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**104th Fighter Wing announces cancellation of scheduled 2021 Air Show**

**BARNES AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, WESTFIELD, Massachusetts** —Due to the unpredictable environment that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present, 104th Fighter Wing officials have made the difficult decision to cancel the scheduled 2021 Westfield International Air Show and Barnes Air National Guard Base Open House.

"Here at the 104th Fighter Wing, the health and safety of our community and our Barnestormers is our top priority," said Maj. Stephen 'Steagle' Mindek, Project Officer for the scheduled 2021 Air Show. "We understand what the Air Show means to the 104th and the surrounding communities; making the decision to cancel this community event was difficult but necessary. Thank you for your unwavering support of the 104th Fighter Wing. We look forward to the next opportunity that we can safely host another Air Show and Open House here."

The scheduled Air Show, which was to feature the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, was originally scheduled for August 14-15, 2021.

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The 104th Fighter Wing is made up of highly trained personnel ready to provide Air Superiority on-demand anywhere in the world with 21 assigned F-15C Eagle Aircraft. The 104th is trained to provide 24/7 Aerospace Control Alert, providing armed F-15 fighters ready to scramble in a moment's notice to protect the northeast United States from any airborne threat, security for one-quarter of the nation's population and over one-third of the Gross Domestic Product.

The Wing is always on call for emergency response to include security, logistics, communications, explosive ordnance disposal, firefighting, and medical support to the nation and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.