



News Advisory

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CHARLESTON AIR EXPO 2001 MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

- What:** Media opportunities for upcoming Air Expo 2001
- Date and Time:** Anytime prior to Thurs., May 17 (Telephone interviews with civilian performers)*
Wed., May 16, 1 p.m. (WCSC TV 5 Bill Walsh flies in Blue Angels F-18)
Wed., May 16, 2:30 p.m. (WCB TV 2 Blair Miller flies in Blue Angels F-18)
Wed., May 16, 4 p.m. (Post & Courier Ron Menchaca flies in Blue Angels F-18)
Thurs., May 17, 2:45 p.m. (**Blue Angels practice show, interview opportunity**)
Fri., May 18, 10 a.m. (Golden Knights jump into Summerville High School)
Fri., May 18, 3 p.m. (**Five media seats available for B-25 bomber flight**)
Fri., May 18, 5:45 p.m. (Air Expo 2001 Extravaganza parachute jump and flyby)
Sat., May 19, 9 a.m. (WCSC TV 5, WCIV TV 4, WCB TV 2 fly w/ Golden Knights)
Sat., May 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Air Expo 2001; NOTE: Blue Angels fly at 2 p.m.)
- Location:** All flights, except the B-25, depart/return to Charleston Air Force Base flightline
B-25 departs/returns to the Executive Aviation Airport, Johns Island
Blue Angels practice show and interviews will be on Charleston AFB flightline
Golden Knights jump Friday is at Summerville HS
Extravaganza Wings of Blue parachute jump and flyby are on flightline
Air Expo 2001 at Charleston AFB flightline (media park near handicapped parking)
- Why:** The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will fly selected media personalities Wednesday to generate airshow publicity. It will be the ride of their lives!
- The rest of the Blue Angel team arrives Thursday and will do a practice show to familiarize themselves with the airfield/area. The team is available for interviews once they land. This is the only opportunity to interview members of the Blue Angels team.
- The U.S. Army Golden Knights parachuting team will jump into Summerville HS for a student audience. One of the team members is a Summerville HS graduate.
- A B-25 bomber, which will perform a flyby in the airshow, is offering five seats to media for a flight Friday. The B-25 was one of the most famous aircraft of WW II.
- The Golden Knights will bring selected television media personalities on their flight for their Air Expo 2001 jump. The stations will cover the team's pre-jump activity.

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The Air Expo 2001 Extravaganza is an event to honor the air expo sponsors. Guests will be bused from the social event at the Charleston Club for a short preview show. Media may cover the arrival of the Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachuting team and the fly-by airshow of four aircraft.

Air Expo 2001 is a daylong open house event full of aerobatics and aircraft displays. It is free and open to the public; and 60,000 people are expected to attend. Air Force open houses show the mission, equipment and facilities of the nation's military, and the skills and professionalism of its people. Attached is the most current schedule of events. **NOTE: Schedule of events is subject to change.**

Contact:

News media interested in attending any of these events should contact Master Sgt. Dan Murphy at 963-5582 or Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith at 963-5589.

* The following civilian aircraft performers are willing to do telephone media interviews, and may be willing to schedule in-person interviews :

Roger Simpson, CM 170 Fouga French twin jet fighter aerobatics
W: (743) 729-4500, H: (248) 348-6714
Joe Howell, T-34C tandem cockpit low-wing turboprop trainer
(864) 288-5827
Douglas Jackson, Japanese Zero WWII fighter
(316) 942-3288 (leave voicemail)
Brig. Gen. Reg Urschler (Ret.), P51 Mustang WWII fighter
(402) 733-3531

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Air Expo 2001 – May 19 Schedule of Events

9 a.m.	Gates Open
9-9:45 a.m.	Remote Control Aircraft demonstrations
9:45 – 10 a.m.	Wing Commander Welcome
10 – 10:25 a.m.	Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachute jump team
10:25 – 10:35 a.m.	C-17 Globemaster III airlifter demonstration
10:45 – 11 a.m.	F-104 Starfighter Vietnam-era supersonic jet demonstration
11 – 11:20 a.m.	B-1B bomber demonstration
11:20 – 11:35 a.m.	T-28 Trojan Korean War-era trainer flyby
11:35 – 12 p.m.	U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute jump team
12 – 12:15 p.m.	CM 170 Fouga French twin jet fighter aerobatics
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter demonstration
12:30 – 1 p.m.	P51 Mustang / Japanese Zero WWII fighters with pyrotechnics
1 – 1:20 p.m.	T-33 Shooting Star trainer and former Thunderbird demonstration
1:25 – 1:40 p.m.	F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter
1:50 – 2 p.m.	B25 Mitchell WWII bomber and UC-78 WWII trainer flyby
2 – 4 p.m.	U.S. Navy Blue Angels demonstration/C130 Jet Assisted Take Off

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