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Niagara Aviation helps air show take flight

The Niagara Military Affairs Council is a community-based group that supports the men and women of Niagara's military.

This year's Thunder of Niagara air show on Sept. 10 and 11 is special as we will begin with a somber remembrance of the events of 9/11 and then go into a celebration of the freedoms we all enjoy. The sound of freedom will be loud as the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and various military and civilian aircraft race through the skies of Niagara.

Along with the United States Air Force, NIMAC is working closely on plans and sponsorships for the air show. We appreciate the support Niagara Falls Aviation has had for the Thunder of Niagara Air Show. Previous contributions of thousands of dollars by Niagara Falls Aviation during the past decade have provided fuel and support to

civilian and historical aircraft at the show. This helps to allow the Air Force and NIMAC to showcase aviation activities at the air base and the airport. Niagara Falls Aviation makes it possible for the people of Western New York and Southern Ontario to not only see the aircraft fly but touch and see them up close on the ground during the show.

Niagara Falls Aviation and its CEO Howard Milstein has assisted in making the Thunder of Niagara air show possible in the past — a show which has featured the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels, the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Snowbirds. On behalf of the NIMAC, we thank Niagara Falls Aviation in supporting Thunder of Niagara Air Show again this year. This is a free public event.

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