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### **Fort Worth Alliance Air Show Finalizes 2011 Lineup** ***Argyle and Ponder Natives Will Perform with USAF Thunderbirds***

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS** (September 15, 2011) – The [United States Air Force Thunderbirds](#) will take to the skies at the 2011 Fort Worth Alliance Air Show Presented by [Bell Helicopter](#) on October 22 and 23 at Fort Worth Alliance Airport. The show also will feature an amazing lineup of military and civilian performers as well as an aviation festival on the ground with static displays, interactive exhibit booths, fun food and more. General admission remains free.

The show will be a homecoming for Lt. Col. Case Cunningham and Lt. Col. Jason Koltes, both pilots with the Thunderbirds. Cunningham, Commander/Leader of the Thunderbirds is a native of Argyle, Texas, and Koltes, Operations Officer of the Thunderbirds is a native of Ponder, Texas and a graduate of the University of North Texas.

“I can’t wait to come home to the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show in October,” said Lt. Col. Cunningham. “I look forward to seeing everybody there.”

“I’ve got a lot of friends and family that are looking forward to seeing the show,” said Lt. Col. Koltes. “We’re excited to show our hometown fans the pride, professionalism and precision of the United States Air Force like they’ve never seen it before.”



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In addition to the Thunderbirds, the show will have a strong military lineup including the U.S. Navy F/A-18F Super Hornet Demonstration Team, the [U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle Demonstration Team](#), and the [U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III Demonstration Team](#).

The show will feature an unprecedented lineup of world-class civilian performers headlined by air show legend [Sean D. Tucker](#), flying the Oracle Challenger III. Also returning to this year's lineup is civilian aerobatic superstar [Michael Goulian](#) and his Extra 330 sponsored by Goodyear Aviation Tires. New to the air show is Kyle Franklin and his Wing-Tip Draggin' Comedy Act and the exciting [Aerobatic Racing Challenge](#) which is comprised of pilots with high-performance aerobatic aircraft racing against each other on a vertical race course. The performance is sure to bring eyes to the skies as the pilots swiftly fly through a number of maneuvers while racing side-by-side. The Bell-Boeing MV-22 helicopter will open the show. [Jan Collmer](#) and the ShockWave Jet Truck will complete the civilian lineup.

Warbird fans will get their fill as the [Cavanaugh Flight Museum](#) will bring a number of its historical military aircraft to the show.

There will be plenty of on-ground static displays for fans to see. Fans will be able to interact on-site with pilots and crew by asking questions and participating in tours of military and civilian aircraft. After performances, air show attendees will have the chance to obtain autographs from some of their favorite pilots and take home souvenir photographs. Pilots will be available along the crowd line after their performance and at the new autograph booth located in exhibit row. A schedule for the autograph booth will be posted on the event website closer to the show.

The show is designed for family entertainment and there will be exciting, fun activities for kids of every age. Back by popular demand is the KidZone where children can enjoy several aviation-themed inflatables in between air performances for a \$10 all-day-access wristband. Families also will enjoy several hands-on simulators where they can test their aviation skills on aircraft including the [F-4 Phantom II Thunderbird Simulator](#), M-4 Top Gun Simulator, M-4 Flight Simulation and an [A-7 Cockpit Tour](#).



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“We are thrilled with this remarkable lineup this year,” said Christina Carey, manager of special projects at the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show. “We are especially excited to welcome home two of our hometown heroes to perform with the Thunderbirds. The air show is one of the most affordable activities in the area for a family of four,” said Carey. “You can’t beat the free admission, and there are plenty of activities here that the whole family will enjoy.”

Gates will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with performances scheduled from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday’s line-up of performers is a repeat from Saturday. A schedule of performers will be available in the air show program.

General admission for the Fort Worth Alliance Air Show is free; however, there are several premium seating options and VIP parking passes available for purchase in advance at [www.AllianceAirShow.com](http://www.AllianceAirShow.com). General admission parking is \$20 per vehicle and is payable upon arrival at the show. For more information about performers, parking information and tips for a great day at the air show, visit [www.AllianceAirShow.com](http://www.AllianceAirShow.com).

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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 7,400 single-family homes. The 2011 air show will feature the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and will take to the skies October 22 and 23. The airport is managed by Alliance Air Services, a subsidiary of [Hillwood](#), the developer of AllianceTexas.*