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## FAMOUS CANADIAN FORCES SNOWBIRDS DEMONSTRATION TEAM, and CF-18 Hornet ANNOUNCE AIR SHOW CONFIRMATION TO FLY WINGS OVER WAUKEGAN 2015

## Waukegan Air Show brings back huge attraction for 2015 Show Schedule

Las Vegas, Nevada – (Dec. 9, 2014) – The Canadian Forces Snowbirds Demonstration Team, and CF18 Demo team officially released their 2015 show schedule this week at the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The announcement was made to a rousing crowd of the biggest names in North America's air show industry. 2015 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> season for the Snowbirds.



"We are excited that Wings Over Waukegan is able to bring back such a rare performance to our area," said "Wings Over Waukegan" President, Grant Farrell. "The Snowbirds were here in 2012 for a 1-day show. With their return we are going to do a 2-day show so more people will have the opportunity to view the Snowbirds. We know a lot of people in the community work on Saturdays, so having a 2-day show will make it convenient for the people that can't attend on Saturday. We look forward to working with the professionals from the Canadian Snowbirds, and CF-18 Hornet to showcase this amazing demonstration team," Farrell said.

Airport Manager, Jim Stanczak of Waukegan National Airport and Wings Over Waukegan commented, "I'm thrilled that they are returning to our community. We are one of only a handful U.S. air shows that the Snowbirds, and CF-18 Hornet demo team will be coming to in 2015. It is going to be different than any show we've done in the past because this will be a 2-day show," said Jim. "Spectators will be coming from Northern Illinois/Indiana as well as the Southern Wisconsin Regions to witness first hand the Snowbirds' high flying maneuvers and truly famous flight formations."



During the 2015 season, the Snowbirds are scheduled to participate in over 30 air shows in over 30 locations, proudly telling the Royal Canadian Air Force story through their inspirational flying. As ambassadors of the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canada, the team will travel over the globe to showcase their skills.

In the U.S., the Snowbirds' Waukegan appearance will attract spectators from Northern Illinois/Indiana and the Southern Wisconsin Regions. Other U.S. appearances include GA-MA-MD-RI-IL (Wings Over Waukegan) and CA.

During the team's 44-year history, the Snowbirds have performed in almost 2300 air shows, before almost 135 million spectators.

The Snowbirds Demonstration Team (431 Squadron) is a Canadian icon comprised of serving members of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Their pilots and technicians work as a team to bring thrilling performances to the North American public. Serving as Canadian ambassadors, the Snowbirds demonstrate the high level of professionalism, teamwork, excellence, discipline and dedication inherent in the women and men of the Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

For more information about the Canadian Forces Snowbirds Demonstration Team, please visit the team's website at <u>http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/snowbirds/index.page</u>

The Snowbirds aircraft will be on display and the CF-18 Hornet during the "Wings Over Waukegan" core air show hours (gates open at 9:30 a.m. Air Show starts at noon. Gates close at 4:30p.m.) on Saturday & Sunday, September 12-13, 2015 at Waukegan National Airport in Waukegan, Illinois. Information will be available online at www.wingsoverwaukegan.com.

The Waukegan Regional Air Show, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit corporation No tax money is used to produce the show, all money is raised locally This is a volunteer committee In the past, all net proceeds have been given to charities

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