

Welcome to the 2016 Thunder Over Georgia Air Show

On behalf of the men and women of Robins Air Force Base, welcome to the 2016 Thunder Over Georgia Air Show!

We've put together a fantastic line-up of aerial demonstrations and ground displays. All-in-all, we've planned two-days filled with excitement, family fun, and patriotic activities. You will witness first-hand U.S. Air Force and Team Robins' power projection capabilities that have proven vital to our great nation and our allies.

I promise you, no one is more excited about this weekend than our people – Team Robins. This event provides us with a rare chance to invite the public inside the gates of one of the Department of Defense's finest installations. It's a great opportunity for us to show off our mission sets, and the fact that success at Robins AFB = success around the world.

Of course, it's the action in the air that makes this event special. Topping the bill are the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the world's finest aerial demonstration team, bar none – flying only a few feet apart wingtip-to-wingtip. As an added bonus, visitors can get an up-close look at a one of the team's retired F-16s, in its distinctive red, white and blue paint scheme, in a special exhibit at the Robins AFB Museum of Aviation, just outside the Russell Parkway gate on Hwy 247. Don't miss that photo opportunity!

The U.S. Army's parachute demonstration team, The Black Daggers, will thrill you with precision free-fall parachuting as they descend from 12,500 feet, traveling at nearly 120 miles per hour. The Commemorative Air Force will showcase World War II aircraft: the P-51 Mustang, the Nakajima B5N and the F4U Corsair. Randy Ball will be performing a solo demo in the MiG-17F, in which he pulls 8 Gs and reaches speeds of nearly 700 mph while sometimes flying less than 100 feet off the ground. You won't want to miss world-renowned superstar, Patty Wagstaff, performing her breathtaking aerial demonstration. And that's just to name a few of the acts we have lined up for you.

Check out the fun on the ground with exhibitors and performers, plus a host of static displays including a C-5, C-17, C-130, F-15, and a Joint STARS aerial reconnaissance aircraft – all are based or maintained here at Robins AFB. And that's just the beginning.

No matter what appeals to you...we've got you covered!

I trust you will experience the camaraderie and patriotic spirit which resonates so strongly on the base and in our local community, where Every Day in Middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day. For more than 75 years, our local community has unfailingly backed Robins AFB and our many vital missions.

This year, Robins AFB celebrates our 75th anniversary. The Thunder Over Georgia Air Show is just our way of saying "Thank You!" to proud Americans across the Southeast for your steadfast support throughout the decades.

Enjoy the show!

Colonel Jeff King
Commander, 78th Air Base Wing