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Travis announces USAF Thunderbirds for March 2019 Air Show

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – Travis has scheduled the 2019 air show titled “Thunder over the Bay” for March 30-31.

Headlined by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the two-day event will be free and open to the public. The event theme is Honoring Hometown Heroes and will recognize admirable individuals and groups, both military and civilian, from throughout the Northern California community.

“We are thankful our country looks to the military as heroes of hope and security,” said Col. Jeff Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. “Yet, it’s important for Team Travis not to overlook the heroes in our local community who, like us, work every day to keep us safe. We look forward to a weekend displaying our gratitude the best way we know how: with a little bit of air power.”

Gates for event will open both days at 9:00 a.m. with performances running between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

In addition to the headliner event, there will be a variety of other performers scheduled to include the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team as well as the F-22 Raptor and C-17 Globemaster III demonstration teams. There will be static displays from flying units from around the nation, Travis’ own aircraft and displays from both CalFire and the California Highway Patrol. There will also be a fun zone for children, 10 and under.

While the 2019 air show performers and static displays are still being finalized, similar acts from past years are likely to participate. The 2017 air show included performances by U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachute team, Dan Buchanan, Bob Carlton, Jacquie Warda and Mark Kirsch.

Static aircraft on display during the 2017 air show included T-38 Talon, T-41C Mescalero, A-10 Thunderbolt II, B-52 Stratofortress, F-16 Fighting Falcon, KC-135 Stratotanker, C-12 Huron, Cessna C-206, Cessna C-310B, Piper Archer III, C-182 Skyline, MH-60R Seahawk, California Highway Patrol helicopter and the newest F-35 Lightning II.

Media representatives interested in more information about the event can contact the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office at (707) 424-2011 or 60AMWPA@us.af.mil.

Imagery from 2017's "Wings over Solano" air show can be found at
<https://www.dvidshub.net/search/?q=wings+over+solano&view=grid> and
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/99847360@N07/albums/72157680787183742>.

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