

One of the world's best air shows coming to North Carolina in May

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB –
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA , USA,
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Unquestionably one of the world's best
aerial exhibition teams, the US Navy
Blue Angels will headline the Wings
Over Wayne Air Show at Seymour
Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro
on May 20 and 21.

Typically held every other year and the
largest air show in North Carolina, the
Blue Angels attracted over 200,000
spectators to Seymour Johnson for
their last headline performance in
2017.

"We look forward to showcasing the
combat-proven F/A18 Super Hornet,
the mainstay of modern naval air
power, and the C-130J Super Hercules,
the premier logistics support aircraft of
the US Marine Corps," said Blue Angels
Commanding Officer and Flight Leader
(#1) Alexander Armatas. "Both aircraft
operate worldwide carrying out the
Navy and Marine Corps mission."

The first-ever female fighter pilot on
the Blue Angels jet demonstration
squadron, Lieutenant Amanda Lee of
Minnesota, will be flying left-wing (#3)
in the formation.

Gates open at 8 AM each day with free
admission and parking. Ceremonies



The US Navy Blue Angels – Seymour Johnson AFB
Exhibition in NC – May 2023



Lt. Amanda Lee, MN – F/A18 Super Hornet Pilot – US
Navy Blue Angels

begin at 10 AM, with an impressive array of flying exhibitions scheduled from 11 AM until 4:30 PM.

*Air show performances include:

US Navy Blue Angels

Air Combat Command F-22 Raptor demonstration

USMC C-130J Fat Albert Super Hercules

F-16 Viper Combined Arms Demonstration

Carbon Fiber MX Aircraft plane show by Rob Holland

Pearl Harbor reenactment → Tora! Tora! Tora!

Jelly Belly demonstration by Stunt Pilot, Kent Pietsch

Ace Maker T-33 air exhibition

Manfred Radius Sailplane demonstration

de Havilland Vampire jet warbird demo by Jerry "Vlad" Conley

Third Strike Wingwalkers — featuring the world's only all-female team

P-51 Swamp Fox Mustang exhibition

Pitts Model 12 show by Trevor Rafferty

WWII-era P-40 demo (only about 20 in the world are airworthy)



F15E Strike Eagle — Seymour Johnson Air Force Base — Goldsboro, NC

New ground activities at the air show include a 40,000-square-foot hangar dedicated to STEM exhibits (science, technology, engineering, and math) from government, industry, education, entertainment, and defense. G-Force Robotics is helping to organize this educational and hands-on event with exhibitors nationwide.

*Static aircraft displays include:

F-15E Strike Eagle

F-16 Fighting Falcon

F-22 Raptor

F-35A Lightning II

F-33B Kingfisher

T-6 Texan

B-52 Stratofortress

C-5 Galaxy

E-3 Sentry

KC-46 Pegasus

KC-135 Stratotanker
C-130 Hercules
UNC Health Helicopter
British Spitfire
Sharp Nemesis NXT
P-51 Swamp Fox
NC Highway Patrol Helicopter
Cessna-172 Skyhawk

A Blue Angels-themed Kids Zone, for children two years of age and up, will be housed in one of the large aircraft hangars. Admission for all-day access is \$10.

Six North Carolinians serve in crucial support roles on the elite Blue Angels team of 138 active-duty Sailors and Marines. They include:

- Lieutenant Commander Gregory R. Jones, USN, Aircraft Maintenance, Cary, NC
- Sgt. Dylan Lippard, USMC, Airframes, Statesville, NC
- AO2 Leon Grant, USN, Crew Chief, Fayetteville, NC
- AE2 Blade Hiatt, USN, Crew Chief, Morganton, NC
- LS1 Gregory Lloyd, USN, Logistics, Murphy, NC
- AD2 Dustin Beck, USN, Power Plants, from Greenville, NC

All team members ensure everything is in perfect working order for the Blue Angels.

Concessions and souvenirs will be available for purchase on the base. Free drinking water will be onsite. Attendees may bring clear, factory-sealed, reusable water bottles, 32-oz or less, and lawn chairs. Not allowed are coolers, large backpacks, pets, or tailgating. Visitors to the air show are encouraged to bring some form of hearing protection.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base is home to the 4th Fighter Wing, formed in 1942 for the air war over Europe. Today, the F-15E Strike Eagles of the 4th Wing provide operational support worldwide, whenever and wherever needed. In addition, two Air Force Reserve units reside at Seymour Johnson, the 916th Air Refueling Wing, and the 414th Fighter Group.

*Air Show Performances and Static Displays subject to change

For more information:

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