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MCAS Yuma to Host 2017 Yuma Airshow

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. (February 3, 2017) — Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., is proud to announce the 2017 Yuma Airshow, scheduled for March 17 and 18, 2017.

The Yuma Airshow is Arizona's only military air show of the year and provides the community an opportunity to see thrilling aerial and ground performers for free while interacting with Marines and sailors.

Gates open for the Twilight Show Friday, March 17, at 5:00 p.m. The show is headlined by the Patriots Jet Team and features the Shockwave Jet Truck, an afterburner pass by the F-35B Lightning II and many more. Performances run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., concluding with a fireworks display. Those planning to attend the Twilight Show must download a free vehicle pass from the Airshow website. Vehicle passes are limited in number and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

On Saturday, March 18, gates to the Airshow will open at 8:00 a.m. Aerial performances are scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will feature the return of the headlining Patriots Jet Team and demonstrations by military and civilian aircraft. MCAS Yuma will also attempt to break its 2009 Guinness World Record for the longest "Wall-Of-Fire," with help from the Tora Bomb Squad. The event grounds will feature performances by Freestyle Motocross legend Jimmy Fitzpatrick, the Circus School of Arizona and static displays.

For information about purchasing upgraded seating or parking passes, sponsorship and booth space, volunteer opportunities or performers visit <u>http://www.yumaairshow.com</u>. For additional information, follow the MCAS Yuma Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/mcasyuma</u>.

Media interested in scheduling interviews or using designated media parking during the Airshow should contact MCAS Yuma Public Affairs at <u>Yuma_PAO@usmc.mil</u> or 928-269-2275.