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2004 Lineup for the Little Rock Air Force Base Air Show announced

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. – Little Rock Air Force Base will celebrate the “**Heroes of the Heartland**” at its annual airshow and community celebration here, Saturday and Sunday June 5-6.

Headlining the show will be the C-130 combat capabilities exercise (CAPEX). Our own C-130 aircraft will demonstrate their combat prowess in a large formation flight.

“A typical ‘day at the office’ of a C-130 pilot is a sight for us all to see,” said Lt. Col. Mark Baker, air show coordinator. “Not every day do you get a chance to see what our pilots do in support of the global war on terror.”

Along with the stunning formation flight, C-130s will drop heavy equipment and container delivery system bundles just as they do in real world missions.

Additionally, paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division and the XVIII Airborne Corps will jump in an exciting and impressive display of joint military power. The new C-130J Super Hercules—a recent arrival at the base—will showcase its capabilities with an amazing display of handling characteristics.

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Combat power will arrive from the sky as the Golden Knights Army Parachute Demonstration Team and the Wings of Blue Air Force Academy Parachute Demonstration Team demonstrate their daring.

Also performing this year will be the West Coast A-10 Demonstration Team, MiG 17 and L-29 Delfin performances by Fighter Jets Inc., World War II warbird flights by a P-51 and Japanese Zero, U.S. Army Apache and Blackhawk helicopter demonstrations. A host of civilian aerobatic pilots will push their aircraft to the limit including performances by John Melby in his Pitts Special biplane, wing-walking with Walt Pierce and finally glider aerobatics from Steve Coan Sailplane Aerobatics.

Souvenir, food and information booths will also be available. As always, admission and parking are free. For everyone's safety all visitors and their vehicles will be subject to search. No coolers, pets, backpacks, or large bags are allowed at the air show. Due to security restrictions, RVs will not be allowed on base.

Gates open at 8:30 a.m., the air show flying performances will start around 10:30 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday and continue until about 5:00 p.m. each day.

Come join the fun and excitement as we celebrate the **Heroes of the Heartland!** For more information about the airshow and community celebration, people can visit the base's website at www.littlerock.af.mil.