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Celebrating 80 years of aviation excellence, the Blue Angels represent the finest from the Navy and Marine Corps. For eight decades, the Blue Angels have showcased the unmatched precision, discipline, and power of naval aviation - while telling a much larger story about the men and women who defend our nation. Their 158 active-duty Sailors and Marines uphold the rich tradition of excellence instituted by those who have served before them. Each member, whether officer or enlisted, is hand-picked from the fleet to be part of the Blue Angels team. Every year, this select group begins a two or three-year rotation traveling across the country and around the world to perform for millions of spectators.

As they mark their 80th anniversary, they are proud to showcase the backbone of modern naval aviation - the combat-proven F/A-18 Super Hornet - alongside the Marine Corps' premier logistics aircraft, the C-130J Super Hercules. These aircraft operate worldwide, day and night, in every climate and place, carrying out missions that safeguard our nation's interests and ensure our ability to fight and win. Originally, the team flew four aircraft in the signature "Diamond" formation and expanded to six aircraft to showcase both the diamond and solos high performance capability as well as the precision formation flying taught to all Naval Aviators. When the squadron receives a F/A-18 Hornet from the fleet, which are at the end of their carrier arrestment functionality, they make a variety of modifications, including removing the nose cannon to install a smoke-fluid system, inverting a fuel pump, installing a stop watch and adjustable constant-tension stick spring, as well as the world-wide recognizable paint scheme.



THE PERFORMERS

The incredible military tactical teams and civilian performers, ready to defy gravity and ignite the skies at this year's FourLeaf Air Show are as follows:

United States Army Golden Knights

What started in 1959 as a small team competing against the former Soviet Union's skydivers is now an international icon representing the Army's success. The United States Army Parachute Team, known as the Golden Knights, is a combination of expert teams and Soldiers brought together by their love of skydiving. This includes parachute teams, aircraft pilots, and those who handle jump logistics behind the scenes. The Demonstration Team excels under pressure performing for excited audiences at some of the largest festivals, airshows, and sporting events around the country. Consisting of 26 Soldiers, the Team showcases the benefits of Army service with people everywhere through the sport of skydiving. The Golden Knights have conducted over 16,000 shows in 50 states and 48 countries, reaching an average of 60,000 people per show. The team has earned the U.S. Army 348 world records and over 3,800 medals in competition.

106th Rescue Wing, NY Air National Guard HC-130/HH 60 Formation Demonstration

The 106th Rescue Wing deploys worldwide to provide combat search and rescue coverage for U.S. and allied forces. In December 1994, the 106th established the record for the longest over water helicopter rescue mission when it saved a Ukrainian sailor in the icy waters off the North Atlantic. The 106th may be best known for a mission during a 1991 storm made famous by the movie "The Perfect Storm." The HH-60 is tasked to perform day and night personnel recovery operations in hostile environments to recover isolated personnel during war, civil search and rescue, medical evacuation, disaster response, humanitarian assistance, security cooperation/aviation advisory, NASA space flight support, and rescue command and control.



International Performers

Canadian Forces Snowbirds

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds (431 Air Demonstration Squadron) is a Canadian icon comprised of serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces. The Snowbirds fly the Canadair CT-114 Tutor, a Canadian-built jet that was used by the Canadian Forces as a basic pilot-training aircraft from 1963 until 2000. Their pilots and technicians work as a team to bring thrilling performances to the North American public. Serving as Canadian ambassadors, the Snowbirds demonstrate the Skill, Professionalism and Teamwork inherent in the women and men of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and the Canadian Armed Forces.

Red Devils Army Parachute Display Team

The Red Devils are an elite unit of the British Army Parachute Regiment. The 15 members are highly skilled paratroopers chosen through a rigorous selection process. Competition for a place on the team is fierce, and it's an honor to be selected. The Red Devils began in 1964 to boost public engagement and recruitment for the British Army. After training with the US Armed Forces' parachute display team, the Golden Knights, the first Red Devils team was formed. They became the official parachute display team of the British Army in 1979 and now perform over 350 tandem skydives and 60 parachute display every year. The team remain serving members of the Parachute Regiment and can be recalled to duty at any time. As the Red Devils' motto goes, we're always Ready For Anything.

