

2017

Event Year Book

Oviedo
Florida

A special "Thank You" to our Florida Volunteer Event Team & OVIEDO MALL partners who supported the admission-free American Heroes Air Show in the heart of Central Florida.

Deputy Bryan G. Smith
Seminole County Sheriffs Office

James Paules
Volunteer, Event Producer

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American Heroes Air Show is the nation's premier admission-free, helicopter only aviation experience produced in communities from coast to coast by volunteers with a passion for aviation, public safety and community service.

American Heroes Aviation Network, Inc.

Our

event mission is to educate the community, regional media and public officials about the unique capabilities rotary-wing aviation provides in law enforcement, fire suppression, EMS/ENG, Search & Rescue, national defense and homeland security.

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"... On behalf of the volunteers that support the American Heroes Air Show in Oviedo Florida, we thank you for visiting with @Oviedo Mall during our recent admission-free event.

This annual event allows us to strengthen our community partnerships, to honor past sacrifices and build capability for the future. It was also an opportunity to recognize those who selflessly serve our communities and families. " ... *Bryan Smith*



Bryan G. Smith
Seminole CO Sheriffs Department

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Perfect weather and crowds welcome arriving aircraft during the American Heroes Air Show in Oviedo Mall



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Above, a member of the Civil Air Patrol team provides critical logistical support as they direct arriving aircraft from NASA and other organizations.



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@Oviedo Mall



The demos and static displays of 20+ helicopters at the Heroes Air Show provide an exciting way to show rotary-wing capabilities to the public !



The community is invited to share with the Twitter community what they learned about airborne public service during their visit to the 2015 AMERICAN HEROES Air Show under the hash tag : **#SOUNDOFSERVICE**



The admission-free American Heroes Air Show teams up with the Oviedo Mall and a variety of central Florida public safety organizations for a mission designed to educate the community, the media and public officials about helicopters' dynamic capabilities and unique value for law enforcement, public service, homeland security and national defense.

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The demos & static displays at the Heroes Air Show provide an exciting way to achieve our primary event mission / goal of educating the community about the dynamic and diverse capabilities rotary-wing aircraft and crews provide to our nation !



Above, on short final, the U.S. Navy / HSM-74 Swamp Fox Squadron arrives from Jacksonville, FL. Their Lockheed Martin / Sikorsky MH-60R helicopter is the world's most advanced maritime helicopter delivering anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface weapons systems for open ocean and littoral zones deployable from frigates, cruisers & aircraft carriers ... www.facebook.com/HSM74



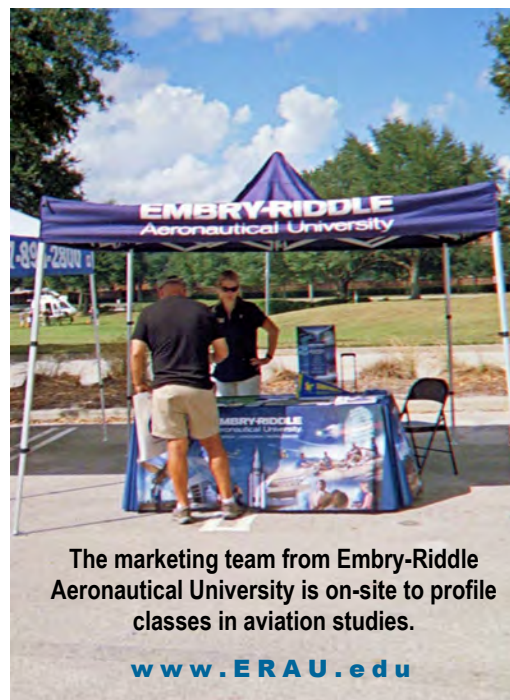


Once again we had great crowds welcome the team from NASA with their Convoy Command Vehicle, public info team and 'Huey' helicopter ...

One of our most popular event elements, the CODE3 Career Expo provides free presentation space to recruiting teams to meet the public with information on careers in law enforcement, aviation, homeland security and the military .



