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6TH ANNUAL BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH INCLUDES COMMEMORATIVE TIE-INS

Bethpage, NY...May 22, 2009 Now in its sixth year, the annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach is a tradition commemorating Long Island's aviation history and the credit union's own founding by Grumman Aerospace employees in 1941. This year's event held over Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24, 2009, features the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and other aerobatic teams in formation over Long Island's beautiful shoreline, with spectators enjoying sand and surf, refreshments, strolling the boardwalk, and the opportunity to take away souvenirs, enter raffle drawings, and benefit a children's hospital.

"The Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach has become a major event, drawing nearly 500,000 attendees over the two days," said Bethpage President & CEO Kirk Kordeleski. "Each year Bethpage commissions an original air show design and issues commemorative t-shirts, Frisbees for the kids, a debit card and other items which we understand have become collectibles."

The proceeds from the sale of the air show commemorative t-shirt -- \$5.00 each -- benefit Schneider Children's Hospital of New Hyde Park, a member of the North Shore -- LIJ Health System.

Air Show visitors will also have the opportunity to enter a free Ride the Wave drawing for a Family Pack admission (four tickets and free parking) to a Mets baseball game during the summer's inaugural season at the new stadium. Raffle tickets will be collected at Bethpage booths along the boardwalk and the two winners -- one for each day of the air show -- will be notified by Bethpage following the holiday weekend.

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Bethpage Federal Credit Union 2009 Air Show

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The Bethpage Federal Credit Union (Bethpage) commemorative air show design VISA ® debit card is available this summer to anyone opening a Bethpage checking account at any of the 20 Bethpage branch locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties while supplies last.

In addition to sponsoring the air show, Bethpage will host the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and all of the air show performers, at a private evening reception at the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Friday May 22nd. As well, in collaboration with the American Airpower Museum, there will be a display of significant historic aircraft in the collection of the American Airpower Museum on view at Republic Airport in Farmingdale.

“While the Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach is an intensive logistical operation, the talented personnel at the regional office of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation continue to bring new excitement to the program,” said Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show spokesperson Linda Armyn. “We’re thrilled to have the Canadian Forces Snowbirds join us this Memorial Day weekend and I am grateful for the return of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights, Long Island’s own 106th Air Force Squadron and all of the incredible teams of performers along with our dedicated organizers and volunteers.”

Commemorative Air Show debit cards are available with a new Bethpage checking account. For more information about Bethpage Federal Credit Union, visit www.bethpagefcu.com.

For up-to-the minute schedule of events for the air show, visit www.jonesbeachairshow.com.

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MEDIA Please Note: Bethpage Federal Credit Union welcomes you to the private reception on Friday May 22nd at the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City, NY, beginning at _____ p.m.
Please contact _____ at _____.