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Service Credit Union Boston – Portsmouth Air Show Announces Final 2011 Lineup 2011 Site Enhancements Unveiled

(**PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**) Service Credit Union Boston–Portsmouth Air Show officials held a news conference today where they announced their final performer lineup for the 2011 show and they unveiled site enhancements designed to improve the fan experience at the show. The show, which will feature the United States Air Force Thunderbirds in their first New Hampshire appearance in 25 years, will be held August 13th and 14th at the Portsmouth International Airport at Pease.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, the show will feature a blockbuster lineup including military demonstrations from the United States Army Parachute Team Golden Knights, the United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet and the New Hampshire Air National Guard KC-135. The Super Hornet will also be featured in the United States Navy Legacy Flight with the F4U Corsair.

The show will also have a phenomenal lineup of civilian aerobatic stars including National Aviation Hall of Famer Sean D. Tucker, New England native Michael Goulian, and Jason Newburg. Aerobatic teams performing include Team AeroShell with their four AT-6 "Texans", The Northeast Raiders flying Yakovlev 52's and Nanchang CJ6's, and Team Heavy Metal; a new jet demonstration team flying four L-39's and one T-33.

The show will also have a MIG-17 demonstration and a P-51 Mustang demonstration as well as a solo demo by the F4U Corsair.

The show also announced that they will have a full complement of on-ground aircraft displays and will once again have the popular Kidz' Zone Play Area on-site.

Air show officials also announced enhancements designed to improve the fan experience at this year's show. Enhancements include:



- Chief Jon Tretter, Chief of Police of Newington, New Hampshire provided details of the show's new traffic management system, which was developed by working closely with local and state authorities to increase traffic routes on and off the tradeport.
- The parking plan has been refined and has been highly coordinated to handle a large volume of vehicles.
- Additional free water will be available on site from Monadnock Mountain Spring Water from New Hampshire.
- Water will still be available for purchase but at reduced prices.
- Cool-down misting tents will be added on-site.
- A concerted effort has been made to secure large-scale static airplanes to help provide shade in main spectator area.
- A heat index flag system is being instituted and heat warnings will be announced to spectators along with reminders to hydrate.
- To meet spectator demand, food concession booths have been increased from 18 in 2010 to 37 this year (a 100% increase).

"We are excited to once again bring a world-class lineup to our air show fans throughout New England," said Steve Wade, CEO, of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire as he announced the show lineup. "Pease will be rocking with the Thunderbirds and this phenomenal lineup this August!"

Michael Kaufman, CEO of the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America detailed the show's enhancements for 2011. "We are very excited for the show and know that these site enhancements will go a long way to improving the fan experience this year. We are thrilled to have such strong community and business support to the make the air show a success. Not the least of which is our tremendous title sponsor, Service Credit Union. Their sponsorship, along with others, will certainly make the air show an over-the-top experience for families this summer."

Tickets for the show are available at www.BostonPortsmouthAirShow.com. The Service Credit Union Boston-Portsmouth Air Show, which attracted a record crowd of 70,000 spectators in 2010, is once again being jointly produced by the Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America and the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire.



High resolution images and b-roll of the Thunderbirds is available upon request from Herb Gillen Agency.

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The Service Credit Union Boston – Portsmouth Air Show was reformed in 2010 from the former Pease Air Show, which was historically a mid-tier air show held at Portsmouth International Airport at Pease and the New Hampshire ANG Base every other year. The 2010 show had a record attendance of 70,000 attendees. The event is marketed regionally to an area including up to 4.5 million people. In addition to being a first-class aviation event, The Boston – Portsmouth Air Show supports two of New England’s finest community organizations. The Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America serves more than 18,000 youths annually. The Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire is a private, non-profit, family and consumer run organization representing more than 5,000 New Hampshire residents with acquired brain disorders and stroke. For more information visit www.BostonPortsmouthAirShow.com.