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THE U.S. AIR FORCE F-22 RAPTOR ARRIVES AT LONG ISLAND MACARTHUR AIRPORT FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL BETHPAGE AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH

Town of Islip Supervisor Tom Croci, Officials, Bethpage, and H.S. Students On Hand to Greet F-22 Pilots Schantz and Liggieri

Islip, NY – May 24, 2012 – The U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, piloted by Captains Henry Schantz and Peter Liggieri, arrived at Long Island MacArthur Airport today in preparation for the 9th Annual Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach over Memorial Day weekend. The F-22 performs on Saturday, May 26, and Sunday, May 27.

Greeting the pilots were Islip Town Supervisor Tom Croci, Bethpage Federal Credit Union Senior Vice President Linda Armyn, State Senator Lee Zeldin, Assemblyman Phil Boyle, Assemblyman Al Graf, Legislator Tom Cilmi; Councilman Anthony Senft Jr., Councilman John Cochrane Jr., Town Clerk Olga Murray, Commissioner of Aviation Teresa Rizzuto, and students from Patchogue-Medford High School and Deer Park High School.

"These aircraft embody the best of America's ingenuity, technology and military might," said Supervisor Croci. "We are fortunate here on Long Island to be able to enjoy the annual Bethpage Air Show and honor those in our armed services."

The F-22 is the newest U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft, notable for its sleek aerodynamic design, advanced flight controls, increased thrust to weight ratio and supersonic airspeed capability. It is considered unmatched by any known fighter jet in the U.S. Air Force.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union, New York's largest credit union, has sponsored the Air Show for nine years and this is the second year the F-22 has been able to participate. "Fans are thrilled to be able to once again witness the precise aerial maneuvers executed by the F-22 and these amazing pilots," said Armyn.

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High school students from Patchogue-Medford and Deer Park were on hand to interview the pilots for the MSG Varsity High School Partnership. In addition to questions about their personal journeys in becoming U.S. Air Force pilots, particular questions about growing up on Long Island were put to Pilot Captain Peter Liggieri who hails from Wantagh.

For up-to-date information and ongoing coverage of this year's show, please visit the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach website or Facebook page.

About Long Island MacArthur Airport (LIMA)
The Town of Islip owns and operates Long Island MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, New York. The airport is among the top 90 airports in the United States in terms of passenger volume. Nearly 5,000 passengers fly LIMA each day. The airport's mission is to be a leader in providing safe, efficient and competitive air travel service.

About Bethpage Federal Credit Union
Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial cooperative, existing solely to serve its members and has experienced rapid growth in recent years to become a strong alternative to banks. Bethpage was approved for the largest federal community charter in the U.S. in 2003 and now is Long Island's largest credit union and leading community financial institution with over 196,000 members, 26 branches and 60 shared service center locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers better rates, lower fees and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

Bethpage maintains branch locations in Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Seaford, Smithtown, Roosevelt, West Babylon and Westbury with over 350 surcharge-free ATMs in King Kullen, 7-Eleven, Walgreens and Costco locations throughout Long Island. For more information, call 1-800-628-7070 or visit www.bethpagefcu.com.

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