

# Welcome to the 2012 Robins Air Show

On behalf of the men and women of Robins Air Force Base, welcome to the 2012 Robins Air Show. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to showcase not only some of the best flying talent anywhere, but also our beautiful base which I'm sure you'll agree is "THE Installation of Excellence."

Robins Air Force Base is home to "Team Robins" and is comprised of about 23,000 active duty, reserve and guard military members and civilian Airmen with more than 35 organizations, including the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, the 78th Air Base Wing, 402nd Maintenance Wing, U.S. Air Force Reserve Command Headquarters, the 689th Combat Communications Wing, and the 116th and 461st Air Control Wings. The installation's estimated economic impact is more than \$4.5 billion a year.

This year's show promises to be a spectacular and unforgettable event for all ages. There will be more than 20 aerial performers, about 30 static displays, and 35 exhibits to entertain you, as well as a kids interactive zone and numerous food and drink options to satisfy your hunger and thirst.

Headlining the performances are the Blue Angels, the United States Navy's flight demonstration squadron, the oldest formal flying aerobatic team in the country. The squadron's six demonstration pilots currently fly the F/A-18 Hornet in front of an estimated 11 million spectators each year.

Another headline performer, Patty Wagstaff, flies low-level, competition-style aerobatic demonstrations around the globe. She is a six-time recipient of the "First Lady of Aerobatics" Betty Skelton Award, having completed more than 750 performances.

Other attractions include performances by the Air Force F-22 Raptor, C-130 Hercules, the Commemorative Red Tails Squadron, the Liberty Jump Team, Kyle Franklin's L-21 Super Cub, the Sky Soldiers, and the School Time Jet-Powered Bus.

This air show is just a small way to demonstrate our appreciation for all the support given us by Americans across the southeast. We take pride in our mission and are honored to display it for you this weekend. Again, welcome to Robins Air Force Base —"THE place to live, learn, work and play" and more importantly, have fun!

MITCHEL H BUTIKOFER, Colonel, USAF  
Installation Commander

