



**FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE:**

**May 8, 2008**

**Contact: Jennifer Lacy  
405-285-8404  
jlacy@mindseyeads.com**

## **AIR SHOW NOT JUST FOR AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS**

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. — Those who love planes aren't the only ones who will enjoy the Star Spangled Salute Air Show at Tinker Air Force Base on Saturday, May 24. There is something for every member of the family, and best of all – admission is free. Start the day off right, and park at the General Motors plant off I-240 and the Air Depot exit. Tinker shuttles will transport you through the back part of Tinker to the main security checkpoint. It's the fastest way to get to the air show with the least amount of walking. Parking and shuttle service is also free, courtesy of GM and Tinker AFB.

Once you're at the Air Show you will find a variety of planes to look at, including the F-15, F-18, AV-8 Harrier, Mig 17-F just to name a few. Static displays of war bird planes such as the F4 Wildcat, C-130 Hercules, B-25 Yellow Rose, F-22 Raptor and a special exhibit of the American Airlines DC3 Detroit, which was the flagship 1937 plane for American Airlines. Special tours of Tinker-serviced air craft like the E-3 Sentry, E-6 Mercury and KC-135 Stratotanker also will be conducted. Some of these displays provide a chance to get up close to the jets that protect our country everyday.

Also new this year, officials with the Texas Motor Speedway will be on hand with Indy Race cars and the War Wagon Xbox Racing game series. The children's planes, and inflatables area has fun for kids of all ages with lots of games, face painting and more. The morning will also begin with 2007 Miss America Lauren Nelson signing autographs and posing for pictures along with the Oklahoma P-51 Miss America plane. The USAF Presidential Honor Guard Drill team will showcase their precision maneuvers with live bayonets in cadence and standing order. New this year is a remote controlled radio demonstration. There are lots of things to see and buy at the vendor booths in the main hangar, and of course no festival is complete without lots to eat and drink during your visit.

Be sure to bring plenty of sunscreen and sun protection, and wear your walking shoes because the Air Show is the biggest show in town. Gates open at 9 a.m., and there is plenty to do before the flying begins at noon. Stay late for a brand new event, "Twilight on the Tarmac," featuring evening flying and spectacular pyrotechnics. The evening is topped off by impact artist Richard Hight and the USAF Tops in Blue concert. For more information about the Star Spangled Salute go to [www.aerospaceokc.com](http://www.aerospaceokc.com) or [www.starspangledsalute.com](http://www.starspangledsalute.com).