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9th ANNUAL BETHPAGE AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH TO STAR UNITED STATES NAVY BLUE ANGELS, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE SNOWBIRDS, U.S. AIRFORCE F-22 RAPTOR AND UNITED STATES ARMY GOLDEN KNIGHTS

Bethpage, NY – May 21, 2012 - Bethpage Federal Credit Union, New York State's largest credit union, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, are very pleased to announce the 9th Annual Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach taking place on Saturday, May 26, 2012 and Sunday, May 27, 2012.

Back for their 5th Bethpage Air Show appearance, the United States Navy Blue Angels military jet team, the world's oldest and most renowned flight demonstration squadron, will visit Long Island to wow audiences with their fast-paced high performance maneuvers and precision formations in their F-18 Hornets and C-130 aircraft, affectionately known as "Fat Albert."

"Both myself, and Rose Harvey are thrilled to have such a powerful lineup of performers for this year's show, including both U.S. and Canadian demonstration teams that rarely all perform together in one show," said Linda Armyn, Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. "Since sponsoring Long Island's first major air show nine years ago, the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach has grown to become one of the largest, most anticipated public events in New York State. Having the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, Royal Canadian Snowbirds, U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor and United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, all together in one show, is extraordinary."

Traveling all the way from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, Long Island fans will also be treated to a performance by the Royal Canadian Air Force's 431 Flight Demonstration Squadron, known as the Snowbirds – Canada's military aerobatics flight demonstration team. The Snowbirds will fly their Canadair CT-114 Tutors, which are Canadian built jets previously used by the Canadian Forces as its basic pilot training aircraft. The Tutor weighs approximately 7170 lbs (3260 kgs) and is powered by a J-85 engine producing 2,700 pounds of thrust. Top speed of the aircraft, with smoke tanks attached, is 412 knots (470 mph or 750 km/h).

Considered unmatched by any known fighter jet in the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Air Force's F-22 Raptor will also join this year's lineup for its second Bethpage Air Show appearance. The F-22's sleek aerodynamic design, advanced flight controls, increased thrust and high thrust-to-weight ratio allows the F-22 to cruise at supersonic airspeeds and outmaneuver all current and project aircraft. Fans will witness precision aerial maneuvers demonstrating the unique capabilities of the world's only operational fifth-general fighter aircraft.

"We are pleased that the United States Navy Blue Angels have committed to perform again at this year's Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach," said Rose Harvey, Commissioner, New York State Parks Commissioner. "Memorial Day Weekend is an important time to honor women and men of our country's military both past and present, and with all of the scheduled performers, it looks like this year's show will be spectacular."

The following world-class performers are scheduled to perform at this year's show: Military performers include: United States Navy Blue Angels, Royal Canadian Air Force Snowbirds, U.S. Air Force F-22 Raptor, United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, The United States Navy F18 Super Hornet, 106th New York Air National Guard Rescue Demo Wing HC-130/HH-60, and the WWII B-17 Flying Fortress. Civilian performers include: American Airpower Museum Warbirds, GEICO Skytypers, Sean D. Tucker – Team Oracle, Lt. Col. John Klatt – National Guard Reserve, Matt Chapman, David Windmiller, and Ed Hamill, who will fly the Bethpage Bi-Plane.

"We are also pleased to welcome back Ed Hamill, a Lieutenant Colonel and F-16 Instructor Pilot, who will be flying the Bethpage Bi-Plane," said Linda Armyn. "Ed's high energy, jaw dropping maneuvers have entertained Long Islanders are years. This is truly going to be a great show."

The Bethpage Air Show will be held Memorial Day weekend 2012 at Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, NY, on Saturday, May 26, 2012 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Sunday, May 27, 2012 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Available on a first come, first served basis, fans visiting on Saturday, May 26th, will be treated to an official, laminated Air Show poster, which will be distributed at Jones Beach toll booths. The Air Show is free to the public, but the standard $10.00 vehicle use fee (parking fee) will be collected each day upon entry to the State Park. For 2012 NYS Parks Empire Passport holders, there is no vehicle use fee charge.

For $65, the Empire Passport permits unlimited vehicle access to most facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Empire Passports are available for purchase at any Long Island State Park and can be utilized immediately and are effective until March 31, 2013 to enjoy the forests, the seashores and the lakefronts of New York State's parks through all of New York's beautiful seasons!

For up-to-date information about this year's show, please visit the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach website or Facebook page or contact the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Regional Office, Recreation Department at 631/321-3510.

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