International Performers Continued...

Royal Air Force Red Arrows

The Red Arrows are officially known as the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team and are the public face of the Royal Air Force. The team acts as national ambassadors and represents the United Kingdom at home and overseas. Flying British-built fast-jets, the Red Arrows are renowned as one of the world's best, and most recognizable, display teams. Each of the pilots has previous fast-jet operational experience flying the Royal Air Force's frontline Typhoon or F-35 Lightning aircraft. The Red Arrows fly BAE Systems' Hawk T1, which is powered by a Rolls-Royce engine, and this technical expertise is crucial to the team's success. The Red Arrows have completed some 5,000 displays in 57 countries and celebrated their 60th consecutive display season in 2024. The Red Arrows perform a world-class display of precision aerobatics and are known for flying their formation shapes, loops and rolls and patriotic red, white and blue vapor trails.

United Arab Emirates Fursan Al Emarat

Fursan Al Emarat is the United Arab Emirates national aerobatics team. In 2008, the team was established by bringing together the elite pilots from the UAE's Air Force and Air Defense. Since making its debut display at the Dubai Airshow in 2011, Fursan Al Emarat captured audiences with its spectacular demonstration flight, featuring seven aircraft that symbolize the UAE's seven emirates. The team's striking black and gold livery pays homage to the colors of oil and the desert, adding a touch of sophistication and prestige to their impressive display. The team consists of pilots selected from various squadrons of the UAE Air Force and Air Defense, handpicked to represent the United Arab Emirates. The team considered as the UAE's ambassador, that spreads brotherhood and peace through their participations in diverse local and international events to add values in mutual benefits.

Civilian Performers

Farmingdale State College Aviation

The Aviation Center at Farmingdale State College, a 22,000 sq. ft. Aerospace Facility, was built in 1990 and is the primary hub for flight training at Farmingdale State College. The facility is ideally located at Farmingdale Airport to accommodate students from the tri state area. The largest collegiate Flight School in the Northeast Region, and the only SUNY School to offer a 4 Year Degree Program in Aeronautical Science, the Aviation Center averages 10,000 Flight Hours a Year in Solo and Dual Flight Instruction and has a fleet of 22 Piper aircraft.

Aarron Deliu

Aarron Deliu is an Australian professional aerobatic pilot, international airshow performer, and commercial business jet pilot, with a passion for aviation that began at the age of 14. By 15, he achieved his first solo flight in a glider and transitioned to powered aircraft by the time he was 16. He is the current reigning Air Masters Cup Series Champion, an international freestyle aerobatic competition, and the current Sky Grand Prix Champion, an air race aerobatic hybrid international competition. Aarron's key accomplishments also include being the former Australian Unlimited Aerobatics Champion, Australian Freestyle Aerobatics Champion, International Danube Cup Champion, and qualifying as a Red Bull Air Race Rookie. In 2022, Aarron made history by achieving the highest placement ever for an Australian in both the unlimited and freestyle categories at the World Aerobatics Championship.

American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport

History flies this 4th of July weekend as the American Airpower Museum Warbirds once again take to the skies over Jones Beach. In a salute to our veterans and our very own Long Island residents' historic role in the Nations Arsenal of Democracy, the museum's Legends of Airpower flight will perform its pass and review to the delight of the air show crowd. The Warbird performance will conclude with a precision aerobatic demonstration of one of the museum's legendary WWII Fighters, honoring our Air Force's Heritage and all those who have served, past and present. Republic Aviation, the complex where the museum stands now, produced over 9,000 P-47 Thunderbolts. The American Airpower Museum's strategic mission is the preservation of the legacy of all Americans who have sacrificed themselves to defend our liberties and to educate a new generation regarding courage, valor, and heroism of our nation's citizen soldiers by presenting the operational aircraft and armor in the museum's collection and its related displays, exhibits and programs.

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Here are some ways to help:

- Keep the beach clean. Garbage can attract predators like gulls and raccoons.
- Keep beach disturbances to a minimum. Don't walk dogs, drive vehicles, or fly drones at the beach. All of these activities can frighten plovers away from their nests.



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