to Milwaukee's local economy. The Milwaukee Air & Water Show is Milwaukee's masterpiece of sound and color that showcases the role of aviation in the community, the history of air power, provides a forum for educating young people about aviation, and encourages the natural excitement these upcoming generations have for flight. For more information, visit [www.milwaukeeairshow.com](http://www.milwaukeeairshow.com).

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