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***American LeMans Driver to Host America's
Wounded Warriors at Vectren Dayton Air Show***

Dayton, Ohio –The Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will be the site of a lot of exciting fast-moving performances in the air and on the ground this weekend (July 19th & 20th at the Dayton International Airport) and one of the show attendees is no stranger to the world of speed. But American Le Mans racing driver, Jason Carter, will just be a spectator this Sunday hosting some very honored guests.

Carter, founder of “Racing For Our Heroes” will bring to the Air Show twelve members of our nation’s military that are recovering from serious combat wounds suffered in the Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts.

“Racing For Our Heroes” is a non-profit organization supporting the recovery and rehabilitation of disabled, wounded, and amputee war zone veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Founded in September 2006 by Carter, a former U.S. Marine and current American Le Mans racing driver, “Racing For Our Heroes” is a program for wounded warriors who have expressed a passion for motor sports. At each event, “Racing For Our Heroes” invites veterans from the local area to experience the excitement of racing and other events such as air shows. The injured service members with Carter this weekend will all be traveling from either Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio or Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C.

The Disabled American Veterans are a sponsor of Carter’s “Racing For Our Heroes” program and also will be hosting the B-25 “Panchito” that will be performing and on display at the Vectren Dayton Air Show this weekend.

Carter will be racing on Friday, July 18th and Saturday, July 19th at the Mid Ohio Grand Prix in Lexington, Ohio where he will be hosting the injured servicemen and will then travel to Dayton with the group to attend the Air Show on Sunday, July 20th. At the conclusion of Sunday’s show, Carter and his guests will take rides in the B-25 “Panchito” courtesy of the Disabled American Veterans and the aircraft’s owners, Larry and Lori Kelley.

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Carter feels very blessed to be able to give back to the military community that has been such a big part of his family for generations. In addition to his own Marine service, Carter's grandfather was killed in battle during WWII, his father was an Air Force flight surgeon and his brother is currently serving in Marine First Force Recon.

"We love 'em, we thank them for their service, and we want to show our appreciation," Carter said about the wounded warriors he hosts. "This is a labor of love and these wounded warriors make my racing more memorable to me."

Many of the rehabilitating young men that Carter works with face significant disabilities and up to 15 to 25 months of inpatient care in which serious depression can result. "We want to show them that they can reconnect with things they are passionate about like motor sports. They need to see that life still goes on," Carter said.

Rob Lewis, Marketing and Special Events Manager of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) said that it was a natural for their organization's mission to overlap into air shows and motor sports. "There is really a symbiotic relationship there," said Lewis. "We're dealing with people who appreciate that speed and love going fast. That stuff just all goes together. The timing worked out well for us this weekend that Jason would be racing just up the road at Mid-Ohio from the Vectren Dayton Air Show."

This is the sixth season that the DAV has been a sponsor of an aircraft on the air show circuit and will be their fourth time hosting an aircraft at the Dayton show.

For additional information on Jason Carter and Racing For Our Heroes, visit their www.rfoh.org. Additional information about the Disabled American Veterans can be found at http://www.dav.org/news/news_20080314.html

The 2008 Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will feature the amazing F-22 Raptor in its first-ever full demonstration in Dayton. In addition to the Raptor, the show has a full lineup that includes the Starfighters F-104 Jet Demo Team, Hall of Fame aerobatic legend Sean D. Tucker, the Misty Blues All Woman Skydiving Team and much more.

General admission tickets for this year's show remain at \$19 for adults, and \$16 for seniors (ages 60 and up) and youth (ages 6-11). Children ages five and under can enter free-of-charge. Fans can also obtain a \$3 discount per General Admission ticket by using their Kroger card when purchasing tickets at Kroger stores. Tickets are also available on the show's Web site at www.daytonairshow.com, or by calling 800-585-3737. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the gate during the show.

In addition to Family Four Pack and General Admission tickets, the popular Pavilion and Blue Sky premium seats are also on sale on the show's website at www.daytonairshow.com. Blue Sky seats for Saturday, July 19th are sold out. There are still also a limited number of Chalet and Chairman's Club premium seating packages available.

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Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show presented by Kroger is one of the country's premier air shows. The event showcases military jet demonstrations, world-class aerobatic champions and entertainment for the whole family celebrating Dayton's

rich aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

America's Greatest Air Show...Dayton's Premier Summer Event