

LUKE DAYS 2024

March 23 - 24 — Luke Air Force Base



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Breanna Klemm

The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Team "Thunderbirds" perform at the California Capital Airshow, at Mather Airport, Sacramento, Sept. 16-17, 2023. The Thunderbirds fly at numerous air shows each year.

Welcome!

Welcome to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, home of Thunderbolt Nation and the 2024 Luke Days Air Show! It is our distinct pleasure to welcome our friends, neighbors, and community partners from the entire Southwest region for a display of American air superiority.

Jaw-Dropping Performances and Interactive Displays

During the Luke Days 2024 Air Show we're thrilled to present our spectacular lineup of military and civilian aerial acts. The renowned U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Team are back and heading the show. On May 25, 1953, just six years after the U.S. Air Force became its own independent branch, the Thunderbirds were born as the official air demonstration team. Designated the 3600th Air Demonstration Unit, they were activated at Luke AFB, and we are excited to welcome them back to the Valley of the Sun. Over the years, with many different aircraft, the Thunderbirds have continued to represent the hardworking Airmen who serve our country every day.

Beyond the aerial demonstrations, we hope you enjoy the static aircraft dis-

plays, vendors, kid's zone, and, of course, STEM City. Explore this interactive zone featuring exhibits from many local and national organizations in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. It's a fun and educational experience for all ages!

A Legacy of Service

Luke Air Force Base boasts a rich history. Our namesake, 2nd Lt. Frank Luke Jr., a Phoenix native, was the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor for his acts of heroism in World War I. This year marks the 106th anniversary of his final World War I flight.

Since 1941, Luke AFB has been an integral part of the community. Over 61,000 fighter pilots have honed their skills here, and within a year of graduation, many are actively deployed around the globe.

The dedication of our Airmen extends far beyond our training mission, with many brave men and women currently supporting worldwide contingencies. Each Airman plays a vital role in safeguarding our skies and advancing airpower. We encourage you to take the time to talk to our Thunderbolts serving here today and learn their stories.

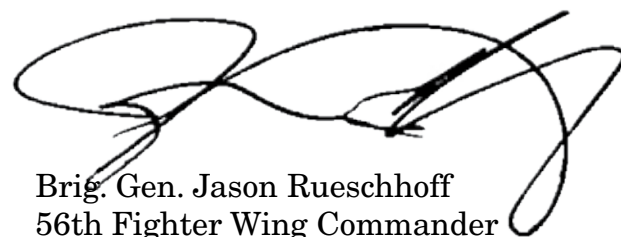


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A World-Class Event

A tremendous amount of effort goes into making Luke Days possible. We extend our deepest gratitude to our community partners, generous sponsors, vendors, and of course, our Airmen and their families. Thank you for creating this world-class event!

It's an honor to share this experience with you. We hope you have a fantastic time at Luke Days 2024!



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56TH FIGHTER WING LUKE AIR FORCE BASE



The 56th Fighter Wing, headquartered at Luke Air Force Base, Phoenix, Ariz., is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force. The wing is part of Air Education and Training Command. The wing also oversees the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the 1.7 million acre Barry M. Goldwater Military Training Range.

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LUKE HISTORY

Luke Air Force Base is named for the WWI flying ace and Phoenix native Lieutenant Frank Luke Jr., the first aviator to receive the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Luke scored 18 aerial victories, 14 against German observation balloons, before being killed at the age of 21 on Sept. 29, 1918.



THUNDERBOLT NATION

Since 1941, Luke has graduated over **61,000** pilots

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PRIDE IN THE SKY

The U.S. Air Force Aerial Demonstration Squadron, The Thunderbirds, perform for people all around the world to display the pride, precision, and professionalism of the U.S. Air Force. Through air shows and flyovers, they aim to excite and inspire. In addition to showcasing the elite skills all pilots must possess, the Thunderbirds demonstrate the incredible capabilities of the Air Force's premier multi-role fighter jet, the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The demonstration is a mix of six aircraft performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-ship Diamond formation showcases the precision and training of U.S. Air Force pilots, as well as the gracefulness of the F-16. The two solos display the power

and maximum capabilities of the mighty F-16 Fighting Falcon, a frontline fighter.

