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**BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 2009 AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH TO STAR THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS**

***-- The Memorial Day Weekend Display of Aerial Maneuvers Now in 6<sup>th</sup> Year --***



**Bethpage, NY, February 27, 2009.** With warmer weather just around the corner, Bethpage Federal Credit Union is pleased to announce the return of the legendary demonstration squadron, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, as headliners for the Sixth Annual Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show.

The Air Show will be held Memorial Day weekend 2009 at Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh, NY, on Saturday, May 23, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM and Sunday, May 24, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The Air Show is free to the public but the standard \$8.00 vehicle use fee will be collected each day upon entry at the State Park. Last year's show broke attendance records with 440,000 visitors over the two days.

"This patriotic, family event is a proud tradition for Bethpage Federal Credit Union," said Bethpage President & CEO Kirk Kordeleski. "We're excited to kick off the summer season once again in the company of the New York State Parks' Department, the Thunderbirds, the many precision aerial teams, and always, in the fellowship of Long Islanders and the thousands of spectators attracted to this event."

Scheduled performers include: the Canadian Forces Snowbirds; the U.S. Army Parachute Team – the Golden Knights; the Air Force Reserve Biplane Show with Ed Hamill; the Geico Skytypers, a squadron of six vintage World War II airplanes; American Airpower Museum Historic Warbirds; Warbirds Over Long Island, and the John Klatt-Air National Guard Aerobatic Team. Civilian demonstrators include Sean Tucker and Team Oracle, named a "Living Legend of Flight" in 2003 by the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum; Pilot Bill Reesman and the

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Red Bull MiG-17F; Aerobatic Pilot Matt Chapman; and the Red Bull Helicopter performing back-flips, barrel rolls and more. For additions to the performance schedule, visit [www.jonesbeachairshow.com](http://www.jonesbeachairshow.com).

“Each year this event attracts thousands to Jones Beach, providing families with a thrilling experience at Jones Beach State Park,” said New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash. “We are grateful to Bethpage Federal Credit Union for their continued sponsorship and support to ensure we are able to host this air show honoring our region’s history in aviation.”

The Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show at Jones Beach offers the perfect opportunity to entertain clients, employees, family and friends at a world-class event through the Jones Beach VIP chalet service, including: VIP parking, a private cordoned area on the beach at flight line center offering unrestricted views, a shade tent, VIP status for guests, catered food and drink. For more information on chalet packages, call 631-669-0449.

According to Bethpage Federal Credit Union Vice President Linda Armyn, “There are many who work tirelessly on the operational and logistical elements of this large scale event. It is important to acknowledge the contributions made by the dedicated staff at the Long Island State Parks Regional Office, the performers, Bethpage personnel and volunteers, Republic Airpower Museum, and the Cradle of Aviation Museum.”

For up-to-the-minute information about the 2009 Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show, call the New York State Parks Department Regional Office, Recreation Department, at 631/321-3510 or visit [www.jonesbeachairshow.com](http://www.jonesbeachairshow.com).

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