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Marine Corps Base Hawaii to host U.S. Navy Blue Angels

KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii – Marine Corps Base Hawaii is pleased to officially announce plans to host an Open House and Air Show October 17-18, 2015. This year's show will feature the U.S. Navy's premier flight demonstration team, the Blue Angels, along with many other professional performers.

Col. Eric Schaefer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii Commanding Officer, announced the event, saying "we're incredibly honored and excited to be hosting this event. We hope families, young and old, stop by to see the incredible aerial demonstrations, check out the static aircraft, and learn about Navy and Marine Corps missions."

The Blue Angels will use the F/A-18 Hornet aircraft to exhibit the choreographed refinement of skills possessed by all naval aviators. There will also be demonstrations by the Blue Angels C-130 Hercules support aircraft, known affectionately as "Fat Albert", a reference to the 1970s popular cartoon character. The Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron is among the most popular aviation acts in the world, entertaining approximately 11 million people last air show season.

The air show will also offer static displays of vintage and modern aircraft, food booths and a carnival midway for the kids featuring rides, games and more. The open house aspect of the air show provides the community a first-hand look at Marine Corps capabilities while showcasing our proud heritage and agile future.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii's last air show was in 2012, drawing nearly 110,000 people during the two-day event.

The event is open to the public with free admission and free parking. The gates are tentatively set to open to the public at 9 a.m. on both days. Security restrictions will be in place.

"I'm so excited to be a part of this," said Schaefer. "This event is important to us because it's a great opportunity to say thank you to our neighbors across Oahu, while showcasing the pride and professionalism of Hawaii Marines and Sailors."

For more information on the 2015 Kaneohe Bay Air Show and Open House, visit our website at <http://www.kaneohebayairshow.com/>. Connect with us through [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).