The squadron exhibits the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain, and support these aircraft.

The Thunderbirds squadron is an Air Combat Command unit composed of eight pilots (including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, three civilians and more than 130 enlisted personnel performing in 25 career fields.

The pilots perform approximately 30 maneuvers in a demonstration. The entire show, including ground and air, runs about an hour and 15 minutes. The season lasts from March to November, with the winter months used to train new members.

Officers serve a two-year assignment with the squadron, while enlisted personnel serve three to four. Replacements must be trained for about half of the team each year, providing a constant mix of experience.

The squadron performs approximately 75 demonstrations each year and has never canceled a demonstration due to maintenance difficulty. More than 300 million people in all 50 states and 58 foreign countries have seen the red, white, and blue jets in more than 4,000 aerial demonstrations.

Over the years, millions of people have witnessed the Thunderbird demonstrations. In turn, they've seen the pride, professionalism, and dedication of hundreds of thousands



U.S. Air Force by Tech. Sgt. Carlton Creary

The United States Air Force Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" perform at the Southern California Air Show 2023 at March Air Reserve Base.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Breanna Klemm

The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Team "Thunderbirds" perform at the California Capital.



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LEFT: The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Team "Thunderbirds" perform at the California Capitol Airshow, California, Sept. 16-17, 2023.



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of Airmen serving at home and abroad. Each year brings another opportunity for the team to represent those who deserve the most credit: the everyday, hard-working Airmen voluntarily serving America and defending freedom.

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F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team

As members of the first operational combat F-35A wing, the 388th Fighter Wing, the F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team at Hill AFB, Utah, seeks to highlight the unique aerial capabilities of the Air Force's newest 5th generation multi-role stealth fighter. The team also showcases the past and present of our service by flying with World War II, Korean, and Vietnam War-era aircraft during formation Heritage Flights.



U.S. Air Force Capt. Melanie "MACH" Kluesner, F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team pilot and commander, prepares to fly an aerial demonstration certification flight at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Feb. 22, 2024. Upon the 388th Fighter Wing commander certification, the F-35 Demo Team pilot is required to complete the Air Combat Command Heritage Flight Training Course.



U.S. Air Force photos by Staff Sgt. Kaitlyn Ergish
A U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II assigned to the F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team performs a practice airshow performance at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The F-35 Demo Team performs rehearsal flights regularly to maintain required flying certifications and to uphold and maintain their mission and Air Force recruiting standards.

The primary mission of the 388th Fighter Wing is to rapidly employ combat power with the F-35A Lightning II aircraft worldwide in support of the national defense. There are approximately 2,000 airmen and civilian professionals assigned to the 388th FW.

A-10c Thunderbolt II demo team

The A-10C Thunderbolt II is the Air Force's premier close air support aircraft, providing invaluable protection to troops on the ground. The Air Combat Command A-10 Demonstration Team, stationed out of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, brings the aircraft to air shows around the country to showcase the unique combat capabilities of the A-10 "Warthog."

They perform precision aerial maneuvers while highlighting the mission and professionalism of the men and women of the United States Air Force. Additionally, the team brings attention to the air force's proud history by flying formations with historical aircraft in the Air Force Heritage Flight.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Lindsay "MAD" Johnson was certified as the new A-10C Thunderbolt II Demonstration Team pilot on March 3, 2023. Johnson takes Maj. Haden "Gator" Fullam's place as the commander and pilot of the A-10 Demonstration Team.

The A-10 Demo Team originally consisted of two East and West counterparts before both were deactivated in 2011. The A-10 flew in heritage flight formations in 2012 and 2017 before reactivating as a single-ship demonstration in 2018.

The 10-member team consists of one pilot, a superintendent, a noncommissioned officer in-charge, three crew chiefs, an



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff SGT. Jacob Stephens

avionics systems specialist, an electrical and environmental technician, an engine specialist, and a public affairs specialist.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II is the first Air Force aircraft specially designed for close air support of ground forces. They are simple, effective and survivable twin-engine jet aircraft that can be used against light maritime attack aircraft and all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles.

