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### **The Blue Angels Advance Team Touch Down in Maine**

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Brunswick, ME – The US Navy Blue Angels Advance Team will be traveling to Maine Wednesday for a briefing with the hosts of the Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo. Plane 7 of the Blue Angels team will touch down at Portland International Jetport at 8:30 am. The Advance Team will then travel to Brunswick Landing and the Brunswick Executive Airport to discuss their requirements with the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority (MRRA) who will be hosting the Air Show on August 26 – 28, 2011.

“This is an exciting step in developing the event for the region,” stated Steve Levesque, MRRA’s executive director. “We are looking forward to meeting with the Advance Team to discuss the team’s requirements for next year’s show.”

The US Navy has selected The Great State of Maine Air Show as an “Official Centennial of Naval Aviation Tier 1 Event.” As only one of thirty-two events with this distinction, the air show at Brunswick Landing will participate in promoting the 100 years of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard's unique heritage.

“It is an honor that The Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo has been designated an official Centennial of Naval Aviation Tier 1 Event,” said Levesque. “This distinction underscores our dedication to creating an air show event that is not only a favorite for Maine residents and tourists, but honors the Navy’s one hundred years of aviation achievement and success.”

“We are thrilled the US Navy’s Blue Angels will be returning to Brunswick,” stated Marty McMahon, aviation services manager for MRRA. “The Blue Angels have a lot of fans here in Maine. It’s great that they will be back.”

For more information on the Great State of Maine Air Show & Business Aviation Expo, please go to [www.greatstateofmaineairshow.us](http://www.greatstateofmaineairshow.us) or 207-798-6512.

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