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The California Capital Airshow Announces 2026 Dates and the Return of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (December 2, 2025) – The [California Capital Airshow](#) (CCA), in partnership with Sacramento County and the City of Rancho Cordova, is thrilled to announce that the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will headline the 2026 Airshow, returning to Mather Airport on October 10–11, 2026. This milestone event will mark the Airshow’s 20th anniversary and a celebration of America’s 250th birthday, promising an unforgettable weekend of aviation excellence and community pride.

The world-renowned Thunderbird jet demonstration team will take to the skies over Sacramento with their signature precision, power, and patriotism, highlighting the incredible skill and dedication of our nation’s Air Force. Their performance will lead an extraordinary lineup of military and civilian aviation talent, immersive ground displays, and hands-on STEM experiences for all ages.

“This will be one of the most spectacular shows in our 20-year history,” said Darcy Brewer, Chief Executive Officer of the [California Capital Airshow](#). “We’re honored to welcome the Thunderbirds back to inspire and thrill audiences while we celebrate two major milestones: CCA’s 20th year and America’s 250th. There’s so much more to come, and this is just the beginning.”

Additional performer announcements, featured attractions, and new fan experiences will be revealed in the months ahead.

A limited number of tickets will go on sale through the Airshow’s website in 2026. **Fans can gain special access to performer announcements and discount tickets by becoming an *AIR SHOW INSIDER*® at [CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com](#).**

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About the California Capital Airshow

The California Capital Airshow is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the past, inspiring the future, and giving back to the community. In partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento, Mather Airport, and countless sponsors and volunteers, CCA has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships and introduces thousands of students annually to careers in aviation, aerospace, and STEM.

For more information, visit www.californiacapitalairshow.com.