

Rockford AirFest 2009 performers

Military performers

B-2 "Spirit" bomber

The B-2 is an American heavy bomber designed to penetrate dense anti-aircraft defenses and deploy conventional and nuclear weapons. Fly-by Saturday only.



B-2 "Spirit" bomber

U.S. Navy Leap Frogs

A typical Leap Frogs performance consists of 14 jumpers leaping out of an aircraft at an altitude of 12,500 feet.



U.S. Navy Leap Frogs

F/A-18 Hornet Demo Team

The Boeing F/A-18 Hornet is a modern American all-weather carrier-capable strike fighter jet, designed to attack ground and aerial targets.



USAF Heritage Flight Team

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State-of-the-art fighters flying in close formation with World War II, Korean- and Vietnam-era fighters, such as the P-51 Mustang and the F-86 Sabre.

U.S. Navy Legacy Flight Team

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U.S. Navy Legacy Flight Team

B-1B Lancer bomber

Capable of speeds of Mach 1.25 at altitude, the B-1B has an impressive array of modern technology, including passive electronically scanned array radar with electronic steering beams and a GPS-based navigation system.



B-1B Lancer bomber

UH-64 Apache helicopter

A four-blade, twin-engine attack helicopter with reverse-tricycle landing gear and tandem cockpit for a crew of two. The Apache is armed with a 30 mm M230 Chain Gun carried between the main landing gear, under the aircraft's belly.



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KC-135 Stratotanker

A long-range, military re fueling aircraft. The KC-135 can carry up to 31,275 gallons of jet fuel and/or up to 83 passengers.



C-130 Hercules

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A four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft. It is the main tactical airlifter for many military forces worldwide. Capable of takeoffs and landings from unprepared runways.



Rich's Incredible Pyro put on dazzling pyrotechnic displays, such as the Walking Bomb Run.

Civilian performers

Civilian Sea Harrier

The Sea Harrier is a naval VTOL/STOVL jet fighter, reconnaissance and attack aircraft, a development of the Hawker Siddeley Harrier.

Bill Stein's Edge 540

Using cutting-edge paint technology, Bill has designed the spectacular look of his new airplane using a paint that continuously changes color based on the constantly varying angles between the spectators, airplane, and the lighting.

Sean D. Tucker

Sean is the world's premier performer in terms of entertainment value, piloting skill and professionalism. He has been flying air shows worldwide since the mid-'70s and has won numerous aerobatic competitions.

Aerostars

The Aerostars are a precision aerobatic team. The Aero-stars' aerial ballet captivates air show audiences with a combination of graceful

aerobatics flown in tight formation, spectacular break-aways, breathtaking opposing passes and awe-inspiring inverted maneuvers.

Dave Dacy w/ Tony Kazian

Veteran air show pilot Dave Dacy and wingwalker Tony Kazian perform an incredible, aggressive display of barnstorming aerobatics and wingwalking techniques.

The Firebirds Delta Team

An unparalleled civilian air show team that delivers a high-energy and fast-paced air show performance.

The Collaborators

Sean D. Tucker, Ben Freelove, Eric Tucker and Bill Stein are the pilots who push their four high-performance ship squadron to perform innovative aerobatic maneuvers.

Rich's Incredible Pyro

This husband-and-wife team, along with their experienced crew, create the "booms" and "fireballs" you will see, hear and feel at air shows and special events.



Aerostars

PHOTOS PROVIDED



The Sukhoi Su-27 "Flanker" is a one-seat, Mach 2-class jet fighter originally manufactured by the Soviet Union.

Static displays

Military

E-3C Sentry "AWACS"

E-2 Hawkeye

C-2 COD

KC-135R Stratotanker

KC-10 Tanker

UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter

CH-47 Chinook helicopter

B-1B Lancer bomber

T-38 Talon

T-33 Shooting Star

T-45 Goshawk

F-16 Fighting Falcon

A-10 Warthog

C-130 Hercules

Su-27 Flanker

BAC 167 Strikemaster

T-1 Jayhawk

T-6 II Texan

E-6 Mercury

Civilian/Commercial/Warbirds

DC-3

T-33 Shooting Star

T-28 Trojan

L-39 Albatross

UH-1 Medevac helicopter

UPS Airbus A-300

OH-V1 Mohawk

L.E.A.C. helicopter

American Eagle ERJ-145

L-3 Grasshopper

L-4 Grasshopper

American Airlines Boeing 737-800

Yakovlev Yak-52

Stearman/Boeing PT-17

Rutan Varieze

Kaney Aerospace 737-300

PA-28 Cherokee Tuskegee Airmen

Note: Performers may change depending on weather or availability.