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Kansas City Air Show to Return in 2011 U.S.A.F. A-10 Thunderbolt to headline impressive lineup

Kansas City, MO – After a one-year layoff, the Kansas City Air Show will return in 2011. Mid-America Youth Aviation Association (MAYAA) officials, who organize and manage the event, announced today that the show will take to the skies on August 20th and 21st at Kansas City Wheeler Downtown Airport. The show will be headlined by the United States Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt Demonstration Team. The show also announced that, new this year, all children ages 15 and under will be admitted to general admission areas for free when accompanied by a paying adult.

The A-10 demonstration will be a very special homecoming for the team's pilot. Captain Joe "Rifle" Shetterly, a graduate of Olathe North High School and University of Kansas will fly the A-10 demo in front of the hometown fans. As the Air Force's top close air support aircraft, the "Warthog" is known for its role in destroying ground targets in support of ground combat troops. The A-10 demonstration at this year's show will feature a booming, fiery pyrotechnic display that will simulate the A-10's destruction of enemy ground targets.

In addition to the A-10 demo, the Kansas City Air Show will host an impressive lineup of military and civilian performers and unique ground displays. Military performers will include

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the United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet Demo Team, the United States Army Parachute Team Golden Knights, and the United States Air Force Academy Gliders.

The military lineup will be supplemented by a very strong civilian lineup. Kansas City favorite Jacquie B returns to push her Pitts biplane to the limit. The Red Thunder demonstration team will perform team aerobatics in their Russian YAK-52s and Chinese Nanchang CJ-6s. The 12,000 horsepower Flashfire Jet Truck, the world's fastest jet-powered pickup truck, will demonstrate at speeds up to 375 miles per hour. Additional performers and static aircraft are listed at www.kcairshow.com.

"We are extremely excited about this sensational lineup and especially that our headlining performer is one of our hometown heroes," stated Ed Noyallis, Executive Director - Chairman of the Mid America Youth Aviation Association. "We are very pleased to once again bring a world-class air show to the great fans here in Kansas City," he added.

The show announced that all tickets for the 2011 event go on sale today through the show's Web site, www.kcairshow.com. In addition to their new policy of free general admission for children 15 and under, the show has created a variety of new ticket options suited for any budget. Visit the show's website for further information.

The Mid-America Youth Aviation Association also announced that they will hold their Aviation Adventure Day on Saturday, August 6th. Aviation Adventure Day provides community youth with exposure to fun aviation activities.

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Founded in 1993, the Kansas City Air Show is held at Kansas City Wheeler Downtown Airport and is one of America's premier air shows. The air show showcases world-class aerobatic champions, military jet demonstrations and entertainment for the whole family. Mid-America Youth Aviation Association (MAYAA), formed in 1998, is a not-for-profit group that provides educational aviation and aeronautical opportunities for youngsters and produces the Kansas City Air Show. Support of the air show and its associated education programs is provided by donations and sale of tickets to the air show. For more information, visit www.kcairshow.com.