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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Wings Over Wine Country 2011 Commemorates the 10th Anniversary of Sept. 11th, 2001 and the Centennial of Naval Aviation**

Santa Rosa, Calif., August 8, 2011 - The PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM (PCAM) is proud to host the Wings Over Wine Country Air Show on August 20-21, 2011 at the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa California.

A tremendous lineup of flying includes military jet demonstrations, world class civilian aerobatics and a host of Warbirds. A large number of static displays will include the museum's collection of over 30 restored aircraft (most of which will be open for climb aboards), civilian and military statics and morning access to the warbirds that will fly later in the show. In addition, this year's air show program will commemorate two historic events, the tenth anniversary of September 11th, 2001 and the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

Each day the air show will open with a ceremony honoring the bravery and sacrifice of the first responders and those who perished. The local police and fire departments will have a significant presence in both equipment and personnel in a show of local pride. Opening ceremonies will include local dignitaries and a Pacific Coast Air Museum leadership in a brief program that will commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11. In December 2010 the Pacific Coast Air Museum took possession of the first aircraft to respond on September 11, 2001, an F-15A Eagle. Check the museum website for updates on its restoration.

A late addition to the **Wings Over Wine County Air Show** is two time Red Bull Air Race champion **Kirby Chambliss**. Kirby is also a five time National Aerobatic Champion. He was recently featured at the EAA Air Venture Air Shows in Oshkosh. Kirby flies an extremely challenging and exciting show in his Red Bull Edge 540, including the famous "Cobra" takeoff. Don't miss Kirby Chambliss' only performance in northern California.

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Patty Wagstaff, three-time U.S. national aerobatics champion and internationally acclaimed air show pilot to do a “sneak preview aerobatic act” before our show opens each day.

Flying and static exhibits will commemorate the **100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation**. In January 1911, Eugene B. Ely completed the world’s first landing on a ship, the USS Pennsylvania in the San Francisco Bay. An hour later he took off from the ship marking the first combined landing and takeoff from a ship board runway. To honor that milestone we plan to have a variety of WWII Navy Warbirds fly in the air show and have the museum’s collection of Navy fighter jets displayed together. Finally, a T-33 Shooting Star, flown by Greg Colyer and painted in Blue Angels colors, will fly an aerobatic routine during the show.

Military participation in the **Wings Over Wine Country Air Show** includes the F/A-18 Super Hornet, the C-17 Globemaster III, U-2 Dragon Lady overflights, and T-38 Talon flybys. (above subject to military scheduling).

Our outstanding civilian air show line up includes:

- Kirby Chambliss in his Red Bull racing Edge 540
- Patty Wagstaff will do a “sneak preview aerobatic act” before our show opens (before she goes to work flying OV-10s for Cal Fire each day)
- Eddie Andreini in his Super Stearman
- Tim Decker in his beautiful red and white Pitts Special
- Canadian favorite Team Rocket in two Harmon Rockets
- Dan Buchanan in his towed hang glider
- World Class aerobatics with Aerobatic Competition winner Vicky Benzing in her beautiful Extra 300S
- Dan Vance aerobatic performance in his P-51 Mustang
- Reno Air Racer Will Whiteside aerobatic performance in his Yak “Steadfast”
- Greg Colyer in his Blue Angels T-33 Shooting Star
- Many P-51 Mustangs and other Warbirds
- Award winning air show announcer, “SkyTalker” Danny Clisham
- Many fabulous static display aircraft
- A great classic Car Show
- Lots of activities for families and children, including a huge “Kid’s World” with lots of kid favorite inflatables
- And much much more

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Enhance your air show experience by watching the show from the President's Club (an exclusive, catered tent along the flightline) or attending the Friday night Performer Reception (where you can meet the air show performers and see their aircraft up close). Purchase air show, President's Club and Performer Reception Tickets online at our website.

Gates open both days at 9:00 a.m. for pre-show activities, including radio controlled model aircraft demonstrations. The main Air Show events kick off at 11:00 a.m. Discount advance tickets can be purchased at the Museum and Sonoma County Round Table Pizza locations. Tickets may be purchased at [www.WingsOverWineCountry.org](http://www.WingsOverWineCountry.org). Convenience charges may apply.

Visit our website at [www.WingsOverWineCountry.org](http://www.WingsOverWineCountry.org) for more information.

### **ABOUT PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM**

Pacific Coast Air Museum (PCAM) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the acquisition, restoration, safe operation and display of historic aircraft, and to providing an educational venue for students and the community. We also honor those heroic aviators who have contributed so much to the growth and defense of our way of life.

Located in Santa Rosa, Calif., PCAM operates both an indoor museum with exhibits featuring famous military and civilian pilots and aviation innovators, as well as historical photos and artifacts; and an outside museum featuring more than two dozen excellent examples of both contemporary and antique aircraft.

For more information contact the Pacific Coast Air Museum at (707) 575-7900.

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