

Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show Places Top Three in Nationwide USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Contest

North Texas family event ranked third in the "Best Air Show" category

FORT WORTH, TEXAS (July 30, 2019) – The Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show placed among the top three "Best Air Shows" in the <u>2019 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice contest</u>, for the second year in a row. All rankings in the contest were determined by votes from the public during a four-week voting period.

Thanks to dedicated fans, the Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show ranked third among 20 of the nation's most prominent air shows, which were selected for the contest by a panel of industry experts.

"We can't thank our fans and everyone who participated in the contest enough for their continued support," said Christina Carey, manager of Alliance Air Productions, producer of the event and a nonprofit organization created by Hillwood. "Each year, we are proud to present a showstopping, unforgettable experience. We look forward to bringing North Texas some of the best aviation and aerobatic performers in the world, while also spotlighting the history and importance of the aviation industry."

This year's show will take place Oct. 19-20 at Fort Worth Alliance Airport and feature the worldfamous U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron. General admission is free. Purchase tickets in advance of the show and save: Discounted parking and premium upgraded seating, family discount packages, souvenir caps and more available now through October 18 at <u>www.AllianceAirShow.com</u>. Gates open at 9 a.m. and performances begin around 10 a.m., subject to change.

The first-class air show will also include the Bell 429, F-22 Raptor Demo Team, F-16 Viper Demo Team, U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight, U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, Kevin Coleman, Warbirds, Precision Exotics and the Air National Guard Band of the Southwest. Four new exhilarating acts this year include the Aftershock Jet Truck, Adam "Shakenbake" Baker, Jeff Boerboon in the one-of-a-kind Yak 110 and Mini Jet Airshows, plus an exciting new ground attraction – announcement coming soon.

With more than 120,000 attendees expected, the Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show is one of the biggest community events in North Texas. See a variety of static and historical displays; explore interactive exhibits and simulators at the STEM Discovery Zone powered by Lockheed Martin; stop by the Veterans Village, sponsored by DynCorp, to learn about services available to military members; and enjoy two Kids Zone areas featuring the world's largest inflatable slide plus a variety of aviation-themed inflatables.

Since 2006, more than \$720,000 in proceeds from the air show have benefited more than 70 local nonprofit organizations, including those that provide some of the event's 400 plus volunteers. This year's proceeds will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations.

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The air show logo and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels fact sheet and photos/video can be found at: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3je8qpc0xh6annp/AAA8PVtZgkIsFQHtH 7APDoJa?dl=0

ABOUT THE BELL FORT WORTH ALLIANCE AIR SHOW

The Bell Fort Worth Alliance Air Show, themed "A Tradition for the Future," is one of the largest, longest-running and most successful civilian air shows in the nation. An all-encompassing community event that attracts more than 120,000 attendees annually, the air show showcases our nation's armed forces; Dallas-Fort Worth's important aerospace and aviation industries; education and workforce development programs across the region; and the very best in family entertainment. Alliance Air Productions, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and producer of the air show, is a subsidiary of Hillwood, the developer of the 26,000-acre AllianceTexas project that is home to Fort Worth Alliance Airport. Since 2006, more than \$720,000 has been distributed to more than 70 nonprofit organizations, including over \$219,000 to beneficiaries such as, USO of Dallas/Fort Worth, Hope for the Brave and Carry the Load. In 2017, the air show also sponsored the MWR Department events for 2018 at NAS Fort Worth. For information, see <u>www.AllianceAirShow.com</u>.

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