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347,000 PEOPLE ATTEND THE 2017 BETHPAGE AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Bethpage, NY – June 8, 2017 – We are pleased to announce that 347,000 people attended the 2017 Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach, despite a poor weather forecast.

The Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach is one of New York State's largest public events that took place over Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 26 through Sunday, May 28. The United States Air Force Thunderbirds headlined the show in their 5th Bethpage Air Show appearance.

The show honored Fallen Warrior Army Sgt. Anthony Mangano of Greenlawn with a show tribute by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. Mangano was killed in action in 2006 while deployed in Afghanistan. As part of the honor, the Thunderbirds placed Sgt. Mangano's name on Thunderbird Jet No. 1 during the show for a tribute performance. Sgt. Mangano's family members attended the show as guests of the Thunderbirds.

Additional performers who wowed the crowds at Jones Beach this year included the Farmingdale State College Aviation Flying Rams, who opened the show both days, as well as the United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Sean D. Tucker – Team Oracle, Matt Chapman, the GEICO Skytypers, the American Airpower Museum Warbirds, David Windmiller, and John Klatt Airshows Jack Links- Screaming Sasquatch.

The Bethpage Air Show has grown to become one of the most prestigious air shows in the country, ranked in the Top 5 by industry experts. The United States Navy Blue Angels will headline the 2018 show, making their 8th Bethpage Air Show appearance.

“The Bethpage Air Show has become a celebrated Long Island tradition for those who want to honor our nation’s military, air show enthusiasts, and the many others who choose our show as their kick-off to summer,” said Linda Armyn, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Bethpage. “We are lucky that the weather cooperated and all performers were able to thrill the crowds on both days. We are also once again thankful to all show performers and organizers for making this year’s show a big success.”

The Bethpage Air Show had record breaking attendance last year when 453,000 people attended the show. In 2015, over 439,000 spectators chose the Bethpage Air Show as their Memorial Day holiday weekend destination when the Thunderbirds last visited.

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