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### **Robins Air Show promises fun for entire family**

**Robins Air Force Base, Ga.** – Performers and static displays are coming together for the Robins Air Show.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to make an air show a success - and this year's event is no different.

From contract finalizations and budget considerations, to logistics and equipment needs, units across base and the surrounding community are joining arms to ensure a smooth and safe April 28 and 29 weekend.

"The Robins Air Show will be an opportunity to showcase military airpower," said Lt. Col. Dwayne Gray, 78th Operations Support Squadron director of operations. "The community loves Robins, so the Air Force will gear this show to tell the history and capabilities of the base."

He added, "We also want to educate and inspire the youth of Middle Georgia. We hope it will lead to recruiting the best and brightest for civilian service or enlisting in the National Guard, Reserves or active duty."

Headlining the free air show are the Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron. A special site visit was conducted by two of the squadron's officers in November. The team will showcase its fleet of seven F/A-18 Hornets, and its C-130 Hercules, affectionately known as "Fat Albert."

One of the primary missions of the Blue Angels is recruitment and education, and the team will visit local high schools during their stay here.

This year's show will include lots to do for families. Whether it's inflatable "bouncy castles" for young children, aircraft simulators for teens, or displays for adults, there will be something for everyone.

Aircraft making an appearance include the F-15, C-23, C-27, C-130, JSTARS E-8C, C-17 and C-5. Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773, Marine Aircraft Group 49, Detachment A, will also display two UH-1 and two AH-1 helicopters.

Scheduled performers to date include Melissa Pemberton of Melissa Aerobatics, flying with an Edge 540; Skip Stewart with a special Pitts S-2S; Ace Maker Airshows; Liberty Jump Team; Kyle Franklin with an L-21 Super Cub, and the Sky Soldiers.

An F-22 Raptor, the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft, may also perform during the show. Gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with aerial events kicking off at noon each day.

Transportation details are still being worked out, but the public will be bused in from three pick-up points at Anchor Glass, Middle Georgia Regional Airport and Warner Robins High School. More information will be released as it becomes available.