

## PRESS RELEASE

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## Meet the U.S. Navy Blue Angels June 16!

NVMM partners with Columbus Air Show to host Exclusive Rooftop Meet and Greet

COLUMBUS, Ohio – In partnership with the <u>Columbus Air Show</u>, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) presents <u>Veteran</u> <u>Voices: An Evening with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.</u>

The free event will take place on the NVMM Rooftop at 7 p.m. Museum doors will open at 5:30 p.m. allowing event ticketholders to enjoy complimentary after-hours museum admission including the traveling exhibition, <u>A Midshipman's Journey</u>, by artist and Navy Veteran, Kristin Cronic.

An Ohio-based airwing flyover will take place prior to 7 p.m. (Time to be determined). The program will take off with remarks and introductions by master of ceremonies, Tony Anzic, vice president, JPMorgan Chase. Anzic is a U.S. Navy Veteran and NVMM board member. <u>While tickets are free, registration is required</u> to insure adequate space.



Attendees will learn about the Blue Angels' inspiring culture of excellence and service to our country through their flight demonstrations and community outreach. Since 1946, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels have performed for more than 500 million fans, and 2023 marks two special occasions: the 50th anniversary of women in Naval aviation and the first female pilot for the Blue Angels, Lieutenant Amanda Lee.

Guests also can browse the <u>Museum Exchange</u> (Gift Shop) featuring items made by Veteran-owned or operated businesses including a series of prints by artist Kristin Cronic including, <u>"Blue Angels in Formation"</u> (also available online).

Powered by the Central Ohio Ford Dealers, <u>Veteran Voices</u> is an NVMM program that pulls back the curtain of history to share crucial moments in time through conversations with Veterans who experienced them.

## About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. <u>The National Veterans Memorial and Museum</u> pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world.

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