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CALIFORNIA CAPITAL AIRSHOW REACHES NEW HEIGHTS WITH RECORD-BREAKING SOLD-OUT EVENT

Unprecedented Demand Leads to Sell-Out Days in Advance, Showcasing World-Class Performances and Exciting Displays

SACRAMENTO, Calif. –The 19th Annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, achieved a historic sell-out, captivating over 100,000 attendees across March 22-23, 2025. This unprecedented demand culminated in a spectacular airshow headlined by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron.

“The enthusiasm for this year’s Airshow was truly remarkable,” said Darcy Brewer, Executive Director of California Capital Airshow. “Selling out days in advance is a testament to the incredible lineup and the unique experience we strive to deliver. This event attracts a growing number of aviation enthusiasts from all over the globe, and it is a true honor to create this event for our community.”

A Completely Sold-Out Airshow Weekend

For the first time in California Capital Airshow history, the show completely sold out of General Admission and premium venue tickets. General Admission tickets sold out in the days leading up to the event. To accommodate the demand, the Airshow team secured additional parking to accommodate an extra 1,400 attendees per day. These limited tickets, which also sold out rapidly, were offered exclusively to "Airshow Insiders," subscribers of the Airshow's email updates.

"This year's record-breaking attendance shows how important this event is to the Sacramento region," said Terrence McNamara, Chairman of the California Capital Airshow Board of Directors. "We are deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our many volunteers, partners and sponsors, and the essential collaboration with Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova."

The Blue Angels Took to the Skies

This year’s airshow featured a stellar lineup of performers that left audiences in awe. Highlights included the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Marine Corps F-35B Lightning II, U.S. Air Force F-16

Viper and C-17 Globemaster III demonstration teams, Tucker's Air Patrol, vintage World War II aircraft and more.

Set to exciting narration and music, the nonstop aerial performances ran 12-4 PM each day. The diverse lineup of performers, from the cutting-edge technology of modern jets to the historical significance of vintage warbirds, ensured that this year's California Capital Airshow was a truly unforgettable experience.

Celebrating 250 Years of the U.S. Military

This year's California Capital Airshow served as a powerful tribute to the rich history of American military service and pivotal moments in global history. The Airshow honored the 250th anniversaries of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Army, recognizing their enduring contributions to the nation's defense.

The aerial program featured a poignant "Warbird" tribute to the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, highlighting both Victory in Europe and Victory in the Pacific. This segment showcased iconic fighter and bomber aircraft that played crucial roles during that era, offering a moving reminder of the sacrifices and triumphs of the war.

Thrills in the Air, Fun on the Ground

Beyond the aerial displays, the airshow offered more than 200 acres of hands-on activities that educated and inspired. As the cornerstone event of the U.S. Navy's "Navy Week" in Sacramento, there were several naval aircraft and exhibits on display. Attendees also explored exhibits from Travis Air Force Base, Beale Air Force Base, CAL FIRE, and various law enforcement and first responder agencies. The event showcased numerous STEM and aviation partners, providing interactive experiences for all ages.

2025 Airshow By The Numbers

The magic of the California Capital Airshow was evident in the numbers:

- Sold-Out Success: Achieved a historic sell-out of all General Admission tickets before the event
- 146,872 Airshow spectators
- 204 acres of event space, filled with exhibits and aviation displays
- 121 vendor booths and exhibits from food purveyors, local businesses, and STEM partners
- 812 tables in the event's premium venues
- 1,198 of electric vehicle rides at SMUD's Ride & Drive exhibit
- 1,024 dedicated volunteers.
- 30 partnering nonprofits
- 295 aircraft and pilots

Gratitude to Partners and Volunteers

Special thanks to CCA sponsors: Sacramento County, City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, SMUD, Visit Rancho Cordova, Southwest Airlines, Sutter Health, Verizon, Keurig Dr.

Pepper, Donaghy Sales, Monster Energy, Thunder Valley, UPS, Five Star Bank, Teichert, Atlas Disposal, Golden 1 Credit Union, Paratransit, Inc., Elite Power, Chik-fil-A and Adaptive Structures. The Airshow team also extends heartfelt thanks to its dedicated volunteers, community supporters, and the dedicated law enforcement, fire, and medical services teams who ensured a safe and enjoyable event for all.

Looking Ahead to 2026

With the resounding success of this year's airshow, planning is already underway for 2026. The California Capital Airshow team is committed to delivering another unforgettable experience, with new performances, themes, exhibits, and activities. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

For more information about the California Capital Airshow, please visit www.californiacapitalairshow.com.

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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 website, at CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com