Search & Rescue of Central Florida team deploys to AMERICAN HEROES Air Show 17FL.



The marketing team from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is on-site to profile classes in aviation studies.

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AMERICAN HEROES Air Show mission:
Communicate * Educate * Demonstrate



For the sixth year it is our privilege to team up with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to host a special Naturalization Ceremony. Twenty eight candidates — from 8 different countries of origin spent their first day as U.S. Citizens at the American Heroes Air Show ...



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above, our Keynote Speaker at the Naturalization Ceremony, Oviedo Police Chief Jeffrey A. Chudnow ...

" ... Today is your day. A day you begin a new part of your life as a citizen of the United States of America and to start to become engrained in its culture and the responsibilities of being a U.S. citizen. I salute your desire and efforts to become citizens of the United States and take an oath of allegiance to her ... "

Special thanks to our guests:

Ms. Kathy Redman,
Southeast Regional Director, USCIS

Jeffrey A. Chudnow,
Chief of Police — Oviedo, FL.

National Anthem by Mr. David Mander,
U.S. Navy Veteran

Pledge of Allegiance led by David Smith Colonel, USMC (ret.)



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Sequence of Events

- WELCOMING REMARKS
Lelda Velez
Supervisor Immigration Services Officer - USCIS Orlando Field Office
- PRESENTATION OF COLORS
Seminole County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
David Mander
US NAVY Veteran
- KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Jeffrey A. Chudnow
Chief of Police - City of Oviedo
- CALL OF COUNTRIES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CITIZENSHIP
Lelda Velez
Supervisor Immigration Services Officer - USCIS Orlando Field Office
- ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND CONGRATULATORY REMARKS
Ms. Kathy Redman
Southeast Regional Director - USCIS Orlando
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
David Smith
Colonel, USMC (Ret)
- CLOSING REMARKS
Lelda Velez
Supervisor Immigration Services Officer - Orlando Field Office
- PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES
USCIS



**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Orlando Field Office 6680 Corporate Centre Blvd.
Orlando, Florida 32822**

National USCIS Customer Service Center
General inquiries and form requests: 1-800-375-5283



It is a privilege to welcome back the Vietnam Helicopters Pilots Association. For a number of years now the VHPA has trailed in their LOACH helicopter to profile the unique value and capabilities rotary-wing aviation delivered to our troops in Viet Nam ... www.VHPS.org



The Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron provides critical support for event management and community safety during the AMERICAN HEROES Air Show in Oviedo, FL



Since our very first event in 1993 in Santa Monica, CA. our admission-free event has waived space fees for non-profits. Our goal has been to introduce non-profit organizations with a mission of support for military Veterans, police, fire and first responders to the community, media and public officials.



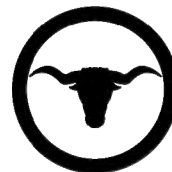
Photographs used in our Florida yearbook are courtesy of many talented friends of the American Heroes Air Show :

Ryan Mason | Heliweb Magazine

Craig Landefeld | Golf Bird Photography

George Blanchette | Blanchette Photography

Our thanks to the dynamic team @OviedoMall who helped us introduce the community to the Heroes they can really look up to !





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Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association of Florida



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Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association

PICTURED U.S. Army AH-1G Cobra
The AH-1 Cobra was developed in 1966 by Bell Helicopter as a single-engine, attack helicopter. Using the proven technology of the UH-1 "Huey" helicopter, the Cobra was the first helicopter designed as a "gunship" from development to deployment. The extensive use of helicopters in the Vietnam War required an effective gunship and the Cobra was pressed into service in 1967. With a crew of two, the fuselage was 36" wide, thus presenting a small target to the enemy. The main fuselage of this Cobra was the fuselage of U.S. Army serial number 67-15578. Army Cobra 67-15578 operated in several units in Vietnam from 1968 through 1972.

