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### **Military Aerial Review highlights 1812 Celebration in Boston**

BOSTON, Mass. (CNRMA) – A military aerial review featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels demonstration team will take place tomorrow over Boston’s Inner Harbor from 12:15 to 1 p.m. The review highlights the celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 on our nation’s birthday and coincides with the annual USS Constitution turn-around cruise.

Listed below is the schedule for the aerial review and associated ship movements (all times may be subject to change):

- 11 a.m. USS Constitution and USCGC Eagle (WIX 327) sail toward Castle Island.
- 12 p.m. USS Constitution and USCGC Eagle (WIX 327) render 21-gun salute to the nation from Castle Island.
- 12:20 p.m. USS Constitution and USCGC Eagle (WIX 327) render gun salutes to USS Wasp (LHD 1) near Logan International Airport.
- 12 p.m. U.S. Navy Blue Angels and other aircraft launch from airports in the surrounding area.
- 12 – 1 p.m. U.S. Navy Leap Frogs parachute onto Fan Pier.  
U.S. Navy Blue Angels fly over USS Constitution, USS Wasp (LHD 1) and USCGC Eagle (WIX 327).  
U.S. Navy Blue Angels complete three passes over Boston Harbor.  
U.S. Navy and Coast Guard aircraft fly over Boston Harbor.

U.S. Navy participating aircraft:

- U.S. Navy Blue Angels
- U.S. Navy Blue Angels C-130
- F/A – 18
- E-2
- H53
- H-60

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U.S. Coast Guard participating aircraft:

- HH-65
- HH-60
- HU-25

USS Wasp (LHD 1) will serve as the official Navy reviewing platform for the aerial review, and Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus will join the ship's crew for the festivities.

Satellite feeds for events tomorrow are available for use by the media. From 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., the high-definition feed will consist of a packaged news program featuring military leadership interviews. From 12 to 12:30 p.m., the feed will provide limited commentary, featuring longer raw video shots of the aerial review over Boston's Inner Harbor. Satellite coordinates are:

KU  
ECHO b9 KO4 slotA (18MGHz)  
U/L 1406.3.75 v  
d/L 11763.75h

c Band  
Galaxy17  
Transponder 21  
D/I 4133.6150H

A complete narration of the event will occur on USS Wasp (LHD 1) from 12 – 1 p.m.

A celebration of the nation's sea services, Boston Navy Week provides an opportunity for the citizens of Boston and New England to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see the latest capabilities of today's maritime services firsthand.

Boston Navy Week is one of many signature events around the country commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and "The Star-Spangled Banner." The commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought gallantly in that conflict, who served in all our nation's conflicts since then, and who continue defending freedom around the world today.

Since winning our independence in 1776, the United States has been a maritime nation, relying on unobstructed access and free use of the world's oceans, which are essential to our national security and prosperity. The performance of America's Sailors and Marines in the War of 1812 set the standards upon which our naval forces continue to build today.

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For more information, visit the official Boston Navy Week website at [www.bostonnavyweek.com](http://www.bostonnavyweek.com) or search “Boston Navy Week” on Facebook.

Media interested in covering this event from USS Wasp (LHD 1) should contact Boston Navy Week public affairs by **4 p.m. today** at (617) 918-6268 or [BOSTONPAO2012@gmail.com](mailto:BOSTONPAO2012@gmail.com).

**Transportation Information:**

Parking is very limited in event areas. We strongly encourage using public transportation, biking or walking to and from Boston Navy Week events the entire week. Visit Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) online at [www.mbtta.com](http://www.mbtta.com) for the best way to get around the Greater Boston area via public transportation. You will find schedules, maps and fare information, important tips for subway, commuter rail, bus and boat transportation. Special event transportation will also be available. Also, on July 4th, the public will be able to park at UMASS in South Boston (Columbia Street exit off) and there will be shuttle bus service from the parking lot to Castle Island.

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