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Meet the Performers



The F-16 Viper Demo Team

The Air Combat Command F-16 Viper Demonstration Team at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., performs precision aerial maneuvers to demonstrate the unique capabilities of one of the Air Force's premier multi-role fighters — the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The team also works with the Air Force Heritage Flight

Foundation to create a unique demonstration of the U.S. Air Force's past and present, exhibiting the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.

The team's F-16CM Fighting Falcon, affectionately known as the "Viper," is a single-seat, multi-role fighter with the ability to switch between an air-to-ground and an air-to-air role at the touch of a button. With its lightweight frame and powerful General Electric engine generating 31,000 pounds of thrust, the F-16 can fly at speeds in excess of Mach 2

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The C-17 Globemaster

The C-17 is the newest airlift aircraft to enter the Air Force's inventory. 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 is also able to perform theater airlift missions when required.

The C-17's system specifications impose a demanding set of reliability and maintainability requirements. These requirements include an aircraft mission completion success probability of 93 percent, only 18.6

aircraft maintenance manhours per flying hour, and full and partial mission capable rates of 74.7 and 82.5 percent respectively for a mature fleet with 100,000 flying hours.

The C-17 measures approximately 174 feet long with a 170-foot wingspan. The aircraft is powered by four fully reversible Pratt & Whitney F117-PW-100 engines (the commercial version is currently used on the Boeing 757). Each engine is rated at 40,900 pounds of thrust. The thrust reversers direct the flow of air upward and forward to avoid ingestion of dust and debris.

The aircraft is operated by a crew of three (pilot, copilot and loadmaster). Cargo is loaded onto the C-17 through a large aft door that accommodates military vehicles and palletized cargo. The C-17 can carry virtually all of the Army's air-transportable, outsized combat equipment. The C-17 is also able to airdrop paratroopers and cargo.

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FG-1D Corsair - Commerative Air Force

The Commerative Air Force corsair was built by Goodyear hence the designation FG instead of F4U. BuNo 92468 (Stands for "Bureau Number" which is the Navy serial number of the airframe) never saw military combat but was used stateside in various roles until being stricken from active duty by the US Navy in 1956. BuNo 92468 was rescued from destruction in 1957 by Ernest Huggins. Ernest only held the corsair for one year when he transferred ownership to Skip Underwood of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Underwood relocated the plane to an airstrip in Buckeye, Arizona where he had a small crop dusting operation and it remained there in storage until sold in 1960 to CAF Hall of Fame member Marvin L. "Lefty" Gardner.

In 2001 the Corsair painted was at the Vought Industries Dallas facility as #530 from VMF-312 representing 1st Lt. MO Chance. [Click Here to Learn More](#)



SBD Dauntless - Commerative Air Force

The SBD was the only U.S. combat aircraft to fight from the beginning of the World War II until the end. Considered the most destructive air weapon of the U.S. Navy, the SBD sank over 300,000 tons of enemy

ships, a greater tonnage of Japanese shipping than any other Allied aircraft during the war! Eighteen were warships, including five aircraft carriers sunk in the battle of the Coral Sea and Midway. It earned the nickname "Slow, But Deadly!" The SBD was the only U.S. combat aircraft to fight from the beginning of the World War II until the end. Considered the most destructive air weapon of the U.S. Navy, the SBD sank over 300,000 tons of enemy ships, a greater tonnage of Japanese shipping than any other Allied aircraft during the war! Eighteen were warships, including five aircraft carriers sunk in the battle of the Coral Sea and Midway. It earned the nickname "Slow, But Deadly!" [Click Here to Learn More](#)



Scott Farnsworth - S-211 Marchetti Jet Qyon Aero Sports

In a world where man versus machine confrontation is increasingly talked about, we are here to propose the fusion between technology and human talent.

Motor sports has always been a great example of the synchrony between man and machine. Who has never thrilled with overtaking in Formula 1 or enjoyed a go-kart race? These are situations that

demonstrate how the union between human abilities and technological innovations can provide entertainment, fun and emotion.

And, in this scenario, air sports go further: they seek the limit of speed and maximum precision, combining the talent of experienced pilots with the latest technology to develop beautiful shows. Technological innovations disclosed in sports presentations bring relevant information to the public, in addition to a lot of entertainment provided by the exciting maneuvers performed by the pilots.

That's why we created Qyon Aero Sports, the first Brazilian air sports team: the union between talent and technology epitomizes exactly the concepts that Qyon brings to the market. We know the Brazilian's passion for aircraft, competition, technology and innovation, that's why our proposal is to share all the emotion provided by air sports with this very special audience.

[Click Here to Learn More about the Qyon Aero Sports Team](#)



Patty Wagstaff

Patty Wagstaff has earned recognition for her accomplishments as a woman, and as a pilot, flying thrilling low-level aerobatic routines in competitions and air shows before millions of spectators each year.

