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**CIVIL AIR PATROL'S LONG ISLAND SENIOR SQUADRON  
ASSISTS U.S. NAVY'S ELITE BLUE ANGELS**

REPUBLIC AIRPORT, FARMINGDALE, N.Y., 27 May 2008 — The Long Island Senior Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was proud to provide support and assistance to the U.S. Navy's elite demonstration squadron, the "Blue Angels," when it participated in the 2008 Bethpage Federal Credit Union New York Air Show at Long Island's Jones Beach on Memorial Day weekend.

The Blue Angels—known for the acrobatic displays performed by its six blue and gold Boeing F/A-18 Hornet fighter jets—is officially known as the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron. During its visit to Jones Beach, members of the Long Island Senior Squadron assisted with a myriad of tasks, from flight line support to security, and crowd control to VIP escorts. Senior members and cadets from several squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol's Long Island Group also lent support while the Blue Angels were temporarily based at Republic Airport, home of the Long Island Senior Squadron.

"We were honored to lend a hand to the Navy in any way we could," said Capt. Joseph Pizzo, Squadron Commander of the Long Island Senior Squadron. "But it was especially gratifying to assist the Navy as we paid tribute on Memorial Day to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country."

Civil Air Patrol, the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a civilian, volunteer, nonprofit service organization. The unpaid members perform more than 85% of inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and conduct one of America's finest youth programs through Civil Air Patrol Cadet Programs.

The Long Island Senior Squadron is based at Republic Airport in Farmingdale, N.Y. The Long Island Group is based at Long Island MacArthur Airport in Islip, N.Y. In 2007, the Long Island Senior Squadron provided assistance to the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration squadron.

Since its inception in 1946, the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels has performed for more than 427 million fans. Its mission is to enhance Navy recruiting and credibly represent Navy and Marine Corps aviation to the United States and its Armed Forces to America and other countries as international ambassadors of good will. It is based at Forrest Sherman Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida.

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