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Monroe County Executive

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BROOKS ANNOUNCES FULL LINEUP OF FEATURED ACTS FOR 2011 ESL INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

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Joined by representatives from ESL Federal Credit Union and the Greater Rochester International Airport (GRIA), Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced the full line up of featured acts for the 2011 ESL International Airshow, being held on July 16th and 17th at GRIA. **Brooks** also announced that a portion of this year's airshow proceeds will go to benefit Honor Flight Rochester and Wounded Warrior Aviation.

The theme for this year's airshow will commemorate the Centennial of Naval Aviation.

"We are truly honored to have the Blue Angels headlining our airshow for the fifth time in Monroe County on July 16th and 17th at the Greater Rochester International Airport," said **Brooks**. "The show schedule is packed with featured acts that promise to keep spectators at the edge of their seats. Best of all, a portion of the show's proceeds will be donated to Honor Flight Rochester and Wounded Warrior Aviation, to help give back to the veterans and service men and women of our Nation's military who have sacrificed so much for us."

Joining the Blue Angels famed precision flying team on the full airshow schedule are numerous additional featured military and civilian aerobatic acts, including:

- United States Air Force A-10 East Demo with Heritage Flight P-51
- Tim Weber, Geico Extra 300 S
- Rob Holland, MX-2
- Mike Wiskus, Lucas Oil Pitts S2C
- Chris Baranaskas, Wounded Warrior P-51 L-39
- Canadian Skyhawk Parachute Team

2011 marks the sixth consecutive airshow for which ESL Federal Credit Union has served as the title sponsor.

"ESL is pleased to continue its commitment to this wonderful community, as we have been doing for the last 91 years, by taking a leadership role in the 2011 ESL International Air Show," said **David L. Fiedler**, ESL President and CEO. "The ability for area families to attend the Air Show is just one more example of what makes the Rochester area such a special place to live and work."

A portion of the proceeds from this year's ESL International Airshow will be donated to Honor Flight Rochester and Wounded Warrior Aviation.

Honor Flight Rochester is a non-profit organization which began locally in 2008 to honor America's most senior WWII veterans. Since that time, the organization has staged 17 Missions by flying over 800 Veterans to Washington, D.C., where they can visit and reflect together at the memorials.

Wounded Warrior Aviation is a non-profit organization comprised of a team of individuals and assets dedicated to providing rewarding opportunities for the injured service men and women of this generation, who have served their country and sacrificed tremendously in the process, yet still strive to give even more of themselves.

"The Airport has become home to, and synonymous with, the celebration of WWII heroes who live among us, who get to experience the joyous Welcome Home they never received in 1945, when they literally saved our world." said **Vince Hope**, President of Honor Flight Rochester. "The continuing support of Monroe County, and now the generosity of this gift in cooperation with ESL to fly even more Veterans, is a reflection of the community spirit which makes Rochester such a great place to live."

Updated Airshow information, ticket prices and program details can be found on the web at www.eslairshow.com. Tickets are also available for purchase at Rochester area Wegmans stores; children 15 and under are admitted free.

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