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U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet Demo Announced for 2022 Fort Wayne Air Show

U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Headline the Show

FORT WAYNE, IN (Feb. 10, 2022) – The 2022 Fort Wayne Air Show announced today that Fort Wayne has been selected by the United States Navy as one of their 2022 demonstration sites for the Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet “Rhino” Demo Team. The Super Hornet joins an air show lineup headlined by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds that will take flight June 4-5 at Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base. General admission to the show is free but there is a limited number of premium seats available for purchase at www.FWAirShow.com.

“We are excited to be one of the few sites in the country selected by the Navy for a 2022 demonstration from the Super Hornet team,” said Lt. Col. Scott Boatright, Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Air Show. “Our lineup in the air and on the ground continues to grow and this is shaping up to be our biggest show in many years.”

Designed to operate from a carrier, the Boeing-built F/A-18 Super Hornet is fully capable in both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. As the Navy’s premier front line tactical aircraft, the plane is capable of speeds of Mach 1.6. To avoid breaking



the sound barrier, the air show demo will see the aircraft reach speeds just under Mach 1.0, which is a little more than 750 mph. The demo will showcase the tactical maneuvers and capabilities of the aircraft. The Fort Wayne F/A-18 demonstration will be provided by the Super Hornet "West Coast" Demo Team, U.S. Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 122 (VFA-122) "Flying Eagles". VFA-122 is an F/A-18 Hornet and F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Fleet Replacement Squadron stationed at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California.

In addition to the Thunderbirds and the Super Hornet, the following performers are scheduled to appear:

- U.S. Special Operations Command Paracommandos Parachute Demo Team
- Indiana ANG Blacksnakes Combo Search & Rescue Demo
- Indiana ANG A-10 Thunderbolt II
- F-100 Super Sabre
- F-86 Sabre
- P-51 Mustang 'Tuskegee Airmen'
- B-25 St. Louis – Doolittle Raid
- Melissa Burns
- Kyle Franklin
- Nathan Hammond
- Skip Stewart
- Matt Younkin
- Firewalkers
- Shockwave Jet Truck
- Tinstix

Spectator experiences at the air show include:

- CAF Rise Above exhibit with P-51 "Tuskegee Airman"
- Mobile Mountain Kids Zone
- Top Gun Maverick Experience Photo Op



Premium seating areas are available for purchase while supply lasts. Those tickets are available online at www.FWAirShow.com. Additionally, there are corporate partnership opportunities available for companies and organizations seeking upscale hospitality options, branding opportunities and on-site exposure. More information is available on the show's website.

Photo Cutline: The U.S. Navy has selected Fort Wayne for one of their 2022 F/A-18 Super Hornet "Rhino" Demo Team performances. The 2022 Fort Wayne Air Show will take place June 4 & 5 at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base.

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With the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as headliners, all of Northeast Indiana's focus will be on Fort Wayne June 4 & 5, 2022 for the Fort Wayne Air Show. Hosted by the 122nd Fighter Wing of the Indiana Air National Guard, this event will be Fort Wayne's biggest summer party experience. This free community event is expected to attract more than 80,000 guests and will be marketed regionally to a marketing area including up to 10 million people. The air show provides top-shelf hospitality experiences, excellent exhibitor and on-site partnership opportunities, and chances for brands to connect in a very unique way with a high value demo through a cherished community event. Additional information is available at www.FWAirShow.com.