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**Tickets Now On Sale for Kia of Lake Charles Chennault International Airshow**

LAKE CHARLES, La.—Back by popular demand, the Kia of Lake Charles Chennault International Airshow is thundering back to Lake Charles for heart-pounding thrills and chills April 28-30, 2017, at Chennault International Airport. Families won't want to miss the Airshow's jaw-dropping lineup of aerial performances and demonstrations from first-time-event acts as well as returning favorites.

Headlining the 2017 show will be a return of awesome aerobatics by the Thunderbirds—the U.S. Air Force's premier jet demonstration team. The Thunderbirds squadron is internationally known for their hard-charging demonstrations featuring precision formation flying that pushes their signature red, white and blue F-16 Fighting Falcons to the limit.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, the Airshow will present stomach-dropping air stunts, gravity-defying routines, aircraft exhibits, and family-friendly activities in the Kid Zone. Other attractions will include:

- **U.S. Army Golden Knights:** The Army's only official demonstration team, the Golden Knights Parachute Team competes worldwide in skydiving competitions and is known for their stomach-dropping jumps and stunts.
- **AeroShell Aerobatic Team:** The team is made up of four experienced pilots flying World War II North American Advanced Trainer aircraft.
- **Shockwave Jet Truck:** This pyrotechnic routine features the world's fastest semi-truck with three jet engines and 36,000 horsepower.
- **Matt Younkin:** While the Beech 18 airplane is typically slow and cumbersome, Matt's daytime and nighttime routines have been described as graceful and awe-inspiring.
- **Kevin Coleman:** A Louisiana native and one of the youngest pilots around, Kevin has wowed the airshow circuit with his unique Extra 300SHP—one of the best high-performance planes in the world.

- **Gene Soucy:** A former member of the record-setting Eagles Aerobatic Flight Team, Gene has been a member of two World Champion U.S. Aerobatic Teams, and he has won more awards than any other active airshow pilot.
- **Julie Clark:** With her sparkling personality and the graceful aerobatics that have endeared her to her legions of faithful fans, Julie Clark's air show routine takes her beautifully restored T-34, "Free Spirit," to the limits of its operating capability.

General admission day passes include one full day of aviation fun and are \$20 in advance or \$24 at the gate. Children ages 12 and under can enter for free when accompanied by an adult.

Due to popular demand, tickets to the Friday Twilight Show, an abbreviated show during the evening, are available for advance purchase only for \$15.

Weekend passes are available for \$40 and include the Friday Twilight Show as well as performances on Saturday and Sunday.

VIP tickets are available for Saturday or Sunday for \$75 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under, and include front-line viewing and entry into the VIP tent with food, wine, beer and soft drinks.

Amateur and professional photographers can purchase a \$75 Photo Tour pass for Saturday or Sunday, which includes an escorted ramp tour of aircraft before gates open to the public, access to the Photo Pit tented area, lunch and water. A limited number of Photo Tour tickets are only available online prior to the event.

All ticket sales are final with no refunds and no rain checks. There will be free parking throughout the event. All performances, demonstrations and/or flyovers are currently scheduled to appear but are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.

To purchase tickets online or to learn about the 2017 event lineup, visit the Airshow's website at [www.chennaultairshow.com](http://www.chennaultairshow.com).

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