



## Blue Angels to fly over Baltimore for bicentennial event

The Blue Angels will fly over Martin State Airport for an event in June.



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Baltimore fans of flight won't have to go to Annapolis to catch the Navy's iconic flight squadron, the Blue Angels, next year.



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Star-Spangled 200 Inc., the nonprofit behind the War of 1812 Bicentennial celebration, announced on Thursday the Star-Spangled Air Show featuring the Navy's elite aerobatic team will run for two days during its planned [week-long Star Spangled Sailabration in 2012](#).

The Blue Angels arrived at Martin State Airport in Middle River for officials including Baltimore County Executive [Kevin Kamenetz](#) to announce the community festival that will help kick off the bicentennial. The festival will be held June 16-17 at Martin State Airport, while the Star-Spangled Sailabration runs June 13-19 across the region.

The two-day air show will include multiple acts flying above the waters of Fort McHenry.

Meanwhile, dozens of Navy ships and tall ships from the U.S. and international navies are expected to descend on Baltimore for the week, bringing thousands of sailors to the region.

City and state officials expect the "Sailabration" to bring thousands of visitors to Baltimore, pumping money into hotels, restaurants and shops.

OpSail, which last visited Baltimore in 2000, is hunting for small and large businesses to help it raise [\\$5 million to \\$6 million to sponsor the event](#).

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