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SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL PARTNERS WITH BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE FOR THE 2016 OPEN HOUSE AND AIR SHOW

DATE: 7, April 2016: The 2016 Barksdale Defenders of Liberty Air Show is slated for Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. This annual endeavor led by a partnership between the Shreveport Bossier Military Affairs Council and Barksdale Air Force Base personnel is an all-time favorite for locals and visitors to the area, as well as the vintage warbird and military aircraft aficionados.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headline the event, flying demonstrations in the F/16 Fighting Falcon; highlighted by other feature performances including Kevin Coleman flying an Extra300SHP, Randy Ball's MiG17, Rob Holland in the popular MXS-RH, P-51 Quick Silver, Greg Colyer in the T-33, Dave Leedom, the B-52, B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit, B-29 Superfortress, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell, Shockwave Jet Truck, Canadian Skyhawks and more. The schedule may fluctuate, but show time will begin at 11am both days and the performance schedules will be the same. Acts are subject to change and will update as information becomes available.

“As with every air show, the 2016 Open House and Air Show poses a tremendous opportunity to reaffirm the publics’ faith and support of Barksdale Air Force Base through a two-day display of our military air power and exhilarating aerobatic performances from some of the best in the circuit. Each year we work diligently with our corporate partners, community and base partnerships to make the show even more enjoyable,” said Cindy Smith, MAC Communications Coordinator.

It's not just the air activity that attracts over 100,000 people to the base over the two-day weekend; the static displays lining the tarmac provide an inside view of some of our military aircraft. The list includes the B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit, B-52 Stratofortress, F-15C Eagle, F-15E Strike Eagle, T-1 Jayhawk, T-6 Texan II, TC-12 Huron, T-38 Talon, T-45 Goshawk, T-53, CV-22 Osprey, HC-130 Combat King II, C-130J Hercules, KC-135

Stratotanker, RC-135 Rivet Joint, UH-60A BlackHawk, LUH-72 Lakota, OH-58C Kiowa, Citation, Cessna 210, C-182, UC-78, L-29, L-39, RU-8D, Aeronca 65-C, Aeronca Champ, C-172 and more. Get connected with air show news. The official air show web site: <http://www.barksdaleafbairshow.com>, www.facebook.com/barksdaleairshow and www.twitter.com/@BAFBAirShow are keeping the community up-to-date with the performers, schedules, and real-time updates on traffic flow and other practical information.

The show is open to the public with free admission and free parking. On-base parking will be made available for visitors entering the North (Bossier) and West (Shreveport) gates. All vehicles will be directed to the flight line parking area. Visit www.barksdaleafbairshow.com/practical-info.html for entrance and traffic flow map.

"Barksdale Airmen enjoy the support of the Shreveport-Bossier community and greater Ark-La-Tex region year-round, said Maj Phil Ventura, 2d Bomb Wing public affairs officer. "The airshow is a great opportunity for us to open our doors for one weekend to educate, inspire, entertain and ultimately say thanks to the public. We look forward to having you as our guests."

The Open House aspect of the Air Show provides the community first-hand look at the Air Force history and future of the Air Force, and acts as a recruiting mechanism for the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. Visit <http://www.barksdaleafbairshow.com> for more information.

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EVENT SYNOPSIS:

Barksdale Air Force Base Open House and Air Show

Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1

Show Time: 11am

Free Admission. Free Parking.

Partnered through the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council

Performers:

U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headline with other performances by the B-52, B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit, B-29 Superfortress, B-17 Flying Fortress, B-25 Mitchell, Randy Ball – Mig17, Greg Colyer – T-33, Dave Leedom, Kevin Coleman-Extra 300SHP, Rob Holland Ultimate Airshows - MXS, Scott Yoak – P-51, Shockwave Jet Truck, Canadian Skyhawks and more.

WEBSITE / FACEBOOK REFERENCES – HEADLINER:

U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds – Headliner

<http://www.afthunderbirds.com/site/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AFThunderbirds>

<https://twitter.com/AFThunderbirds>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/afthunderbirds/>

<https://www.instagram.com/afthunderbirds/>

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