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Air National Guard aircraft, personnel to be highlighted at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin – (June 17, 2025) — The U.S. Air National Guard will be the featured service component at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2025, which is scheduled to be held July 21-27, 2025, at Wittman Regional Airport, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

"Each year, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh selects an aviation military command to recognize during the event," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "The Air National Guard is an important part of the country's capabilities in every state and maintains impressive levels of expertise and experience within the entire spectrum of military aircraft."

The ANG is the primary combat-ready reserve to the U.S. Air Force with more than 108,000 Airmen and 1,000 aircraft. Every day, the ANG provides a flexible, dynamic, fight-tonight force to defend the homeland, establish deterrence, serve our communities, and project global air power.

"Participating in the nation's largest airshow is a tremendous opportunity for our Guard Airmen to showcase the skill, precision, and capability of the Air National Guard," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Duke Pirak, acting director, Air National Guard. "Our Guard Airmen combine military training with civilian skills and experiences, bringing a broad knowledge base and innovative mindset to the warrior ethos. It's an honor to represent the U.S. Air Force and highlight the important missions we execute every day at home and abroad."

Today's ANG executes more than 30 percent of the USAF's global operational airpower requirements and more than 94 percent of the USAF's homeland defense responsibilities.

"Every opportunity to plan, deploy, and execute, even in a public setting like an air show, sharpens our readiness for real-world operations," said Pirak. "These events allow our Guard Airmen to practice critical mission sets, refine coordination across units, and operate in dynamic

environments, directly contributing to our ability to respond decisively in times of crisis or conflict."

National Guard units from at least seven states are scheduled to participate at Oshkosh with either flying demonstrations or aircraft displays. Final announcements on participating aircraft and personnel, including flight demos and presentations by ANG units throughout the week, will be announced as they are finalized.

"This airshow is more than a public event — it's a powerful demonstration of the Air National Guard's unrivaled airpower and the professionalism of the men and women who deliver it every day," said Pirak. "Our participation highlights the wartime readiness of our units, reinforces our commitment to allies and partners, and sends a clear message to potential adversaries: we are ready, capable, and committed to defending our nation's interests wherever they may be challenged."

About EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" and EAA's membership convention. Additional information, including advance ticket and camping purchase, is available at www.EAA.org/airventure. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or visit www.EAA.org.