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### **CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE SETS STAGE FOR AIR EXPO 2001**

**CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C.** – The Navy’s Blue Angels will perform an exciting aerial ballet of high-speed maneuvers and turns as they take over the skies of Charleston AFB during Air Expo 2001, Saturday, May 19.

Air Expo 2001 will showcase the only military aerial demonstration team in South Carolina this year.

The Blue Angels, separated only by inches, have flown in front of 337 million people in aerial demonstrations throughout the 50 states, and around the world since their first demonstration in June 1946.

The Blue Angels’ aerial demonstration team is a mix of formation flying and solo routines in the FA-18 Hornet jet. The six pilots perform approximately 30 maneuvers in the demonstration. The entire Blue Angel show runs about one hour and 15 minutes.

Air Expo 2001 will also display some of the Air Force’s most popular aircraft to include the F-15 Eagle fighter, B-2 Spirit Stealth Bomber (shaped like a bat wing) and the C-17 Globemaster III.

Some of the static aircraft to be displayed are the F-117 Nighthawk Stealth Fighter, the B-52 Stratofortress Bomber and the AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter.

Other acts scheduled to appear will be the Army "Golden Nights" parachute jump team and a dogfight between the Korean War era MIG-15 Russian and F-80 American fighter.

The base will open its gates at 9 a.m., and the show will start at 10 a.m. As always, admission and parking are free.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. No bicycles, pets, smoking, glass containers, or roller-blading will be allowed on the flight line. For the latest information on Air Expo 2001, the public may call 963-EXPO, or check out Charleston AFB's web site at <http://www.charleston.af.mil>.

Flying acts scheduled to appear are subject to change.

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