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**California Capital Airshow Offers Spine-Tingling Thrills by Day and by Night
*U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds to Headline the Weekend***

SACRAMENTO, CA – September 17, 2018 – The [California Capital Airshow](#) (CCA), presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, roars through the skies over Sacramento this weekend. The three-day event held September 21, 22 and 23 includes the night show, Airshow After Dark, as well as two full days of heart-pounding aerial performances and aircraft displays.

Headlined by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Demonstration Squadron, on September 22 and 23, the weekend airshows offer a lineup that promises to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. Spectators can view exhilarating performances from the Air Force F-35 Heritage Flight Team, the internationally acclaimed U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Canadian Forces CF-18 Hornet, and an awe-inspiring lineup of world-class civilian aerobatic performers. Several military aircraft will make fly-by appearances as well.

Festivities officially begin on Friday, September 21 with the Airshow After Dark -- a nighttime extravaganza of flying, fireworks and music amid an atmosphere of family fun and entertainment. Gates open at 5 p.m. for an evening that commemorates Mather Airport's 100th birthday and culminates with an explosive Wall of Fire, a mesmerizing fireworks display and a heart-thumping concert by premier dance cover band, "Wonder Bread 5".

Throughout the weekend, airshow guests can take in a thrilling show of aerobatic stunts overhead, miles of aircraft displays, featuring fully-restored warbirds, massive cargo airplanes and military aircraft and interactive STEM exhibits that include virtual reality experiences designed to inspire future aviators and innovators. Also on site, the Mather 100 Museum -- a temporary exhibit curated exclusively for the California Capital Airshow that offers a walk back in time through the Mather Airfield gates.

"Airshow After Dark, Mather's 100th anniversary and the return of the Thunderbirds, are just a few of the things that make this year's Airshow one for the record books" said Darcy Brewer, executive director, CCA. "Future innovators come to be inspired by STEM, thrill seekers come for the adrenaline rush of the aerobatic stunts, and people of all ages come for the hands-on interaction with dozens of modern and vintage aircraft on the ground. And you don't have to be a history buff to appreciate what you'll find at the Mather 100 Museum. There is something for everyone at the show this year!"

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Airshow tickets can be purchased in advance online. Designed to offer family-friendly experience, each Adult General Admission ticket provides admission for one adult and up to four children under the age of 15, children under two are free. Discounted tickets are available through the Airshow Insider program at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com. For more information on the Airshow go to www.CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

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 CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com.

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