The A-10 offers excellent maneuverability at low airspeeds and altitude while maintaining a highly accurate weapons-delivery platform. They can loiter near battle areas for extended periods of time, are capable of austere landings and operate under 1,000-foot ceilings with 1.5-mile visibility.

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- P-9 HAWK
- T-28
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- T-39A
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- BOEING STEARMAN

AIRCRAFT NOT PICTURED:

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RV-8



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- AIR FORCE F-35A
- AIR FORCE F-16
- AIR FORCE F-15E STRIKE EAGLE
- AIR FORCE C-5 SUPERGALAXY
- KC-135 STRATOTANKER
- T-38 TALON
- TEXAN II T-6
- AIR FORCE HH-60W
- AH-1 COBRA
- UH-1 HUEY
- MV-22 (MARINE CORPS)
- MH-60
- NASA F-18
- NASA T-34
- MH-60 SEAHAWK (COAST GUARD)
- F-5

U.S. Air Force T-38



U.S. Air Force T-38



U.S. Air Force F-15E



U.S. Air Force U-2



U.S. Air Force F-16



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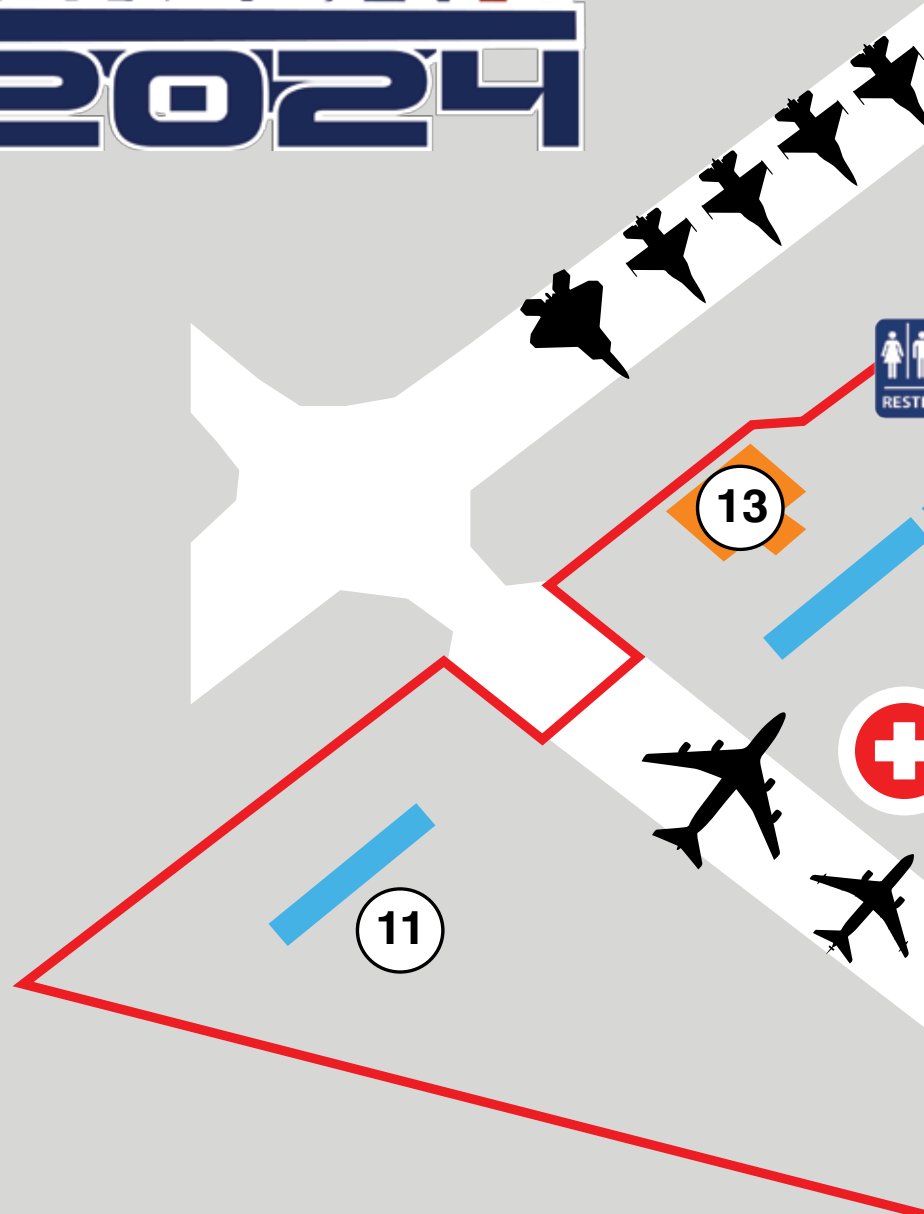


