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**CITY OF CHARLESTON/TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT CO-SPONSOR  
BLUE ANGELS**

The United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, The Blue Angels, were scheduled to fly in Charleston this year at the Charleston Air Force Base Air Expo. However, due to increased commitments to the war in Afghanistan, the Air Force Base had to cancel their show for 2010. This, of course, meant that the Blue Angels would not be able to perform in our local area.

The flight demonstration team serves as positive role models and goodwill ambassadors for the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps. Last year, more than 8 million spectators watched the Blue Angels perform.

The Town of Mt. Pleasant and the City of Charleston have decided to co-sponsor the first ever Charleston Harbor Air Show to allow the Blue Angels to perform their one hour show flying over Charleston Harbor and between the two cities. Details are being worked out about viewing sites and other information for the public.

The shows will be on April 17 and April 18, 2010 beginning at 2:00 PM. The show is guaranteed to be a spectacular event with the low country backdrop.

"It is with great pleasure and pride that the Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Charleston have mounted a joint effort to welcome the Blue Angels to the Lowcountry," said Mount Pleasant Mayor Billy Swails. "Our community will undoubtedly be spellbound as the world's greatest military aerial demonstration team performs amazing aerial maneuvers over the harbor next month. To become part of the Blue Angels team is to spend years in training and thousands of hours in the cockpit before flying F/A-18 Hornets. These heroic pilots can maneuver their jets' wingtips within inches of each other during dazzling air shows, leaving spectators breathless. The Blue Angels Air Show is an event not to be missed - an event that will inspire our children and our community to reach new heights."

**Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. said, "The Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron is a thrilling, daring and remarkable team to watch. I know that this event will provide lifetime memories for all our residents, especially our young people who will find them outstanding role models to follow. Their skill is inspirational and I encourage everyone to get a front seat for the show! "**

**As details are completed, more information will be sent out.**

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