



ONE OF THE TOP AIRSHOWS IN NORTH AMERICA WELCOMED SOLD-OUT CROWDS AT MATHER AIRPORT

The highly anticipated California Capital Airshow returned to Sacramento 9/30 – 10/2, resulting in 85,000 attendees safely spreading their wings across 171 acres of outdoor event space

SACRAMENTO, CA – October 5, 2022 – The [California Capital Airshow \(CCA\)](#), presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, successfully wrapped its 2022 Airshow on Sunday with a sell-out resulting in 85,000 attendees at the three-day limited capacity event. The 16th Annual Airshow celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the United States Air Force with the long-awaited return of the F-22 Raptor, followed by an extensive list of exhilarating military jet performances. From the heart-stopping roar of the Navy’s E/A-18G Growler Demo Team, Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornet, and screaming F-15 Eagles to one of the U.S. Navy F-18 Hornets straight out of the movie set from this summer’s blockbuster film!

The Sacramento skies were filled with the roar of an all-military line-up of jet performances paired with historic aircraft that helped to tell our nation’s story over the last 75 years. Veterans, families, and thrill-seekers of all ages were welcomed inside the gates of Mather Airport on Friday, September 30, to kick off the festivities with a drive-in airshow and tailgate party, followed by a more traditional aviation festival experience all day Saturday and Sunday. The largest military jets on earth and rarest of vintage warbirds were part of the miles of impressive weekend displays to explore, along with interactive STEM activities, endless food options, exhibits, and live music that had the crowds on their feet.

There was something for everyone; no matter where you turned, attendees got to experience first-hand the power, technology, and art of aviation. The Airshow continued its mission with a 3-day STEM Expo beginning Friday, focusing on kids interested in a wide variety of coveted careers available in STEM, aviation, and aerospace with an “Ask Me Anything” conference and two days of behind-the-scenes STEM immersion tours. This year’s event also featured an emotional tribute to veterans from WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Desert Storm.

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“While it’s exhilarating to see these remarkable jets perform, the greatest thrill for us is knowing that we have inspired young people to dream big and explore the world of aviation and STEM,” said Terrence McNamara, CCA Board Chairman. “We are proud of our collaborative work between sponsors, regional community leaders, and the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to make this a safe and fun event every year,” continued McNamara. “We are especially indebted to the over one thousand volunteers who work tirelessly to produce this thrilling and meaningful community event every year.”

Special thanks also to CCA sponsors Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Lasher Dodge, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Lockheed Martin, Micron Technology, Modern Aviation, Markstein Beverage, Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Matheson, SMUD, Atlas Disposal, Safe Credit Union, Elite Power, Fox 40, and iHeart Media.

The Airshow’s performances, themes, exhibits, and activities are new and different every year, and planning is already underway for 2023. CCA will be releasing more information about that event in the coming months. 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 STEM scholarships, charitable group donations, and exciting educational youth programming throughout the year. For more information, please visit the [California Capital Airshow](http://www.californiacapitalairshow.com) website.

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