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### **U.S. NAVY BLUE ANGELS RETURN TO BALTIMORE IN 2014** *Star-Spangled Spectacular to commemorate the bicentennial of The Star-Spangled Banner*

BALTIMORE (Dec. 11) – The U.S. Navy Blue Angels announced that they will return to Baltimore in September 2014 for Star-Spangled Spectacular. The announcement was made at the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS) convention in Las Vegas earlier today.

“We are looking forward to welcoming the Blue Angels back to Maryland as we continue the celebration of The Star-Spangled Banner,” said Governor Martin O’Malley. “With the raising of that banner, Maryland – this center state – became the centerpiece of our nation’s hopes. And so now, 200 years later, Maryland is the centerpiece of our nation’s commemoration of the War of 1812. We hope that all Marylanders and visitors to our State will join us in celebrating our revolutionary history.”

Star-Spangled Spectacular, September 6-15, 2014, will be the culminating event for Maryland’s three-year commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. In addition to the air show, Spectacular will include the return of tall ships, Navy gray hulls, and landside activities. Star-Spangled Sailabration kicked off Maryland’s festivities in June 2012 attracting more than 1.5 million people who generated more than \$166 million in economic impact for the region.

The return of the Blue Angels marks the second time that the elite Navy flight demonstration squad will have performed in Baltimore. The Star-Spangled Air Show, a two-day show in June 2012, featured multiple military acts flying over the waters off Fort McHenry. Martin State Airport in Baltimore County hosted





the Blue Angels and a two-day festival where pilots signed autographs and interacted with the crowds.

“The War of 1812 was a defining moment in Baltimore’s history. Residents came together to support the defense of the city, and help us secure peace and independence on this continent,” said Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. “The Blue Angels truly were the highlight of Sailabration and we look forward to welcoming the Blue Angels and thousands more visitors back to Baltimore for Star-Spangled Spectacular, and many other events celebrating our place in history.”

“Baltimore County was delighted to host the Blues,” said Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamanetz. “I know that festival goers really enjoyed meeting the pilots and seeing their famed blue jets up close. I look forward to their return.”

“The team could not be more excited to return to Baltimore in 2014,” said Lt. Mark Tedrow. “As Blue Angel #7 in 2012, I was able to see the Star-Spangled Sailabration first-hand while narrating from Fort McHenry. I can truly say that it was one of the most awe-inspiring and patriotic events I have witnessed in my entire life. Baltimore and the surrounding communities did a phenomenal job hosting the event and welcoming spectators who attended the celebration.” Lt. Tedrow will return in 2014 as opposing solo pilot #6.

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About Star-Spangled 200, Inc.

Star-Spangled 200, Inc. is the non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports the fundraising goals of the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission and is charged with helping to ensure the realization of successful programs, events, and community investment during the three-year commemoration period. For more information: visit [www.starspangled200.com](http://www.starspangled200.com).





### About the Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

Established by Governor Martin O'Malley, the commission is staffed by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, Division of Tourism Film and the Arts. The bicentennial period runs from June 2012 through February 2015. It commemorates Maryland's unique contributions to the defense and heritage of the nation, including the pivotal battle that led to an American victory and the birth of "The Star-Spangled Banner." For more information: visit [www.starspangled200.org](http://www.starspangled200.org).

