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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE USAF A-10 THUNDERBOLT II TACTICAL DEMONSTRATION TEAM JOINS WITH THE USA BLACK DAGGERS AND CANADIAN FORCES SKYHAWKS PARACHUTE TEAMS TO HEADLINE THE 2018 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SALUTE TO VETERANS AIRSHOW

### **2018 Theme: *Three Decades of Honoring and Remembering***

**Columbia, MO:** Salute to Veterans Corporation invites the public to their two-day airshow at Columbia Regional Airport over Memorial Day weekend on May 26-27, 2018 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. **FREE** admission and parking!

#### DEMO TEAMS, AIRCRAFT, AND EVENTS

- US Air Force A-10C Thunderbolt II Tactical Demonstration – *returning after 8 years!*
  - AND flying a Heritage Flight with a Curtiss P-40N Warhawk!
- United States Army Black Daggers Parachute Team
- Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team: The Skyhawks
- US Air Force Wings of Blue Skydiving Team – *for the first time!*
- WWII de Havilland Vampire aerobatic demonstration
- Lockheed T-33 ‘Shooting Star’ aerobatic demonstration
- 1948 AD-1 Skyraider aerobatic demonstration
- Trojan Phlyers T-28 aerobatic demonstration team
- T-6 “Radial Velocity” Reno Racer – *winner of the National Championship Air Races!*
- WWI Kansas City Dawn Patrol – 19 planes flying and on display
- WWI Curtiss Jenny - flying and on display – *100<sup>th</sup> anniversary flight!*
- MU Joint Services Drill Team

#### STATIC DISPLAYS OPEN FOR TOURS

- USN VP-30 P-3C Orion
- USN VP-30 P-8 Poseidon – *for the first time!*

#### STATIC DISPLAYS

- WWII Piper L-4 Grasshopper
- WWII P-51 Mustang
- T-6 Texan II
- Cessna L-19 Bird Dog
- C-172 Cessna
- Supermarine Seafire Mk. XV

#### MILITARY RECRUITING ASSETS

- Air Force Special Ops Air Commando Experience (ACE) - *the newest Air Force recruiting asset!*

#### OTHER HEADLINING EVENTS

- Annual Honored Guests and Volunteers Banquet in Southwell Arena at Columbia College Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Check website for details and to purchase tickets!
- Wreath-laying Ceremony on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Boone County Courthouse, at 9am.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute To Veterans Parade on Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, starting at 10am in downtown Columbia and ending at Columbia College R. Marvin Owens Soccer Stadium.
- The Salute to the Armed Forces Celebration at Columbia College will feature the arrival from the skies of the USA Black Daggers and Canadian Forces Skyhawks Parachute Teams.

***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.