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

PENSACOLA, Fla. --- The Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels, will close the 2016 season at their annual Homecoming Air Show aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12.

The world-famous Blue Angels F/A 18 *Hornet* will perform their amazing aerobatics, thrilling the local crowd in this their final air show of the year and the team's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Tentatively scheduled for both days will be extraordinary aerobatics by performers such as the Vertigo Air Shows Jet Glider, the world's only jet-launched sail plane, flown by Bob Carlton; an Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon Demo and Heritage Flight with a vintage warbird, Skip Stewart in a high-flying aerobatic symphony, Kevin Coleman in his one-of-a-kind Extra 300SHP, the Pemberton Aerosports Team in their Edge 540, the Shockwave Jet Truck driven/piloted by Chris Darnell, plus many more acts.

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

In addition to the scheduled Friday and Saturday shows, there will be a special night show from 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 only. Aircraft will light up the sky with full afterburner and pyrotechnics, and will end with one of the largest fireworks shows in the Pensacola area.

Gates open both days at 8 a.m. and admission and parking for all shows are 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.

Additional information on the show and reserved seating, go to <http://www.naspensacolaairshow.com/>.

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