U.S. Army UH-60



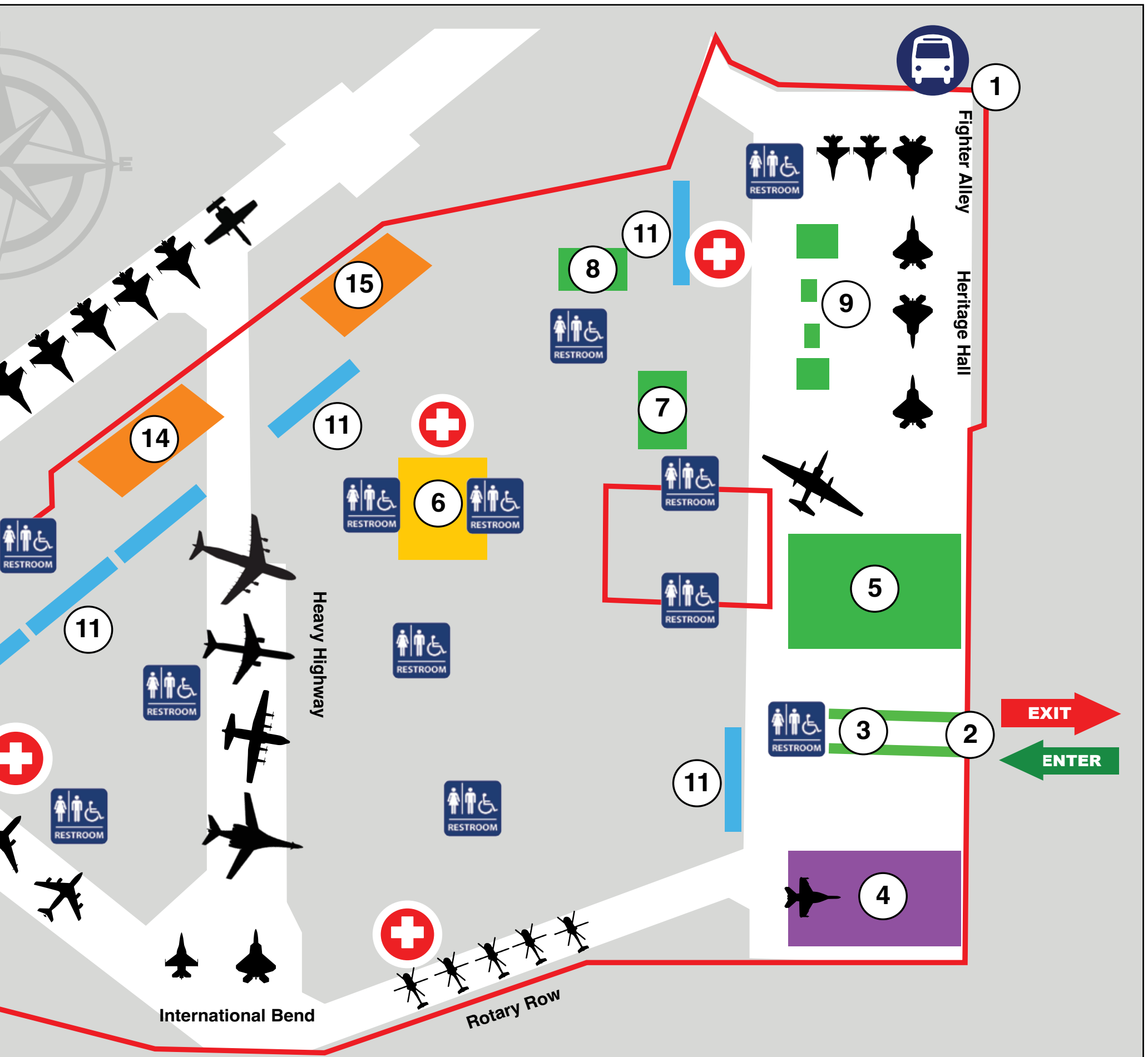
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- 2 Entrance
- 3 Information Booth
- 4 STEM City — See Page 13
- 5 Frank Luke Museum



