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BETHPAGE AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH NAMED 2023 CIVILIAN AIR SHOW OF THE YEAR

Bethpage, NY – January 11, 2024 – The Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach, which will be celebrating its 20th anniversary show in 2024, was named the 2023 Civilian Air Show of the Year by the United States Air Force Thunderbirds. The announcement was made by the Thunderbirds at the recent International Council of Air Show convention in Las Vegas. Last year, over 360,000 people attended the Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach in 2023, when the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headlined their 9th air show performance.

"What an exciting way to kick off the new year!," said George Gorman, Regional Director, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation. "Last year's show was one of our best, with a full lineup of exciting civilian and military performers. This year we will be celebrating a significant milestone with our 20th anniversary show. We are very humbled to have received this award and look forward to the Thunderbirds' return in 2025."

The upcoming 2024 Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach will take place on Saturday, May 25, 2024 and Sunday, May 26, 2024. The United States Navy Blue Angels, which headlined the first Bethpage Air Show in 2004, will headline the 20th anniversary show.

"Receiving this honor is especially rewarding as we plan this year's milestone show," said Linda Armyn President and CEO, Bethpage Federal Credit Union. "It's all about the fans and of course, paying tribute to the brave men and women who serve our great country."

It was also announced at the annual International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) Convention that the United States Army Golden Knights Parachute Team and the A-10 Demo Team will perform in 2024. Civilian performers announced at the convention include Mike Goulian, North America's most decorated aerobatic pilot; the world-famous Skytypers; Warbird Thunder Airshows and the American Airpower Museum Warbirds. Additional 2024 performers will be announced shortly.

The Bethpage Air Show at Jones Beach is one of the largest, most respected, and most popular air shows in the country. For information about this year's show, please visit www.bethpageairshow.com or https://www.facebook.com/BethpageAirShow/, or contact the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Regional Office, Recreation Department at 631/321-3510.