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USAF THUNDERBIRDS
The United States Air Force Thunderbirds return to the Duluth Airshow for the first time since 2010! This will also mark the only show in the Midwestern United States that the Thunderbirds will perform in 2016.

The Thunderbirds perform with 6 of their beautifully painted F-16’s that have become iconic symbols of American freedom. Their 60-minute long demonstration will combine years of training and experience with an attitude of excellence that showcases what the United States Air Force is all about.

Their sharply choreographed, drill-style ground show kicks off the demonstration by showcasing their attention to detail and esprit de corps that defines the enlisted members of the team. As the jets take to the skies and fly only inches apart from wingtip to wingtip, the crowd gets a glimpse of the awesome skills and capabilities that all fighter pilots must possess. The solo pilots integrate their own loud and proud routine, exhibiting some of the maximum capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon – the Air Force’s premier multi-role fighter jet.

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VANGUARD SQUADRON

The precision flying formations of this squadron and their four aircraft will have you begging for more. Comprised of members of the South Dakota Air National Guard, who fly F-16s during the week and RV-3 aircraft at airshows across the country on the weekends, they are the only formation squadron in the entire world to fly on 100 percent ethanol.

FLASH FIRE JET TRUCK

The Flash Fire Jet Truck is driven by owner Neal Darnell. Flash Fire II is a full size Jet Truck and will put on an incredible fire and smoke show followed by screaming down the runway in excess of 375 MPH. You won’t want to miss this incredible display and the only way to see it is to be onsite and witness the power of Flash Fire.

US NAVY F-18 “SUPER HORNET” PRESENTED BY

Get ready to witness the power of the U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet! The VFA-122 squadron will demonstrate the tactical capabilities of the F/A-18E as close to the “edge of the envelope” as safety and prudence allow. This routine highlights the Rhino’s maneuverability and slow-speed handling characteristics and has been very well received around the country. This will mark only the second time in 16 years that Navy Tac Demo has performed at the Duluth Airshow. The F-18 Tac Demo is presented locally by the U.S. Navy League’s Minnesota Council.

DAV FLIGHT TEAM B-25 “SHOW ME”

The B-25 will be at this year’s airshow as part of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Airshow Outreach Program, which was developed to increase awareness of disabled veterans and to serve veterans in communities across the nation.

The North America B-25 was among the celebrated twin-engine medium bombers used during World War II. The aircraft achieved worldwide fame on April 18, 1942 when sixteen B-25s, under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, were launched from the aircraft carrier Hornet in a daring raid on five Japanese cities including Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya and Kobe.

JACK LINK’S WACO JET

John Klatt Airshows in conjunction with Jack Link’s Beef Jerky debuts this 1929 “Taperwing” Waco bi-plane, which was the aircraft of choice for barnstormers of the 20s and 30s. Embracing Jack Link’s “Feed Your Wild Side” spirit, a jet engine was attached to the belly of this incredible airplane, and it was named “The Jack Link’s Screamin’ Sasquatch.” Prepare to have your senses tricked as this 1920s era Waco (with a top speed of about 180 mph) will light up its jet engine as the airplane accelerates straight up into a vertical climb leaving a lasting impression! This is the only Midwestern tour stop for this one-of-a-kind act.

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B-17 "SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY" PRESENTED BY "Sentimental Journey" rolled off the Douglas assembly line in 1944, and was accepted by the U.S. Army Air Force. Manufactured too late to see service in the European Theater during World War II, this aircraft saw action in the Pacific Theater through the end of World War II. This aircraft will not only be on display and fly during the Duluth Airshow but will also be giving rides the week leading up to the show by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Arizona Wing. For more information and to book a flight in this aircraft call 602-448-9415 (after June 2).

CANADIAN FORCES SKYHAWKS
The Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team, The SkyHawks is Canada’s only military parachute demonstration team. For over 40 years, they have represented Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces to over 75 million spectators worldwide under their signature Canadian flag parachutes. Bringing their parachutes in close proximity to build formations in the sky, the team puts on a spectacular show. Performing these aerobatic parachute formations requires a high level of skill and courage, and is known as Canopy Relative Work. Supported by the Canadian Army, the SkyHawks are based out of Trenton, Ontario, at the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre.

US NAVY LEGACY FLIGHT
The U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet will form up with a vintage Naval aircraft and will fly in formation at the Duluth Airshow as part of the Navy Legacy Flight program. The vintage naval aircraft participating will be determined at a later date but could be the F-4U Corsair, F8F Bearcat, or SB2C Helldiver.

MIKE WISKUS
One of the premiere aerobatic performers in the United States, Minnesota’s own Mike Wiskus, has his own brand of high-performance aerobatics. A 2002 U.S. National Aerobatic Champion and member of the 2004 U.S. Aerobatic team, Mike has traveled the world with his Pitts aircraft sharing his experiences in an attempt to inspire kids to not only dream, but to live their dreams and never give up.

DE HAVILLAND VAMPIRE PRESENTED BY The de Havilland Vampire was a British jet fighter developed during World War II to harness the newly-developed jet engine and to match up against the German Messerschmitt Me 262 that was plaguing allied aircraft of the day. The Vampire saw action in 1945 near the end of the war and was operated by the Royal Air Force (RAF). The Vampire was removed from service in the RAF 1966 and was replaced by more modern aircraft. The Vampire will be making its debut as pilot Jerry Conley shows what the first jet fighter was capable of and the only place in the United States to see it in 2016 is right here at the Duluth Airshow and is presented by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Lake Superior Squadron.
BY PHONE
Tickets can be ordered by phone by calling toll free at (877) 987-6487 and using your credit card. Calls will be taken 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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TO PURCHASE TICKETS
ONLINE
Tickets can be ordered online by visiting us on the web at duluthairshow.com and using your credit card.

