Wings of Blue

"Where character takes flight"
Based at the Air Force Academy, Colorado, the Wings of Blue Demonstration Team performs at more than 50 special events in front of more than 2 million spectators each year.

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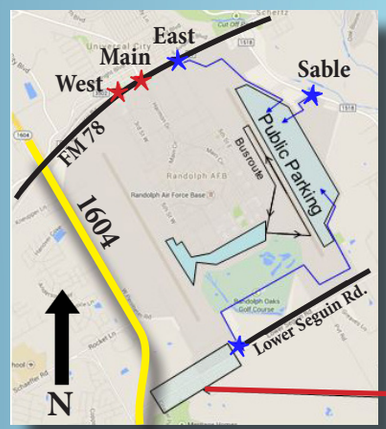
Public access points into Air Show Parking:



★ FM 78 - East Gate

★ FM 1518 - Sable Gate

★ Lower Seguin Road - South Gate

* East, South and Sable Gates will only provide access to air show public parking areas.

Road closed during Thunderbird Demonstration

✶ ***DoD ID gate access:***

* DoD ID card holders will have normal base access through the Main and West Gates and will have pedestrian access to the air show from 5th Street West.

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Prohibited items are: bicycles, coolers, back-packs, skateboards, firearms, edged weap-ons-knives greater than 3 1/2", pets, and alcohol.

The following items are authorized into the air show grounds once a search of the items is conducted by security personnel: camera bags, diaper bags, purses, strollers, and lawn chairs with or without canvas carrying case.

2015 JBSA
Air Show and Open House

Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 Performance Schedule

9 a.m. Airshow Gates Open
12 FTW 4-ship
Wings of Blue Launch
Wings of Blue Streamer Drop
Opening Ceremonies / Wings of Blue Jump
Team JBSA Flyby
G-202 Demo
4-Ship 12 FTW Land
T-6 Demo
Mig-17 Demo
T-33 Korean War Demo
Mig-17 Land
T-33 Demo
Rifle and G&M Demo
Launch Golden Knights Streamer Drop
P-51 Demo
Jelly Belly Act 1
Golden Knights Show
Twin Beech Demo
Shockly Jet Truck Demo
Shockly Race w/Twin Beech
Jelly Belly Act 2
B-25 Doolittle Raiders Flight
Tora Tora Tora Demo
Jelly Belly Act 3
Rob Holland
Thunderbirds Ground Show
Thunderbirds Air Show
Thunderbirds Autograph Session
6 p.m. - Gates Close

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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Commanders Welcome You To 2015 Air Show and Open House

On behalf of the men and women from the Department of Defense's largest and most diverse joint base, we are proud to welcome you to Joint Base San Antonio's 2015 Air Show and Open House. This year's theme, "Taking Military City USA to New Heights," is certainly befitting as we have dedicated an entire weekend to showcasing air, space and cyber power by opening the gates of JBSA-Randolph to our incredibly supportive public!

It's no secret that the region and surrounding community have established a tremendous partnership with all 266 Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force missions that reside on Joint Base San Antonio. The fascination and collaboration with air power started more than 105 years ago when Lieutenant Benjamin Foulois conducted the first military flight at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston March 2, 1910. Since that historic first-flight, the support for air power expanded dramatically as the Army Signal Corps and the newly created Army Air Corps constructed flying operations and training platforms across San Antonio. Today, JBSA-Randolph is the home of the 12th Flying Training Wing that trains 850 instructor pilots, fighter wingmen, and remotely piloted aircraft aircrew every year as the "Source of America's Airpower."

We're very proud of our people and this open house is our opportunity to highlight the professionalism, dedication, and skill of the world's finest military. Our JBSA air show committee carefully planned an event that will be fun for kids of all ages. There will be 20 aerial performances, 30 static displays and numerous exhibits. Included in the performances are our very own Wings of Blue and the Army's Golden Knights parachute teams who will display their daring aerial prowess during our two-day celebration. Most notably, our headlining demonstration team, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, is guaranteed to take your breath away as you witness their power and precision maneuvers in the skies above!

What you'll see on our flight line is the evolution of air power and the incredible advancements in technology that has occurred throughout the Air Force's extraordinary history. There will be war birds on static display representing the World War II, Korea and Vietnam eras, along with today's remotely piloted aircraft, trainer and fighter weapon systems. A new feature for this year's air show is the addition of a "Futures Hangar," that will underscore the importance of our emerging cyberspace mission, plus an "Expeditionary City," offering a closer look at how the Air Force operates in a deployed environment.

Again, we're honored to open the gates of JBSA-Randolph to all of you and know that you will enjoy learning more about "Your Air Force"—its rich history and proud heritage. Most significantly, this exhibition provides you the opportunity to see and meet, the magnificent Airmen who execute the mission every single day!

Thank you for your support and for being our guests!

Headlining this year's show are the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Army's Golden Knights. The Air Show and Open House are expected to draw crowds of at least 250,000 daily.

United States Air Force Thunderbirds

"America's Ambassadors in Blue"

Since the team's inception, 325 officers have worn the distinguished emblem of "America's Ambassadors in Blue." Through selfless dedication, a desire to excel and a constant commitment to improvement, these leaders have channeled their efforts into making the Thunderbirds what they are today.

Every officer has a specific and crucial role in the broad Thunderbirds mission, and traditionally, officers assigned to the team adopt their number as their unofficial "call sign." Eight of the 12 officers assigned to the team are highly experienced fighter pilots. Thunderbirds 1-6 fly in the air show demonstrations; Thunderbird 7 is the operations officer; and Thunderbird 8 is the advance pilot and narrator, coordinating last-minute logistical details at show sites and lending his voice to describe the maneuvers during the show. Thunderbirds 9-12 are support officers who perform expert medical, administrative, maintenance and public affairs functions.

More than 120 enlisted personnel, representing nearly 30 career fields, form the backbone of the Thunderbirds. Enlisted team members are selected from units across the Air Force in a highly competitive hiring process.

Enlisted Thunderbirds must have served in the Air Force for at least three years before they can be considered for the team. If they are hired, they will typically serve between three and four years as a Thunderbird.

The pilots perform about 40 maneuvers in a demonstration. The entire show, including the ground show and air demonstration, lasts about 75 minutes.

U.S. Army Golden Knights

Cutting away a parachute on purpose. Passing a baton at 120 mph. Flying the American flag at 12,000 feet. Landing dead center on the target. The Golden Knights have been holding audiences in the palm of their hands all over the world with their feats of aerial acrobatics.

Now in their 50th year of entertaining both young and old with their amazing aerial skills, the men and women of the Golden Knights continue to show why they are considered the world's best parachute team.

The Black and Gold Demonstration Teams spend more than 230 days a year entertaining millions of spectators around the world. The teams have performed more than 8,500 live aerial demonstrations at air shows and special events in all 50 states and over 47 countries, earning them the title of the "Army's Goodwill Ambassadors to the World."

Stationed at the "Home of the Airborne," Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the 90 Soldiers who make up the Golden Knights come from diverse backgrounds. All have been trained in one of the Army's military occupational specialties and serve with the team for three years.

With more than 400 national championships, 60 plus world championships and numerous team championships, when the Golden Knights show up to a competition, everyone else is battling for second place.