- 6 Kid Zone**
- 7 Weapons Display**
- 8 USAA Veteran's Village**
- 9 Military Recruiting and Organizations**
- 10 Medical - Mother and Infant Station**

- 11 Food Courts**
- 12 Restrooms**
- 13 Command Tent**
- 14 Flightline Club**
- 15 Premium Box Seats**

C-17 Globemaster III

The C-17 Globemaster III is the most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the airlift force. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to main operating bases or directly to forward bases in the deployment area. The aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations. The inherent flexibility and performance of the C-17 force improve the ability of the total airlift system to fulfill the United States' worldwide air mobility requirements.

The C-17 is operated by Air Mobility Command from Travis AFB, California; Dover AFB, Delaware. Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington; Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina; and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.



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KC-135 Stratotanker

Mission

The KC-135 Stratotanker provides the core aerial refueling capability for the United States Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 60 years. This unique asset enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary mission of global reach. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied nation aircraft. The KC-135 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations.

Features

Four turbofans, mounted under 35-degree swept wings, power the KC-135 to takeoffs at gross weights of up to 322,500 pounds. A cargo deck above the refueling system can hold a mixed load of passengers and cargo. Depending on fuel storage configuration, the KC-135 can carry up to 83,000 pounds of cargo.

Nearly all internal fuel can be pumped through the flying boom, the KC-135's primary fuel transfer method. One crewmember, known as the boom operator, is stationed in the rear of the plane and controls the boom during in-flight air refueling.

A special shuttlecock-shaped drogue attached to and trailing behind the flying boom may be used to refuel aircraft fitted with probes. Some aircraft have been



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configured with the multipoint refueling system, which consists of special pods mounted on the wingtips. These KC-135s can refuel two receiver aircraft at the same time.

Background

Air Mobility Command manages an inventory of 396 Stratotankers, of which the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard fly 243 aircraft in support of AMC's mission.

The Boeing Company's model 367-80 was the basic design for the commercial 707 passenger plane as well as the KC-135A Stratotanker. In 1954, the Air Force purchased the first 29 of its future 732-plane fleet. The first aircraft flew in August 1956 and the initial production Stratotanker was delivered to Castle Air Force Base, California, in June 1957. The last KC-135 was delivered to the Air Force in 1965.



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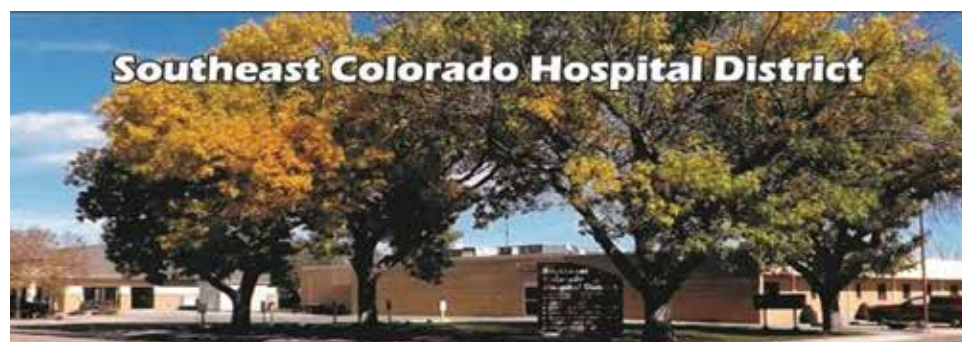
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CIVILIAN ACTS READY TO ENTERTAIN!

