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Cherry Point lands Blue Angels for 2020 air show

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT N.C. (Dec. 6, 2018) – The U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team announced at the International Council of Air Shows annual convention in Las Vegas Dec. 4 that it will perform at the next MCAS Cherry Point Air Show. Cherry Point’s award-winning air show, conducted every two years, is next scheduled for May 1-3, 2020.

The ICAS convention is held every year to bring air show performers and organizers together to plan for upcoming air show seasons. With the date set for the 2020 show, Cherry Point is already scheduling its performance lineup.

“The Blue Angels have been the keystone performers for the Cherry Point Air Show for many years,” said Jim Riemer, the Cherry Point Air Show Director, who manages a behind-the-scenes team that will reach into the hundreds by the time the show days arrive. “With them on the schedule, the rest of the pieces will naturally begin to come together for another fantastic air show weekend here in eastern North Carolina.”

It is this kind of early preparation that helps to make the Cherry Point Air Show so successful. This year’s air show, held May 4-6, brought an estimated 100,000 visitors to the air station to witness some of the world’s top aviation performers, and to get a close look at the Marine Air Ground Task Force’s capabilities. Visitors from around North Carolina and around the world converged here for the three-day event that took nearly two years in planning. Planning for the 2020 air show is already underway.

In August, the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Air Show was selected by fans as the best air show in the country in the USA TODAY 10Best Readers’ Choice travel award contest. Also, the Blue Angels have twice awarded Cherry Point the Blue Angel Air Show of the Year award. In 2010, Cherry Point became the first military installation to ever receive the Blue Angel Air Show of the Year award. The 2016 show was selected as the Blue Angels’ top pick from the 35 Blue Angel performance locations during the year.

Air show fans may follow developments for the 2020 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show at cherrypointairshow.com.