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TWILIGHT ON THE TARMAC DELIVERS EXPLOSIVE ENTERTAINMENT

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. _ “Twilight on the Tarmac,” a second round of flying accompanied by dynamic pyrotechnics, is the newest addition to the Star Spangled Salute Air Show at Tinker Air Force Base on Saturday, May 24.

The twilight event, presented in part by OGE, will begin about 5 p.m., following the autograph session for the world-renowned U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds air demonstration team.

The F-15 Strike Eagle, the F-18 Super Hornet and a first-ever appearance of a Harrier will thrill the crowd with wartime bombing reenactments and strafing of the field. The USAF Jet Car will race to speeds of 400 mph in under 8 seconds in flight against a local war bird plane. The crowd will be able to literally feel the heat and impact of the flying finale, which includes the Wall of Flame and Japanese Zero’s fighting against American War Bird planes such as the P-41.

“Tora Tora Tora,” a reenactment of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, comes with the historical remembrance as the story unfolds over the loud speakers with the sirens in the background as the planes and bombs portray this attack on American soil. The Tora team, sponsored by OGE, provides a glimpse of real time war efforts in a memorable display of aerial dog fighting.

“Twilight on the Tarmac” concludes with impact artist Richard Hight and a concert performance by the USAF Tops in Blue, an all-active duty U.S. Air Force special unit composed of talented amateur performers selected for their entertainment abilities. Their countdown of top tunes over the past six decades provides both a historical look at Air Force history as well as some of the most popular tunes of the past 60 years.

OGE is providing a series of trading cards of the planes, complete with statistics, for the planes participating in “Twilight on The Tarmac.” The commemorative set of eight cards is free at the air show. You can find these at the OG&E booth in the main hangar. Tinker opens the gates at 9 a.m., and flying begins at noon with the Air Force Wings of Blue jump team. Plan to come for the day and stay late. Admission is free. Free parking is available at the General Motors plant off of SE 74th street from the I-240 and Air Depot exit. Ride the Tinker shuttle to the security check point. This is the fastest way to get to the flight line area with the least amount of walking. For more information go to www.aerospaceokc.com or www.starspangledsalute.com .