By Senior Airman
ELIAS CARRERO

The Luke Days 2024 air show will take place March 23-24, showcasing a wide variety of aerial performers ready to entertain the Southwest. Listed here are just a few acts scheduled to soar the skies during the event. For more information on what to expect during Luke Days, visit <https://www.lukedays2024.com>.

Team Red Bull

The Red Bull Air Force is known for pushing the boundaries of flight and making the impossible possible — whether in a plane, a helicopter, or with their own bodies via skydiving or wingsuit flying. Expect a thrilling and high energy show full of adrenaline filled stunts and acrobatics fitting the Red Bull brand.



Photo by Michael Clark

Jon DeVore and Luke Aikins jump from the skids of a Red Bull helicopter, flown by Felix Baumgartner, with Kirby Chambliss flying a stunt plane just below the heli while practicing maneuvers near Eloy, Arizona.

Ghost Writer Airshows

Originally designed as a trainer for the Royal Canadian Air Force, Ghost Writer Airshows' 1956 deHavilland Chipmunk has been specially modified for airshow aerobatics and skywriting. Pilot Nathan K. Hammond has logged more than 8,000 hours of flight time since earning his license at 17 years old. Hammond has led captivating performances since 2016. Full of smoke noise and action, Ghost Writer's routine features loops, rolls and verticals, held tightly in front of the crowd that are sure to enthrall any audience.



Photo by Trevor Griffis

Ghost Writer Airshows

Ace Maker Aviation

Pilot Robert "Scratch" Mitchell joined the Ace Maker team in 2018 as a third-generation fighter pilot who formerly flew with the Royal Canadian Air Force's Snowbirds air demonstration team. He will be bringing his wealth of experience from both in and outside the RCAF to showcase the maximum performance and graceful beauty of the Shooting Star, America's first operational fighter jet and trainer in Ace Maker's Solo T-33 Aerobatic Demonstration.



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Mini Jet Airshows



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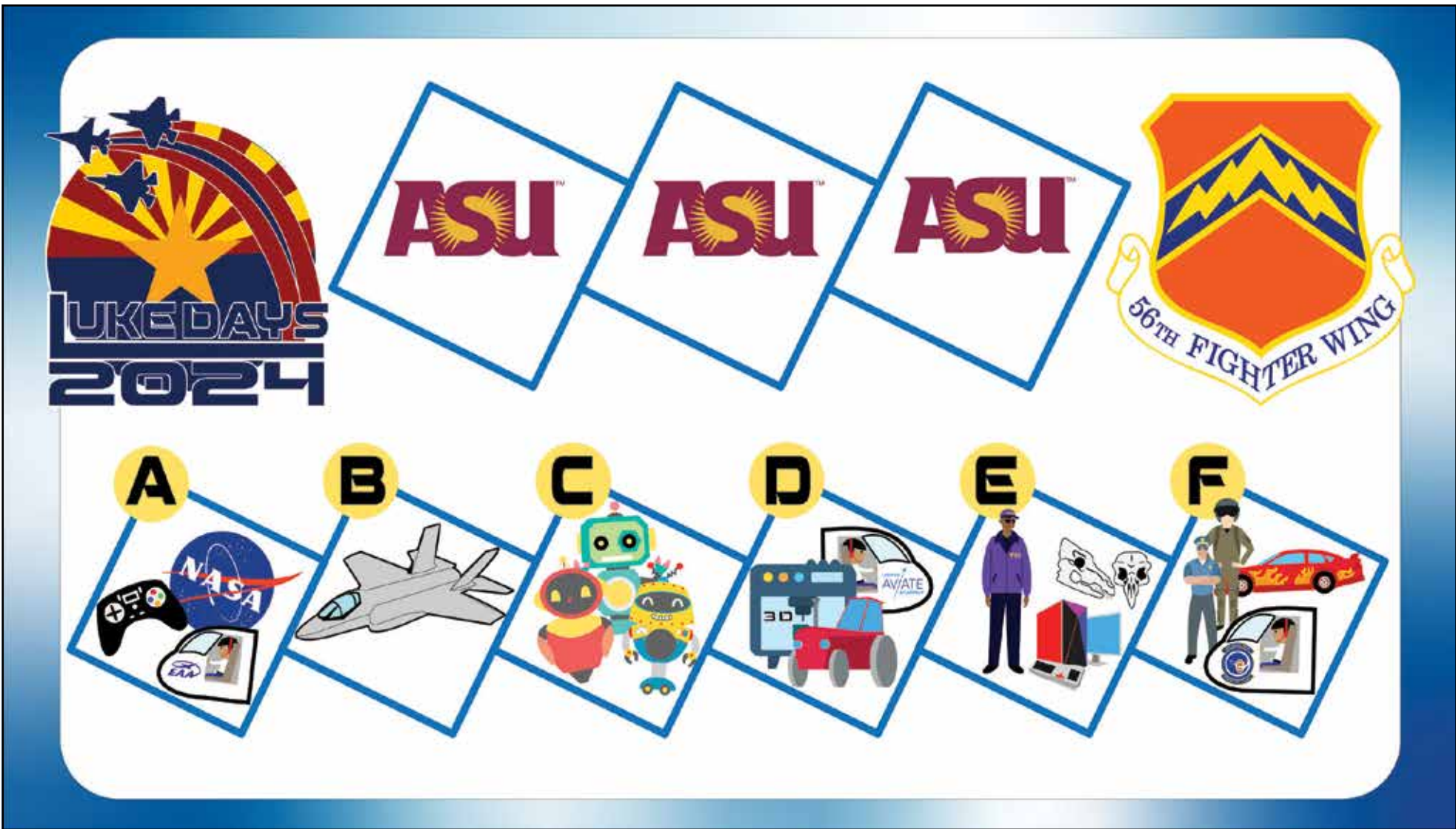
Ed Hamill – Folds of Honor Biplane

