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Monroe County Executive

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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES AMERICAN EQUIPMENT AS SPONSOR FOR THE 2019 ROCHESTER AIRSHOW

Honor Flight Rochester designated as beneficiary

Joined by representatives from American Equipment, Honor Flight Rochester and the Greater Rochester International Airport (ROC), Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced American Equipment as the official presenting sponsor of the 2019 Rochester International Airshow.

“We are proud to welcome American Equipment as our presenting sponsor of the 2019 Rochester International Airshow, to be held August 24 -25th, 2019,” said **County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo**. *“The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will take to the skies to display their aerobatic maneuvers and keep spectators in awe. Most importantly, a portion of the show’s proceeds will be donated back to our veterans through the great work of Honor Flight Rochester.”*

Joining the USAF Thunderbirds, the full airshow schedule includes numerous military & civilian aerobatic acts, including:

- The F-22 Raptor Demo
- Air Force Heritage Flight
- US Navy Legacy Flight
- “Class of 45” P-51 & Corsair Formation Aerobatic
- Redline Aerobatic Team
- Misty Blues All Woman Sky Diving Team
- Carol Pilon Wing Walking Team
- Adam Baker Playful Airshows

“Everyone at American Equipment is very excited to be sponsoring and exhibiting our equipment at the most exciting event in Rochester for 2019,” said **Steve DeRycke**, Sales Manager – American Equipment.

American Equipment began operating in 2006 and is located in Farmington, NY. Currently building a new 18,000 square foot heavy equipment service building, the company sells and rents landscaping equipment and heavy construction equipment. In addition, American Equipment has a full parts and service department that services all makes and models. Equipment including Ferris, Cub Cadet, Snapper mowers, Echo handheld power products, Massey Ferguson, Kioti tractors and utility vehicles, Caterpillar and more will be on display at this year’s air show.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's 2019 Rochester International Airshow will be donated to Honor Flight Rochester. In June 2008, Rochester became an official hub in the Honor Flight Network flying veterans to their memorials in Washington D.C. for a once in a lifetime experience to reflect with their brothers and sisters. To date, Honor Flight Rochester has flown 63 missions for over 3,045 area veterans. This year the ROC Airport will host mission #64-69.

"Many former service members feel that because they were not in combat that they aren't entitled to an Honor Flight," said **Richard Stewart**, President of Honor Flight Rochester. *"We disagree. We honor them and their service and we want them to fly with us to Washington D.C. All American veterans are eligible. Our protocol is earliest era first with priority given to those with catastrophic illness from any era. Our tagline is, "We leave No Veteran behind."*

Tickets for the 2019 Rochester International Airshow will go on sale this afternoon, March 21, 2019 online at www.rocairshow.com; tickets will be on sale at area Wegmans at later date as well. Children 12 and under are admitted FREE with an adult ticket purchase, making this a great family-fun event.

More information on American Equipment is available through the company website at www.americanequipmentll.com. More information on Honor Flight Rochester is available at www.honorflightrochester.org.

Airshow information and ticket sales are available at www.rocairshow.info.

US Air Force Thunderbirds Media Kits (logos, b-roll video) can be downloaded directly from the official USAF Thunderbirds webpage at:
<http://afthunderbirds.com/site/category/media-gallery/>

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