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SELFRIDGE
OPEN HOUSE
-THE NEXT 100 YEARS-
July 9 - 10, 2022



Free Admission



AIRSHOW LAYOUT

LEGEND:

- A ATM (5)
- A NOVELTY BOOTH(A-E)
- NS NOVELTY SUB
- HC HANDICAP PARKING
- A-G GENERAL PARKING
- AIRSHOW VIEWING AREA
- POW FLAG/INFO BOOTH
- E GATE ENTRANCE (4)
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- V VOLUNTEER PARKING
- VIP PARKING
- LF LOST & FOUND



EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Team Selfridge Open House and Air Show

By **Rolf E. Mammen**

Brigadier General, 127th Wing
Commander

Team Selfridge and our supporting partners are pleased to celebrate the return of the Selfridge Open House and Air Show July 9 and 10, 2022. We are happy to once again welcome the public inside our gates free of charge for this extraordinary event. This year's theme is "The Next 100 Years," and we are delighted to feature the Air Combat Command F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team as one of our headline acts.

As we focus on the future, it is fitting to showcase the F-22 Raptor, the Air Force's premiere 5th generation fighter aircraft. Its extreme maneuverability, stealth, super-cruise, and advanced avionics capabilities set it apart from other fighter aircraft.

We will also highlight aircraft and equipment of the 127th Wing and our tenant organizations, such as our own A-10 Thunderbolt II and KC-135 Stratotanker, the Army National Guard's CH-47 Chinook helicopter, the U.S. Coast Guard's HH65 Dolphin helicopter, and a variety of other helicopters and fixed wing aircraft located here at Selfridge.

As southeast Michigan's hometown Air Force, the 127th Wing provides trained, equipped, and motivated air refueling, fighter aircraft capabilities, and various support resources to serve the local community, state, and the nation. Selfridge sup-



Rolf E. Mammen, Brigadier General, 127th Wing Commander

ports two Air Force Major Commands: Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command, making the 127th Wing mission one of the most complex in the Air National Guard.

The Selfridge Open House and Air Show would not be possible without close partnerships with the Selfridge Base Community Council, the Macomb Chamber of Commerce, numerous local community leaders, sponsors, volunteers, and the patriotic spectators we serve.

On behalf of the more than 5,000 military and civilian personnel that comprise Team Selfridge and our more than 70 tenant organizations at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, I'd like to welcome you and thank you for helping us kick off our Next 100 Years. Enjoy the show.



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY MUNNAF JOARDER

The KC-135 Stratotanker provides the core aerial refueling capability for the U.S. Air Force and has excelled in this role for more than 60 years. This unique asset enhances the Air Force's capability to accomplish its primary mission of global reach. It also provides aerial refueling support to Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and allied nation aircraft. The KC-135 is also capable of transporting litter and ambulatory patients using patient support pallets during aeromedical evacuations. The crew and aircraft you will see at the Open House are from the 171st Air Refueling Squadron and call Selfridge Air National Guard Base home.



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The A-10 Thunderbolt II is the first U.S. Air Force aircraft designed specifically for close air support of ground forces. It is named for the famous P-47 Thunderbolt, a fighter often in a close air support role during the latter part of World War II. The A-10 is very maneuverable at low speeds and low altitudes to ensure accurate weapons delivery, and it carries the systems and armor needed to survive in this environment. It is intended for use against all ground targets, but specifically tanks and other armored vehicles. The 107th Fighter Squadron, the Red Devils will demonstrate their flying skills during the 2022 air show.

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On the cover: The Selfridge Air Show and Open House will be held July 9-10, 2022. Featured headliners scheduled for the event will be the F-22 Air Combat Command Demonstration Team from Langley Air Force Base, U.S. Army Golden Knights and the Canadian CF-18 demonstration team representing the Royal Canadian Air Force. (Photo illustration by Munnaf Joarder)

AIR SHOW AND OPEN HOUSE

'Presenting the Next 100 Years'



Major Mark D. Vaught, Air Show Director

By Major Mark D. Vaught
Air Show Director

On behalf of Team Selfridge and the 127th Wing Commander, I welcome you to the 2022 Selfridge Open House and Air Show as we move forward into the next 100 years. We engage the next generation, to showcase our technology, and present the next 100 years.

We are engaging the next gen-

eration by sponsoring three community events in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The theme will include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, STEM events, defense opportunities in Michigan, and women in aviation. The events are geared for middle to high school-age youth to engage and inspire our next generation of military leaders, aviators, and innovators.

We are showcasing the technology by incorporating all sectors of defense and some civilian technology companies. Our state-of-the-art Kelly Johnson All Domain Innovation Center will be presented so the public can gain a glimpse of how new and emerging technology are incorporated in our planning and execution.

We will also host the Air Combat Command F-22 Raptor demonstration team. The public will

have the opportunity to witness a 5th generation fighter display its dominance and aerial prowess.

"Presenting the Next 100 Years" will be the theme for the open house event. We are creating a show with aerial demonstrations and static displays from every technological advancement in the history of Selfridge, ultimately foreshadowing our future.



