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AF Thunderbirds to join Holloman's 2022 Legacy of Liberty Air Show

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will perform at the 49th Wing's Legacy of Liberty Air Show slated for May 7 and 8, 2022.

This will be the Thunderbirds' first performance at Holloman AFB since October 2011.

"We are thrilled to add Holloman to our 2022 schedule," said Lt. Col. Justin Elliott, Thunderbirds commander and leader. "This was a deliberate decision for me based on our mission to recruit, retain, and inspire. Performing at Holloman specifically targets retention because Holloman is a very important base to the F-16 community as the gateway to the F-16. It's also incredibly important to our team as 7 of 8 Thunderbird pilots on the 2022 team went through Holloman to get where we are today."

The Legacy of Liberty Air Show will celebrate the Air Force's 75th Anniversary, with a wide range of military aircraft from past to present. Performances and static aircraft will demonstrate the power and precision of today's Air Force, and the heritage and legacy of the past.

"We are excited to celebrate the Air Force's 75th Birthday with the community that supports our U.S. military," said Col. Ryan Keeney, 49th Wing commander. "We have been fighting through the COVID-19 pandemic for two years and we are looking forward to opening our gates. Our air show committee continues to work tirelessly in ensuring a safe, fun-filled event for adults and children."

The two-day event is free and open to the public to enjoy a variety of entertainment and activities for the whole family.

For more information about the air show, visit <https://www.holloman.af.mil/open-house>, the Holloman Air Force Base Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HollomanAirForceBase/> or contact the 49th Wing Public Affairs Office at 575-572-7381 or 49wg.paoffice@us.af.mil.