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With 30 years of flying experience in the U.S. Air Force, years spent as a sky dance performer, and participating in competitions and airshows alike, Ed Hamill has performed all across North America for over 45 million people. He is bringing that experience to Luke Days to provide an aerial acrobatics show like none other in the Folds of Honor Biplane. Folds of Honor is a nonprofit dedicated to providing life-changing scholarships to the spouses and children of America's fallen or disabled military and first responders.

For additional information regarding parking, entry procedures, static displays, military aerial performances, and a list of prohibited items visit <https://www.lukedays2024.com>. Gates open at 9 a.m. and the aerial performances start at 11 a.m.

The lifelong dream of pilot Tom "Lark" Larkin, Mini Jet Airshows features full aerobatic routines in small spaces with the JSX003 SubSonex Jet. Having watched the BD-5J perform as a child at a local airshow, and then later becoming a fighter pilot, airline pilot, and aerobatic pilot; it was always Lark's dream to do airshows in a "mini" jet. During the show, Lark performs a cross section of maneuvers that he routinely used while instructing, and flying fighters in the U.S. Air Force.



STEM CITY

<p>A FLIGHT SIMULATOR VIDEOGAMES NASA AF RECRUITING</p> <p>B F-35A LIGHTNING II</p> <p>C FIGHTER COUNTRY INNOVATION TEAM</p>	<p>D FLIGHT SIMULATOR 3D PRINTER FARM TECHNOLOGY CYBERSECURITY PROGRAMMABLE LED'S</p> <p>E FISH & WILDLIFE DISPLAY FBI TECHNOLOGY GAMING COMPUTERS & MORE</p> <p>F FLIGHT SIMULATOR PHOENIX RACEWAY CAR CAPT MAMA POLICE TECHNOLOGY & MORE</p>
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Sunday, March 24th 13:00-16:00 - ASSUMABLE VA RATE 3.75%

13621 W. Tuckey Ct, Glendale • 3921 sq ft • 5 bed • den • 3 full/2 half baths • 3 car garage • RV gate • Pool



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Thursday, March 28th 18:00-20:00 - ASSUMABLE VA RATE 3.25%

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