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**WWII DEHAVILLAND VAMPIRE, USN F/18E/F SUPER HORNET TAC-DEMO TEAM
CANADIAN FORCES CF-18 HORNET TAC-DEMO TEAM, USA GOLDEN KNIGHTS, AND
CANADIAN FORCES SKYHAWKS TO HEADLINE THE 2016
28TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SALUTE TO VETERANS AIRSHOW**

2016 THEME: *Honoring Those Who Risk All -- To Protect All*

Columbia, MO: Salute to Veterans Corporation invites the public to their two-day airshow at Columbia Regional Airport over Memorial Day weekend on May 28-29, 2016 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Admission and Parking is FREE!

DEMO TEAMS, AIRCRAFT, AND EVENTS ALREADY CONFIRMED FOR 2016

- WWII de Havilland Vampire – the world’s first single engine jet fighter, flying its first U.S. airshow!
- Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team: The Skyhawks
- United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team
- Canadian Forces CF-18 Hornet Tac Demo Team - USN F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Tac Demo Team
- Trojan Phlyers T-28 aerobatic demonstration team
- WWII BT-13 Vultee ‘Valiant Echoes’ aerobatic demonstration
- WWI Kansas City Dawn Patrol – 19 planes flying and on display
- WWI JN-4 Curtiss Jenny
- MU Pershing Rifles drill team
- Salute to the Nation Ceremony with military honored guests

STATIC DISPLAYS OPEN FOR TOURS

- WWII B-25 Mitchell Bomber
- USN P-3 Orion
- USN C-1A Trader

STATIC DISPLAYS

- USAF A-10 Thunderbolt II, Whiteman AFB (2)
- T-6 “Radial Velocity” Reno Racer
- 1943 USA Aeronca L-3 Grasshopper, “Lil’ Showme”
- 1942 PT-17 Stearman
- 1945 USA Piper L-4 Grasshopper
- 1941 Supermarine Seafire Mk. XV

MILITARY RECRUITER ELEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSETS

- USAF RAPID STRIKE MOBLE TOUR ASSET SIMULATOR USAFR USN USMC

OTHER HEADLINING EVENTS

- Tuskegee Airmen/ Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) Annual Reunions
- Annual Honored Guests and Volunteers Banquet in Southwell Arena at Columbia College Saturday, May 28th at 5:30pm. Check website for details and to purchase tickets!
- 28th Annual FREE Salute To Veterans Parade on Memorial Day, May 30, 2016, starting at 10am in downtown Columbia. Parade closed with a jump by the USA Golden Knights and Canadian Forces Skyhawks into the R. Marvin Owens Soccer Stadium at Columbia College

For additional information, visit our website at www.salute.org

Editor’s Note: The Celebration should not be referred to as “the Columbia Airshow”, “Columbia’s Memorial Day Airshow”, this “Columbia Event”, “Columbia’s Memorial Day Weekend”, etc., or any other designation that would imply that it is hosted, organized, or anyway produced or sponsored by The City of Columbia, its Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, or the State Of Missouri. It is presented solely by the Memorial Day Weekend Salute To Veterans Corporation, a private, 501c3, not-for-profit, tax-deductible, educational, Missouri Company. The Corporation consists of over 3,000 volunteers and 100 volunteer committee chairmen, none of whom is paid.