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**Tickets are now on sale for The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo**

Brunswick, ME – Each and every aviation enthusiast knows how amazing it is to witness the power and excitement of the **Blue Angels** as they perform their precision aerobatic formations and high speed solos. **The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo**, presented by Bill Dodge Auto Group, Wells Fargo Advisors, and Kestrel Aircraft Company, is a fun, family friendly activity where thrilling flying performances will showcase aerial feats, competitions, vintage aircraft, and amazing aerobatics - attractions not easily seen by participants in any other setting.

Held on August 26 - 28, 2011, at the new Brunswick Executive Airport at Brunswick Landing, the Air Show features the world famous US Navy **Blue Angels** and **The US Army Golden Knights Parachute Team**, along with military tach demos, top national aerobatic acts, classic military legacy aircraft including the B-25 Panchito, the L-39 Albatross "Vandy-1" and the P-51D Mustang "Glamorous Gal", and the Geico Skytypers squadron made up of WWII vintage fighters!

The theme of this year's Air Show is "**Honoring Those Who Serve.**" The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo has been selected by the Navy as a "Tier 1" event recognizing the Centennial of Naval Aviation – the only event in the Northern New England with this distinction. The event will commemorate 100 years of Naval Aviation, and will recognize all members of the Armed Services. In addition, The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo will feature the Wounded Warrior flight demo team, as well as offer discounts for veterans and members of the military.

"In addition to the Blue Angels and Golden Knights, we have recruited many of the premier performers on the air show circuit," states Marty McMahon, the Air Show Director. "Our lineup of civilian performers includes famous performers like Mike Goulian and Julie Clark, as well as local talent like Dan Marcotte."

Besides General Admission Tickets, which are discounted for those who buy advance tickets on-line, The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo offers a variety of ticket options, such as: **reserved seating** right at the flight line; and **Chairman's Chalet seating**, which offers food, beverages, shade, and a patio viewing area at the flight line. Whether

you are buying tickets for yourself or for someone else, the **only way to ensure these premium seating and viewing opportunities is to buy advance tickets on-line** by going to [www.GreatStateofMaineAirShow.us](http://www.GreatStateofMaineAirShow.us) and clicking on the “Buy Tickets” link.

The 2011 Air Show promises the excitement of years past, but people may notice a difference between this year’s show and former air shows at the soon-to-be-closed Naval Air Station Brunswick: paying for admission. “I don't find the prices that bad after looking at some of the prices at other shows that have admission fees,” states Phil Roberts, an avid air show attendee. “If we want the air show to continue we need to show support by buying tickets and attending.”

“Previous air shows at Brunswick were Navy Open House Events, funded with federal tax dollars,” added McMahon. “The only way to bring the Great State of Maine Air Show back to Brunswick was to add an admission fee that would replace the federal funding. We worked very hard to manage costs and control our budget in order to keep the admission fees as low as possible. It is important to us that the air shows remain affordable, family-oriented events.”

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