The Air Combat Command F-22 Demonstration Team at Langley Air Force Base performs precision aerial maneuvers to demonstrate the unique capabilities of the fifth-generation fighter aircraft. The team also teams up with Air Force Heritage flight exhibiting the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support these aircraft.

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AIR SHOW

Selfridge prepares for 2022 Air Show

By Tech. Sgt. Samara Taylor

Selfridge will have its Open House and Air Show on July 9-10, a free event open to the public. Gates will open at 8 a.m.

This year's theme is "Celebrating the Next 100 Years," which will showcase our current technological capabilities and look forward to what advancements are to come.

"The significance of the theme ties into where we are going in terms of technology as the world's greatest military," said Major Mark Vaught, who is currently serving as the 127th Wing air show director.

The featured headliner aerial demonstration teams for the air show are the Army Golden Knights, Air Combat Command F-22 Demonstration Team from Langley Air Force Base. This year's show will also feature the first appearance of the CF-18 Demonstration team representing aviators of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

"There will be more than eight hours of aerial demonstrations and performances over the course of two days," said Vaught who is also a KC-135 Stratotanker instructor pilot with the 171st Air Refueling Squadron.

Programming may change due to unforeseeable events. For the most up to date information, please visit teamselfridge.com.

Home to units from every component of the U.S. Armed Forces, Selfridge Air National Guard Base is one of the oldest and most complex military airfields in the nation.

The mission of the 127th Wing is to provide trained, equipped and motivated air refueling, fighter, and support resources serving the community, State, and Nation. Flying two aircraft and supporting two Air Force Major Commands, the 127th Wing is one of the most complex units in the U.S. Air Force.



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The Golden Knights have conducted more than 16,000 shows in 50 states and 48 countries, reaching an average of 60,000 people per show. The team has earned the U.S. Army 2,148 gold, 1,117 silver, and 693 bronze medals in national and international competitions. Team members have also broken 348 world records. The Golden Knights are one of only three Department of Defense-sanctioned aerial demonstration teams, along with the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. The team comprises approximately 95 men and women, which includes four parachute units, an aviation unit, and a headquarters. The demonstration teams, which use five dedicated aircraft, perform at more than 100 events per year. The tandem section is known for taking Soldiers, celebrities, and heads of state on jumps, and the competition section focuses on winning national and international skydiving events.

FAQ

Open House and Air Show frequently asked questions

Q: Can I drive an RV to the show?

A: NO. RV parking is not allowed.

Q: What time I should I get there?

A: Early! Gates open at 8 a.m. We suggest arriving in plenty of time before the performances are scheduled to begin. Aerial performances are set to begin at 11 a.m.

Q: Can I get an Uber or a friend to drop me off at the front gate?

A: No, walk-ins are not permitted. You must use a parking pass to get a space and attend the show.

Q: Are cameras and video recorders allowed?

A: Yes, cameras and video recorders are allowed and encouraged to capture the memories, please see our com-

plete list of prohibited items to know what you should leave at home.

Q: What happens if it rains?

A: It takes more than a few drops of rain to stop the Selfridge Air Show! The air show will take place — rain or shine both Saturday and Sunday. Air show performers have high, low, and flat routines to adapt to varying weather conditions. Schedules may be altered or delayed for periods of time if heavy rainfall occurs. Please note that there are no refunds or rain checks for purchased tickets.

Q: Are coolers and/or backpacks permitted?

A: No. Due to security concerns, cooler and large bags are not permitted on the show site. Small coolers for the purpose of carrying doctor prescribed, life-preserving

medications are permitted. All personal handbags, totes, diaper bags, etc., are subject to search at the entry gates.

Q: Are pets allowed?

A: No. For the safety of attendees and the animals, pets are not allowed on show grounds. Certified service animals are permitted.

Q: Is smoking or vaping allowed at the show?

A: No. Selfridge Air National Guard Base is a smoke free and vape-free venue. Any guests found smoking or vaping on the grounds will be asked to leave.

Q: May I bring a tent, beach umbrella, or awning?

A: No. Due to security and safety concerns, tents, beach umbrellas, awnings and the like are not permitted on show grounds.



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The CF-18 Demonstration team represents aviators of the Royal Canadian Air Force who conduct and support operations at home and worldwide every day. Showcasing the abilities of Canada's multi-role fighter through an impressive aerobatic routine, the team attends air shows and conducts flyovers across Canada and the United States. Each year, a new theme is chosen to highlight important milestones or ideas related to the military, Canada, or aviation. This theme is then translated into an impressive paint scheme on the team's CF-18 Demonstration jet and featured throughout the season, raising awareness and building audience interest.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day: Honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice

By Chief Master Sgt.
Richard Gordon
127th Wing Command Chief



Chief Master Sgt. Richard Gordon, 127th Wing Command Chief

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

In 1788, the U.S. Constitution became the law of our land; and since that time millions of Americans have sworn to uphold it, with all things up to and including their lives. On Memorial Day, we come together to remember those who have done just that; who've paid the ultimate sacrifice to uphold our constitution, and ensure the freedoms of every American.

