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## **2021 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show adds Raptor demo to lineup**

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, NC (Sept. 21, 2021)** — Air show planners confirmed today that the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team will be in the lineup of performances for the 2021 MCAS Cherry Point Air Show and 80th Anniversary Celebration, Sept. 25-26.

The addition of the U.S. Air Force's F-22 demo adds to the lineup that features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

The F-22 Raptor is the Air Force's premier 5th generation fighter aircraft. Its combination of stealth, supercruise, extreme maneuverability, and integrated avionics represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities. The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions that are vital to the 21st century Air Force.

The F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team is stationed at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia. In March 2007, the team participated in its debut air show at Tyndall Air Force Base. Since then, the team has performed more than 250 demonstrations across the world.

The F-22, a critical component of the Global Strike Task Force, is designed to rapidly project air dominance at great distances while defeating threats attempting to deny access to our nation's Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The F-22 cannot be matched by any known or projected fighter aircraft.

In addition to the demonstration team, air show planners have scheduled acts such as Jet Truck, All-veteran jump team, Aftershock Stephen Covington Randy Ball, RJ Gritter, Lou Horschel, Tom Larkin, and Hubie Tolson. Planners have also confirmed demonstrations of the Marine Air Ground Task Force, AV-8B, F-35, F-18, and the Wall of Fire, as well as the 2nd MAW Band performing.

The timing of the event kicks off Eastern North Carolina's fall festival season.

The air show is MCAS Cherry Point and 2nd MAW's immense, community outreach event that is a show of appreciation to its regional neighbors and community partners for their enduring support in mission success. The show draws thousands and has recorded previous attendance of more than 150,000 guests.

While premium ticketing is offered, general admission and parking are free to the designated show grounds which runs along MCAS Cherry Point flight line. The area will be lined with an array of demonstrations, aircraft static displays, vendor offerings and more.

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