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Exciting Ground Displays at Vectren Dayton Air Show Performer Autograph Tent to be Unveiled at 2010 Show

Dayton, Ohio – Although the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other performers roaring through the skies will get the bulk of fans' attention at this weekend's Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger, there are numerous exciting ground activities planned that will match the entertainment in the sky.

One of the most popular activities at the Vectren Dayton Air Show is the opportunity to meet performers and receive autographs. While some performers will continue to walk the flightline providing handshakes and autographs, this year, for the first time, the show has created a **Performer Autograph Tent** to allow fans an opportunity to get up-close to performers. The autograph tent will be located near the LaRosa's Pavilion and will have various show performers visit every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

As always, the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger will host an amazing lineup of static aircraft displays. In fact, more than 100 ground aircraft displays will include fighters, warbirds, and private aircraft.

Perhaps the most intriguing static aircraft display will be the **MQ-1 Predator** unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). The Predator has been in the headlines frequently with its recent successes in the War on Terror throughout the Middle East.

Of course there are fun options for kids at the Vectren Dayton Air Show. The **Vectren Kids' Hangar** will return this year. The Vectren Kids' Hangar is a tented area with free activities just for kids. Children can dig in a huge sandbox, enjoy face painting and crafts, climb on a backyard gym and much more. The Vectren Kids' Hangar will be open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to enjoy The Vectren Kids' Hangar.

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Also returning this year is **Aerospace Adventures (A2)**. Aerospace Adventures provides many interactive, hands on activities, experiments, and demonstrations to the public. Aerospace Adventures will be open throughout the Vectren Dayton Air Show on the show grounds near the LaRosa's Pavilion. The goal of A2 remains consistent – to get kids interested in technical careers. Aerospace Adventures is produced by the National Aviation Heritage Area Alliance.

Our nation's military recruiters will be well represented with exciting, interactive ground displays.

The Army Strength in Action Tour is a fully interactive experience allowing participants to explore elements of the U.S. Army. Participants can experience a variety of interactive fitness, educational, robotic and other technical elements. The Strength in Action Zone Tour includes: fitness challenges, interactive robotics, team simulator games and decision-making challenges, and an Apache helicopter flight simulation.

The United States Navy will also present a high-tech interactive ground display at this year's show. **The U.S. Navy Simulator Exhibit** allows visitors to experience how it feels and sounds to stand aboard a Navy aircraft carrier while a fighter jet takes off or what it feels like to be flying that jet. Inside the simulator's mini-theater, participants see and feel what it's like as they are transported on typical Navy missions, such as landing ashore for a humanitarian mission or using high-tech equipment to observe the enemy. It's an inside look at everyday life for America's Navy.

The **United States Air Force** will bring their exciting interactive ground display to this year's show. Features include realistic flight simulators that allow visitors to experience the technology available to pilots and crew as well as several high-tech interactive displays.

Headlining this year's Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger are the US Navy Blue Angels, who will appear with aerobatic legends Sean D. Tucker and the AeroShell Aerobatic Team along with newcomers Pirated Skies Wing-walking, Greg Poe, Team Fastrax skydiving and School Time, the Jet-Powered School Bus. The show will also celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the legendary WWII B-17 bomber with a dramatic bombing reenactment complete with pyrotechnics. The USAF F-16 Fighting Falcon and US Navy F-18 Super Hornet Demonstrations are also part of this year's star-powered lineup.

While some premium seating areas have sold out, limited numbers of premium seats remain available in the Blue Sky Chalet and the Pavilion Check out all the terrific ticket options on the show's web site, www.daytonairshow.com. Deep discount advance tickets are also conveniently available exclusively at Kroger area stores in the Dayton-Cincinnati region.

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Founded in 1975, the Vectren Dayton Air Show Presented by Kroger is one of America's premier air shows. The Air Show showcases world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family celebrating Dayton's aviation heritage as home of the Wright Brothers, National Museum of the US Air Force and Wright Patterson AFB. For more information visit www.daytonairshow.com