Her breathtaking airshow performances give airshow spectators a front-row seat view of the precision and complexity of modern, unlimited hard-core aerobatics. Her smooth aggressive style sets the standard for performers the world over. Patty has flown aerial displays in such exotic places as South and Central America, China, Russia, Europe, Singapore, Kenya and Iceland.

Patty grew up in and around airplanes. Moving to Japan when she was nine years old where her father was a Captain for Japan Air Lines. At ten years old when her father let her take the controls of his DC-6, her lifelong love affair with airplanes began. Since then she earned her Commercial, Instrument, Seaplane and Commercial Helicopter Ratings. She is a Flight and Instrument Instructor and is rated and qualified to fly many airplanes, from World War II fighters to jets. Patty's sister, Toni, is also a pilot for United Airlines.

Patty's skill is based on years of training and experience. She is a six-time recipient of the "First Lady of Aerobatics" Betty Skelton Award; an inductee into the National Aviation Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the National Air and Space Museum's Award for Current Achievement. She is proud of receiving the Airshow industry's most prestigious awards, the "ICAS Sword of Excellence", and the "Bill Barber Award for Showmanship". Recently she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Association.

In March, 1994, her airplane, the Goodrich Extra 260, went on display in the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum in Washington DC where you can see it on the Mall today.

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ChefPitts (Clemens Kuhlig) & The PittS1S

The PittsS1S

Remarks from ChefPitts:

"The airplane is a Pitts S1S. I built it in my garage over a three year period while I was working as a professional Chef. That is why I call it the "Chefpitts". I test flew it in February of 2013. I flew it to Sun n Fun in Lakeland, FL a few months later and was honored to win the "Best Homebuilt Biplane" award! The single place Pitts design has been flying since 1945. My Pitts incorporates many modifications, including: Precision wings with longer ailerons, larger tail surfaces, integral gap seals, one piece carbon fiber floor, many hand formed custom fairings, spring gear, and many more. The engine is a lightweight IO-360 from Barrett Precision Engines. About 200 hp spinning a Prince Carbon Fiber Prop.

The paint scheme is what sets this airplane apart. It is unique to this airplane. I designed the scheme and painted the airplane myself. The bottom surfaces feature a 3 dimensional cube design inspired by the German WW 1 " Lozenge " camouflage....The face on the nose is an homage to Cole Palen, who started "The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome" in NY. The face was on his Fokker Triplane. It was also on the Triplane of German Ace Werner Voss during WW1. "





Jim Peitz and the Beechcraft Bonanza

“Jim is the recipient of the most prestigious award in the airshow industry, the International Council of Airshows Sword of Excellence”

He has performed in a wide variety of airshow aircraft. His first "real" airshow airplane was the venerable Christen Eagle, which he flew for eight years, Followed by a 14-year run in an Extra 300L. He has been flying the F33C Beechcraft Bonanza for over 10 years.

He believes that aviation is one of the greatest freedoms we enjoy in this country, and nobody probably enjoys it more than Jim. He flies his CERTIFIED aerobatic Beechcraft F33C Bonanza in an amazing demonstration that will leave all who see it completely mesmerized! The specialized Bonanza is capable of a wide range of aerobatic maneuvers including loops, point rolls, barrel rolls, snap rolls, Cuban eights, and hammerheads.

Jim also owns and operates Mustang Aviation, a full service FBO, charter company and maintenance facility at the Pierre Regional Airport.

When he isn't flying airshows, operating Mustang Aviation or Alliance Aircraft Sales, Jim enjoys taking his Cessna 180 to the back country for some fishing or pheasant hunting in the hills of South Dakota.



SOCOM Para-Commandos

The SOCOM Para-Commandos are the US Special Operations Command's premier aerial parachute demonstration team. They perform at high visibility events across the nation, informing the public about the US Special Operations Command; the command's mission, and the contributions our 70,000 plus Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Department of Defense Civilians are making across the United States and in more than 70 countries around the globe.

The Para-Commandos are members of and representative of today's Special Operations Forces. The Para-Commandos are comprised of active-duty Special Operators, such as Army Special Forces, Army Rangers, Navy SEALs, Air Force Combat Controllers and Marine Raiders. In addition, the Para-Commandos have a number of support personnel, commonly referred to as Special Operations Enablers. Our enablers come from all four services and include reserve forces as well.



Matt Jolley - Air Show Announcer

Matt Jolley will be the Air Show Announcer for the 2021 Florida International Airshow. Matt Jolley's voice is heard by over a million fans every year at the top aviation events across the USA, including: The Great Pacific Airshow, MCAS Miramar, Andrews Air Force Base and many more. He's worked numerous MAJCOM shows for the United States Air Force, major events for the Department of the Navy and regularly serves as the principal announcer for top civilian airshows nationwide.

Matt is the only announcer in the industry with a national Edward R. Murrow Award for his work as a journalist. As a career broadcaster, Matt is the creator of *History Worth Saving* and a veteran television news and radio host.

Matt not only knows about airplanes and the stories behind them, he's also a rated pilot, vintage military aircraft owner and an active member of the International Council of Air Shows currently serving on the Ethics Board.





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