IN PERSON
Visit any Menards store in Minnesota or NW Wisconsin to purchase your Adult and Youth Day Passes at discounted prices. Parking will need to be purchased onsite in our General Parking Green Lot.

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Entertainment

MUSIC ACTS

MN Army National Guard Red Bull Band
The 34th Infantry Division “Red Bull” Band provides music throughout the spectrum of military operations to instill in our forces the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens and promote our national interests at home and abroad.

Officially organized 30 April 1900, the 34th Infantry Division Band has proudly served state and nation for over 114 years, seeing service in WWI, WWII and the Global War on Terrorism. Whether performing for the public, supporting military ceremonies or entertaining US Service members and our allies the Soldier-Musicians of the Red Bull Band are honored to serve in one of the US Army’s most respected Divisions.

Pre-Airshow Party
Join us for the free Pre-Airshow Party taking place at Grandma's Sports Garden on Friday, July 8th with music by the Red Devil Rock Band of the Minnesota Army National Guard’s 34th Infantry. It is free to the public with live music from around 8:30 to 10:30 pm. Then enjoy the Sports Garden house dj party mix until the wee hours of the morning.

Fun for all

BIG & SMALL
The Adventure Zone in Canal Park brings its party to the Duluth Airshow with more than 10 different rides and inflatable attractions. From the ginormous Blue Angels Aircraft Carrier to the European Bungee Jump, there is fun for everyone!

Make sure to visit Adventure Zone in Canal Park after the Airshow and continue the fun with Laser Tag, Mini Golf, Virtual Sports Challenge, Batting Cages or the Adventure Zone Inflatable Kid’s Cove!

Schedule of Events

For more information on any of these events, please visit our website at DULUTHAIRSHOW.com

Saturday & Sunday

July 9-10 Airshow
Static Display – gates open at 9:00 a.m.
See the most comprehensive display of military, experimental, commercial, home built aircraft and aviation exhibits. You’ll want to arrive early in the morning to take in all the aviation and educational exhibits, as well as hands-on activities.

You will not want to miss some of the world’s most sought after military static displays of yesterday and today. *All statics are subject to change without notice.
THE 2016 DULUTH AIRSHOW will take place at the Duluth International Airport. There are several new parking options for the Duluth Airshow being offered this year, including the popular onsite (Green Lot) which is our primary general admission parking area. There are also a variety of “upgraded” options including new “shuttle” options being offered for a fee this year, so please plan accordingly and pre-purchase your parking in order to save money and expedite your admission into the Duluth Airshow by purchasing online at duluthairshow.com.

LIVE TRAFFIC REPORT
For parking and busing information, tune to 94.9 FM (95KQDS). 95KQDS will be broadcasting live traffic reports and Airshow information starting at 7:00 a.m. both Airshow days. Download the Red Rock Radio App for free to get traffic updates on your phone!

THE 2016 DULUTH AIRSHOW MAPS

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GENERAL AIRSHOW PARKING
Primary general admission parking lot
Our primary parking lot is located off of US 53 N (Miller Trunk Hwy) on Stebner Road. This lot is within walking distance of our main Airshow Gate (approximately 4 blocks).

GPS coordinates to Green Lot: 4899 Miller Trunk Highway. Hermantown, MN 55811

UPGRADED PARKING

ORANGE LOT
Can only purchased in advance at duluthairshow.com
The Orange Lot is $35. This lot also doubles as disabled parking and the benefit to this lot is that you bypass all of the traffic and literally takes only minutes to get parked into the airshow. If that isn’t enough, you will be glad you did especially after spending a long day at the show. Upon, leaving you exit onto a private road which takes you back to the highway bypassing all of the main parking lot congestion. This lot sells out every year so buy your tickets in advance online, as these are not sold at the show.

TEAL LOT
Must purchase in advance
The Express Shuttle (UHC) is $10 per vehicle. This is new for 2016 and is a way for guests to bypass all of the traffic. The lot is limited to only 1000 vehicles, and shuttles will be running continuously to bring you to and from the air show grounds via the airport runway and drops you off. This is one of the quickest ways to get into and out of the Duluth Airshow and is an estimated 3 1/2 minute shuttle ride. (The $10 covers your vehicle and all of your guests inside the vehicle). Directions to TEAL LOT: (from the Twin Cities) Take I-35 N into Duluth. Once in Duluth, take the Mesabi Avenue Exit and stay on that until Mesabi Avenue intersects with Central Entrance. Take a left onto Central Entrance (194) and proceed about 3 miles. Then take a right onto Arlington Avenue. Stay on Arlington Avenue and it will become Rice Lake Road. United Health Care is approximately 3 blocks down on the right.

MILLER HILL MALL SHUTTLE
YELLOW LOT
Must purchase in advance
The Miller Hill Mall will once again be offering shuttle parking. Parking at the Miller Hill Mall is $5 per person and you will board the shuttle from the Food Court entrance. The shuttle will be running continuously from the Miller Hill Mall and is an estimated 10-minute ride.

Directions to YELLOW LOT: (from the Twin Cities) Take I-35 N into Duluth. Once in Duluth, turn onto Highway 53 North (Trinity Road). Follow for approximately 8 miles until you reach the Miller Hill Mall. Shuttle Bus departure will be from the Food Court Entrance.

SHUTTLE SERVICE/OFF-SITE PARKING
There are now two options if you choose to park off-site and take a shuttle to the Duluth Airshow.

EXPRESS SHUTTLE/UNITED HEALTH CARE

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