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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**THE USA BLACK DAGGERS AND CANADIAN FORCES SKYHAWKS PARACHUTE TEAMS JOIN WITH THE USN SUPER HORNET AND ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE HORNET TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION TEAMS TO HEADLINE THE 2017 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SALUTE TO VETERANS AIRSHOW**

**2017 Theme: *Honoring Veterans of Every Era, Every Branch, Every Day!***

**Columbia, MO:** Salute to Veterans Corporation invites the public to their two-day airshow at Columbia Regional Airport over Memorial Day weekend on May 27-28, 2017 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. **FREE** admission and parking!

### DEMO TEAMS, AIRCRAFT, AND EVENTS ALREADY CONFIRMED FOR 2017

- US Navy F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Tactical Demonstration Team
- Royal Canadian Air Force CF-188 Hornet Tactical Demonstration Team
- United States Army Black Daggers Parachute Team – returning for the first time since 2006!
- Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team: The Skyhawks
- WWII de Havilland Vampire aerobatic demonstration
- 1948 AD-1 Skyraider aerobatic demonstration
- Lockheed T-33 ‘Shooting Star’ aerobatic demonstration
- Trojan Phlyers T-28 aerobatic demonstration team
- WWI Kansas City Dawn Patrol – 19 planes flying and on display
- WWI Curtiss Jenny - flying and on display
- MU Rifles drill team

### STATIC DISPLAYS OPEN FOR TOURS

- USA Vietnam-era Huey Helicopter
- USAFR C-17 Globemaster III
- USN P-3 Orion
- USN C-1A Trader

### STATIC DISPLAYS

- Two USAF A-10 Thunderbolt II’s
- USAF T-6 Texan II
- WWII Piper L-4 Grasshopper
- 1951 Cessna L-19 Bird Dog
- WWII P-51 Mustang
- 1942 PT-13 Stearman
- Supermarine Seafire Mk. XV
- WWII Vultee BT-13 Valiant

### MILITARY RECRUITER ELEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL MILITARY ASSETS

- USAF Special Operations Command Recruiting Asset “Air Commando Experience”
- USAFR
- USN
- USMC

### OTHER HEADLINING EVENTS

- Tuskegee Airmen and Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) Annual Reunions
- Annual Honored Guests and Volunteers Banquet in Southwell Arena at Columbia College Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Check website for details and to purchase tickets!
- 29<sup>th</sup> Annual FREE Salute To Veterans Parade on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, starting at 10am in downtown Columbia. Parade will be closed with a jump by the USA Black Daggers and Canadian Forces Skyhawks Parachute Teams into the R. Marvin Owens Soccer Stadium at Columbia College

***For additional information, visit our website at [www.salute.org](http://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.