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French Air Force's Elite "Patrouille de France" to Perform at Mather Airport

April 15 event Honors 100th Anniversary of America Entering World War I

Sacramento, Calif. – The California Capital Airshow (CCA), presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, will host the French Air Force's elite "Patrouille de France" at Mather Airport for an exclusive performance on April 15 as part of a limited U.S. tour to honor the 100th anniversary of America entering World War I to support our European allies. Sacramento is the only west coast appearance and one of only eight U.S. cities to showcase this extraordinary eight-ship military jet demonstration team.

"The California Capital Airshow is proud to honor the men and women who serve, while introducing families and spectators to the power and magic of flight," said Darcy Brewer, Executive Director, California Capital Airshow. "This event is a tribute from our French allies to the American heroes of World War I and a rare opportunity to experience this world class air force up close and personal."

The visit from Patrouille de France marks the first time the CCA will host an off-season airshow demonstration. While the aerial demonstration will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, April 15, the Patrouille de France will arrive in Sacramento on Thursday, April 13. The French pilots will take part in a number of community engagement events leading up to Saturday.

"We are very excited about the upcoming visit of the Patrouille de France in California," said Emmanuel Lebrun-Damiens, Consul General of France in San Francisco. "The French Air Force's elite demonstration will illustrate the close relationship between our two countries."

The event certainly has its historical significance, but it will also serve as an opportunity for aviation fans to witness heart-pounding jet engines in flight months before the premier California Capital Airshow on September 9 and 10.

Details of the Patrouille de France airshow:

When: Saturday, April 15. Gates open at 10 a.m. Show is Noon to 2 p.m.

Where: Sacramento County's Mather Airport

What: One-day only, aerial demonstration by the French Air Force's elite Patrouille de France

Who: In addition to the Patrouille de France flight team, French dignitaries and U.S. and California officials will be on hand to honor the historic anniversary

How: Ticket sales are now open to Airshow Insiders and non-Insiders at the CCA website <http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com>. Learn about the benefits of becoming an [Insider here](#). No tickets will be available the day of the event.

Patrouille de France 2017 Press Kit: <http://www.patrouilledefrance.fr/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/dpPAF2017.pdf>



Background on the 100th Anniversary milestone

This event is part of the U.S. tour to commemorate the 100th anniversary of United States entering World War I on April 6, 1917, to support our European allies. One year later in 1918 Mather Field opened, serving primarily as an U.S. Army Air Service flight training center for servicemen on their way to World War I battlefields in Western Europe.

About California Capital Airshow

Established in 2004, the California Capital Airshow 501(c)(3) plans and operates the exciting, family-friendly annual event designed to honor the Sacramento region's rich aviation heritage and veterans while using the power and magic of flight to inspire young people. CCA gives back to the community through scholarships, charitable group donations and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information about the airshow, performers, and discount tickets, please visit <http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com>