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NASA Takes to the Air and the Ground at the 42nd Annual Wings Over Houston Airshow

The Freedom 250 F-5s, a MiG-29 flown by NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman and a NASA ground display come to Ellington Airport Oct. 31-Nov. 1

HOUSTON — NASA and the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will take to the skies at the 42nd annual Wings Over Houston Airshow, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at Ellington Airport. One of Houston's largest annual outdoor events, this year's show features a T-38 flyover demonstration, marking the first in-air appearance of a NASA T-38 jet at the airshow. Additional participation includes the Freedom 250 F-5 jet team, a MiG-29UB Fulcrum flown by NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman and a large ground presence.

In the air, the Freedom 250 F-5s will make their first appearance at Wings Over Houston. Isaacman created the five-jet team to celebrate America's 250th birthday, and the jets wear a commemorative red, white and blue paint scheme. Isaacman will also fly a MiG-29UB, a two-seat trainer version of the Soviet-designed fighter, in a solo afterburner demonstration, then join the F-5s in a five-ship formation.

"Houston is Space City, and NASA aircraft have called Ellington home for decades," said Bill Roach, executive director of Wings Over Houston. "This year, our guests can experience that legacy up close, from the Freedom 250 jets roaring overhead to NASA aircraft they can walk right up to on the ramp. Clear Lake-area residents are seeing them fly over their homes and businesses, but not up this close."

On the ground, NASA will have a large presence on the show grounds, including a T-38 on static display and a 30-foot interactive. NASA's mobile exhibit delivers an immersive multimedia experience highlighting Johnson Space Center's programs, and features high-resolution displays, hands-on activities, a spacesuit photo opportunity, and a touchable Moon rock. Ellington is home to NASA Johnson Space Center's aircraft operations, including the T-38 jets used for astronaut training, the WB-57 high-altitude research aircraft and the Gulfstream V research jet. The fleet also includes the Super Guppy, which carries oversized spacecraft hardware and is based at El Paso International Airport.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds headline the event. Other performers include the United Airlines 777 demonstration; the U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III, KC-46A Pegasus and KC-135 Stratotanker; Tora! Tora! Tora!; the RE/MAX Skydive Team; Shane McGillis Aerobatics; the NextGen Eagles aerobatic team; The Pink Jet; and a Vietnam Heritage Tribute led by the Collings Foundation's F-4D Phantom II, the world's only airworthy example.

Other special elements of this year's event include a drive-in-style show Friday, Oct. 30; the Legends & Heroes tent; and the Veterans Business Marketplace.

To learn more about ticket options, display aircraft, event attractions, travel accommodations, sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.

About CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow

The CAF Wings Over Houston Airshow is an IRC 501(c)(3) community event presented by the volunteer efforts of the Houston Wing, Gulf Coast Wing and Tora! Tora! Tora! of the Commemorative Air Force, with support from the Lone Star Flight Museum, Collings Foundation-Houston and the Vietnam War Flight Museum, National USA Forces Museum, based at Ellington Airport. One of the top air shows in the United States, this premier Houston event is dedicated to showcasing vintage World War II aircraft, along with the thrills of modern aviation, and has supported a variety of local and national charities during its 42-year history.

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