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## **NAS PENSACOLA HOSTS BLUE ANGELS HOMECOMING AIR SHOW**

NAS PENSACOLA, FLA. --- The Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, will close the 2010 season at their annual Homecoming Air Show aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11, 12 and 13.

Prior to the world famous Blue Angels F/A 18 *Hornet* performances, the Blues' C-130 *Hercules* transport known as "Fat Albert" will thrill the crowd with its short field take-off and low level passes.

Other potential military performers include the F-22 Raptor Stealth Fighter, the F-15E Strike Eagle Demo Team, an F/A 18 Super Hornet from Strike Fighter Squadron 106, the U.S. Special Operations Command parachute team, and the Greyhawks of VAW-120 will fly the E-2C Hawkeye.

The Emerald Coast Skydiving team will make a jump above the show and Training Air Wing SIX will feature a fly-by with wing aircraft.

Tentatively scheduled for both days will be extraordinary aerobatics by performers such as Jan Collmer flying the Fina Extra 300L, the Aerostars Aerobatic Team will fly the Yak-52TW, David Martin, piloting his Brietling X-330, Joe Fagundes will be pushing his SNJ-5 to its limits, Bill Leff will pilot his AT-6 Texan and Bob Carlton will amaze the crowd with his sail plane.

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A Pensacola favorite: Otto the helicopter will entertain everyone with his antics and family-oriented entertainment and the B-25 “Special Delivery” will take us all back to WWII aviation.

There will be several fly-by appearances of various aircraft and Kent Shockley will roar down the runway in the 36,000 horsepower Shockwave Jet Truck.

Along with incredible flying demonstrations, more than 50 military and civilian aircraft will be on display. These static displays include aircraft ranging from the present day, state of the art fighters to aircraft from the 1930s.

In addition to the scheduled Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows, there will be a special night show beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> only. Aircraft will light up the sky with full afterburner and pyrotechnics.

Admission and parking for all shows is free. Areas will be reserved for the physically challenged. Food and memorabilia will be available at numerous concession stands. Pets and coolers are not permitted. Security personnel and signs will direct spectators to parking areas near the show site.

For more information, contact the NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Office at (850) 452-3100 ext 1534 and 1539.

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Media interested in covering the air show should contact Patrick Nichols at NAS Pensacola Public Affairs, (850) 452-3100 ext 1534 for press credentials.