Following the Civil War, a former commanding general named John Logan, leader of a Northern Civil War Veteran's group called the Grand Army of the Republic, issued General Order 11, calling for a nationwide day of remembrance for those who had died in battle. General Logan was quoted as saying "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their Country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in every city, village, and Hamlet Churchyard in the land." On that day, 20,000 graves

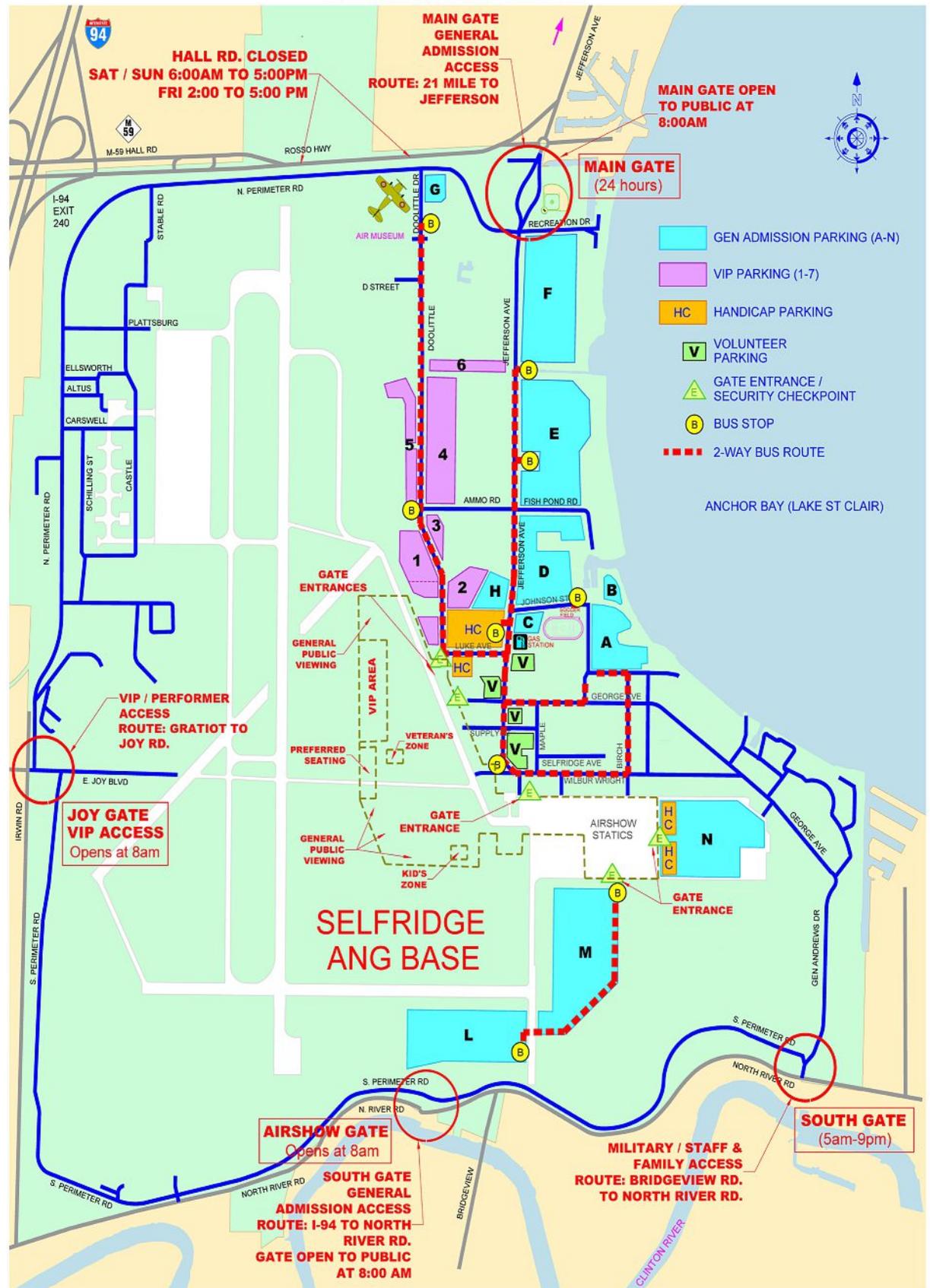
of Civil War Soldiers were decorated at Arlington National Cemetery, and Memorial Day was borne.

A day to reflect upon and honor the fallen heroes of all of our nation's conflicts, those brave men and women who possessed the pride, courage, and dedication to serve our nation when called upon, and who laid down their lives in the name of service, honor, and country. Their selfless service is emblematic of the values and ideals upon which our country was founded. As Kennedy said, the highest appreciation we can provide, is to live by the ideals of those that have gone before us.

Please join me in remembrance of those who have given their today, for our tomorrow; to recommit ourselves to never forget the sacrifices of those patriots and of their families, and to always remember the values and ideals that have made our nation what it is today, the greatest country in the world.

May God Bless you, and may God Bless America.

PARKING MAP



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With Gratitude for our U.S. Servicemen and Women who Sacrifice for our Freedoms



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