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**THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS!
AFTER FOUR YEARS, THE US NAVY BLUE ANGELS RETURN FOR
LONG ISLAND'S GREATEST SHOW**

**Bethpage Federal Credit Union and NY State Parks Announce
The Bethpage Air Show Performer Line-Up**

Bethpage, NY – March 30, 2022 - Bethpage Federal Credit Union, New York State's largest credit union, and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, announce the performer line-up for the much-anticipated 18th Annual Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach, taking place on Saturday, May 28, 2022 and Sunday, May 29, 2022, from 10 AM – 3 PM.

Returning for their 9th headlining performance, with two native New Yorkers on the jet team, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels return to Long Island following the cancellation of their last scheduled performance in 2020, due to Covid.

Military performers joining the Blue Angels are the United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, which will be making their 16th appearance at the Bethpage Air Show; the Air Combat Command F-22 Raptor; the U.S. Navy F-35C Tac Demonstration Team; the U.S. Coast Guard; and the 106th Rescue Wing NY Air National Guard HC - 130 / HH 60 Demonstration Team.

Civilian performers include the world-famous Skytypers and their flight squadron of five vintage WWII aircraft; Mike Goulian, North America's most decorated aerobatic pilot; Jessy Panzer, a highly recognized female aerobatic pilot making her second Bethpage Air Show appearance; the American Air Power Museum Warbirds; Long Island's own David Windmiller;

and the SUNY Farmingdale State College Flying Rams, who will fly several of their 22 college-owned aircraft.

“This year’s highly anticipated show is going to be spectacular! We are very pleased to welcome the Blue Angels back to Long Island after their four-year absence and look forward to embracing the team’s two New York teammates,” said George Gorman, Regional Director, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation – Long Island Region. “Thank you to Bethpage Federal Credit Union and all of the show’s sponsors for their continued support of what has grown to become Long Island’s Greatest Show!”

“Helping to organize the Bethpage Air Show is a labor of love for all of the show’s loyal fans and for the entire Long Island community,” said Linda Armyrn, Senior Vice President, Bethpage. “Not only have we begun to count down the days leading up to the show, but many of the show’s spectacular performers, have begun their countdowns of well, knowing how special it is to perform for Long Islanders over the waters of Jones Beach.”

The Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach is one of the largest, most respected and most popular air shows in the country. Over 289,000 people attended the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach the last time the squadron headlined in 2018.

The Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach is sponsored by Bethpage Federal Credit Union, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Newsday, WABC-TV Channel 7, Northrop Grumman, Natural Heritage Trust, Connoisseur Media Long Island, Catholic Health, PSEG Long Island and Pinelawn Memorial Park and Arboretum. The show can be heard in its entirety on WHLI 1100 AM and 104.7 FM.

The Bethpage Air Show is free to the public, but the standard \$10.00 vehicle use fee will be collected each day upon entry to the State Park. For 2022 NYS Empire Pass Card holders, there is no vehicle use fee charge.

Available for \$80, the 2022 Season Empire Pass is a wallet-sized scannable card that can be shared within a household and not assigned to a specific vehicle. The Empire Pass Card provides 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. 2022 Season Empire Pass Cards are available for purchase at any Long Island State Park beginning April 1, 2022, and can be utilized immediately and are effective until December 31, 2022 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 www.bethpageairshow.com or <https://www.facebook.com/BethpageAirShow/>, 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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