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United States Air Force Thunderbirds and Canadian Forces Snowbirds to Headline 2012 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show Presented by Bell Helicopter

Unprecedented Two Jet Team Lineup Announced for 2012 Show

FORT WORTH, TX (February 21, 2012) –Fort Worth Alliance Air Show officials announced that the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds will headline the 2012 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show Presented by Bell Helicopter October 6 and 7 at Fort Worth Alliance Airport.

The USAF Thunderbirds are internationally known for their hard-charging demonstration of precision formation flying while pushing their F-16 Fighting Falcons to the limit. The Thunderbirds appeared at the 2011 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show.

Flying their nine distinctive red and white CT-114 Tutors, the Snowbirds serve as Canadian Forces ambassadors and demonstrate professionalism, teamwork, excellence, discipline and dedication. The Snowbirds are internationally known for their awe-inspiring precision aerobatics consisting of more than 50 different formations and maneuvers. The Snowbirds are one of only three military jet teams from North America and the team makes very few appearances each year in the United States. The team's last appearance at the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show was in 2005.



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While air shows throughout North America jockey to secure one of the three U.S. or Canadian military jet teams, it is almost unheard of for a show to receive commitments from more than one team for the same year, and there are many large shows each year that do not feature a military jet team. The Fort Worth Alliance Air Show is one of only three air shows in the entire U.S. to host two military jet teams and is the only show in Texas with that rare distinction.

“We are thrilled beyond belief to be selected by both the Snowbirds and Thunderbirds” said Christina Carey, special projects manager of the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show. Additional performers and attractions will be announced in the coming months.

The show will be a homecoming for pilot Lt. Col. Jason Koltes, Operations Officer of the Thunderbirds. Koltes is a native of Ponder, Texas and a graduate of the University of North Texas. Captain Michael Carletti, Flight Surgeon, and Captain Joshua Hawkins, Executive Officer, return to their alma mater town as graduates of Texas Christian University. Thunderbird Commander, Lt. Col. Greg Moseley will return to his home state as he is originally from Seguin, Texas.

New to the lineup this year is Tora Tora Tora, a realistic reenactment of the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor that precipitated the United States entry into WWII. As one of the most popular performing teams on the air show circuit, Tora Tora Tora’s performance includes strafing Japanese Zeros and dive-bombing Kate aircraft along with a thunderous pyrotechnic display and an emotional narration.

General admission for the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show is free; however, there are several premium seating options and VIP parking passes now available for purchase at www.AllianceAirShow.com. General admission parking is \$20 per vehicle and is payable upon arrival at the show. The show also has a variety of sponsorship opportunities still available for the 2012 show. Interested parties can visit www.AllianceAirShow.com for more information.

The mission of Alliance Air Productions, a non-profit 501c3 organization, is to support and raise funds for local non-profit organizations within North Texas. The Fort Worth Alliance Air Show provides the public an opportunity to learn about military and civilian aviation history and it provides the United



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States military a forum for recruitment. Since 2006, more than \$350,000 has been distributed to 48 non-profit organizations. Of that, \$113,000 has been distributed to the USO/DFW.

High resolution images and b-roll of the Thunderbirds, Snowbirds and Tora, Tora, Tora is available upon request from Herb Gillen Agency.

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The Fort Worth Alliance Air Show Presented by Bell Helicopter is held annually at [Fort Worth Alliance Airport](#), which is the centerpiece of the 17,000-acre [AllianceTexas](#) development housing 265 companies, 30,000 employees and more than 7,600 single-family homes. The 2012 air show will feature the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and will take to the skies October 6 and 7, 2012. The airport is managed by Alliance Air Services, a subsidiary of [Hillwood](#), the developer of AllianceTexas.