EQUIPMENT PROFILE
The Cobra was equipped to deliver 2.75 inch rockets, 7.62 mm mini-gun fire, and in some configurations 40 mm grenades. Depending on configuration, the Cobra would be armed with up to 76 - 2.75 inch rockets and between 2000 and 4000 rounds of 7.62 mm. Of the 1,116 Cobras built for the U.S. Army, this was number 240 and it was purchased by the U.S. Army from Bell Helicopter in April of 1968.

PERFORMANCE PROFILE
After logging 2,597 combat hours, this Cobra fuselage and parts were purchased in 2004 by a private citizen as part of a "surplus lot". After a 10 year extensive restoration project, the helicopter was completed and an Experimental-Exhibition airworthiness certificate was issued in 2014. This certificate allows the owner to participate in airshows and veterans events, and is a legacy to Vietnam era "War Birds". There are many advanced models of the Cobra helicopter, but the AH-1G was the original model.



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AMERICAN HEROES Air Show collectible event trading cards have become a popular way to profile rotary-wing capabilities and crews !

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AMERICAN HEROES Air Show-Florida
Seminole County Sheriffs Office-Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma

"ALERT 2"



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2017 AMERICAN HEROES Air Show-Florida USA
Seminole County Sheriffs Office - Aviation Section
Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma

PICTURED AIRBUS H125 B3e Astar "ALERT 2"
The Seminole CO. Sheriffs Aviation Section utilizes two "A Star" helicopters to provide 24/7 airborne support to law enforcement and public safety agencies. The unit is primarily tasked with supporting patrol operations (pursuits, suspect and missing person searches, special events, etc.). Support is also provided for fire fighting, Search & Rescue, natural disaster response and aerial SWAT deployment.

EQUIPMENT PROFILE
Seminole CO. aircraft are equipped with L3 MX-10 thermal imagers, a 30 million candlight power searchlight, moving maps, advanced communications gear and microwave downlink systems capable of transmitting video to ground units for real-time decision-making. Aircrews also utilize Generation-3 Night Vision Goggles. Tactical Benches can be attached to the landing skids for SWAT or rescue diver deployment and the Bambi Bucket can deliver 200 gallons of water for firefighting.

PERFORMANCE PROFILE
The H125 B3e AStar is powered by a single Arriel 2D turbine engine which produces 847 shp. Normal mission configuration allows for over 3 hours of flight endurance and a max airspeed of 155 knots (178 mph). The typical flight crew includes a pilot and Tactical Flight Officer with seating available for four more passengers.



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Since our first event in 1993 at the Santa Monica Museum of Flying we've found our collectible event trading cards a popular way to profile rotary-wing aviation's capabilities and heritage and to highlight our valued event sponsors. The cards have continued to be a popular element of the event at all our sites and we honors requests from enthusiasts all over the world asking for the latest versions of our trading cards.

Midway through the 2017 event season, we've designed 68 sets of these popular trading cards which are provided free to our event guests ... *They've become a great take away for our guests who are always anxious have them autographed by the featured aircraft flight crews !*



**American
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Air Show

Mission Statement

Since 1993 the American Heroes Air Show has grown into the nation's premier admission-free, helicopter only community event designed to educate the community, media and public officials about the unique value rotary-wing aviation delivers to public safety, Search & Rescue, communications, homeland security and national defense.

The American Heroes Air Show is produced in communities across the nation by volunteers with a passion for aviation, public safety & community service.

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**STAR Flight arrives for the 2016 American Heroes Air show at Camp Mabry in Austin TX where 36 became new U.S. citizens during a Naturalization ceremony
APRIL 2017**



Left, one of our best attended events ever at the 2016 American Heroes Air Show at Hansen Dam Sports Complex in Los Angeles.

Below, guests prepare for a helicopter ride at the 2016 AHAS event at Museum of Flight in Seattle, WA where 28 members of the community were Naturalized and became our newest American citizens



Above, our thanks to the team at the Hampton Roads Executive Airport—our site host for the October 2015 American Heroes Air Show in Virginia.

HAI also landed with their HELI-Days presentation for pilots and rotary-wing professionals