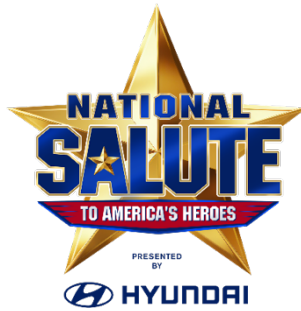




A NATIONAL SALUTE TO AMERICA'S HEROES ANNOUNCES U.S. AIR FORCE SALUTEFEST ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

*Free Memorial Day Weekend Celebration Expands with Star-Studded Concert and
Spectacular Nighttime Programming.*

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MIAMI BEACH (May 11, 2026) – The National Salute To America's Heroes, presented by Hyundai, today announced the U.S. Air Force SaluteFest, taking place on **Saturday evening, May 23, 2026**, at **6:00pm**, on Miami Beach following the Hyundai Air & Sea Show®.

The free concert experience will transform Miami Beach into a patriotic, high-energy celebration honoring the men and women of the United States military.

The **U.S. Air Force SaluteFest** will feature a headline performance by **Parmalee**, one of country music's most successful acts, with five No. 1 singles, multiple platinum records, and more than 1 billion on-demand streams. The band is comprised of brothers Matt Thomas (lead vocals/guitar) and Scott Thomas (drums), Cousin Barry Knox (bass), and lifelong friend Josh McSwain (guitar/keyboard). Their latest single, "Cowgirl," is climbing the country charts and appears on their new album, *Fell In Love With A Cowgirl*. Parmalee's five No. 1 hits include "Carolina," "Just the Way" with Blanco Brown, "Take My Name" — named Billboard's Most Played Country Song of 2022 — "Girl In Mine," and "Gonna Love You," which topped the charts at the end of last year.

The evening will include a powerful lineup of immersive and patriotic experiences, including:

- performance by the **New World Symphony Orchestra**
- a **1,000-piece drone show** powered by Hex
- a **3D mapping projection show**, illuminating iconic Ocean Drive buildings with patriotic visuals
- a nighttime pyro parachute jump, by the **U.S. Army Golden Knights and British Red Devils**
- performances by U.S. Air Force Band, and U.S. Military Drill Team
- a fireworks extravaganza closing out the night.

"Memorial Day is about honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and everything we create throughout this weekend is designed to reflect that," said **Mickey Markoff**, **Executive Producer of the National Salute to America's Heroes, ® presented by Hyundai**. "The U.S. Air Force SaluteFest allows us to bring people together in a meaningful way, blending music,

military tribute, and community, to ensure the true purpose of the holiday is not only remembered, but experienced by the next generation.”

As a central part of the weekend, the United States Air Force will connect with attendees through on-site activations designed to showcase the breadth of career opportunities available today. From aviation and engineering to cybersecurity and space operations, the Air Force will provide an inside look at the training, technology, and real-world impact behind its mission, giving attendees a direct pathway to explore service.

The **Hyundai Air & Sea Show®** takes place on Miami Beach, on **Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24, 2026**, transforming the shoreline into a two-day, high-impact tribute to the United States Armed Forces. Free and open to the public, the event stands as one of the nation’s premier Memorial Day Weekend celebrations, showcasing the men, women, technology, and equipment that defend our freedom, while serving as a national signature event in support of the **America 250** commemoration, honoring 250 years of American independence.

Daytime programming will feature breathtaking aerial demonstrations headlined by the **U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds**, alongside military demonstrations including the **U.S. Navy F-18** and **U.S. Marine Corps F-35**. Attendees will also experience many flyovers, **U.S. Army Special Operations capability exercises**, **U.S. Customs and Border Protection drug interdiction** demonstrations, **U.S. Coast Guard Air & Sea Rescue** and world-class parachute performances by the **U.S. Army Golden Knights** and the **British Red Devils**.

Complementing the action in the sky and on the water, the Patriot Display Village will span five city blocks, welcoming 30,000 + visitors daily with immersive, hands-on experiences. Guests can explore interactive exhibits featuring military equipment from all six branches, including tactical gear, and simulators, while engaging directly with service members. Additional highlights include the **American Peptides Action Zone** with **Monster Energy motocross** stunt performances, the **Nicklaus Children’s Hospital Kids Zone**, and a wide variety of food and beverage offerings at the **Mission BBQ Food Court**.

The **GOVX Memorial Day Flag Remembrance Garden** will serve as a powerful tribute, honoring the lives and sacrifices of 3,000 fallen warriors from South Florida.

The Hyundai Air & Sea Show® will be **livestreamed at 11:30am – 4:30pm on Saturday, May 23, exclusively on [Fox Nation](#)**, providing real-time audio and video coverage with professional commentary, interviews, and behind-the-scenes access. Viewers can tune in worldwide at [USASalute.com](#)

On Sunday, the Hyundai Air & Sea Show® will be livestreamed from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on [USASalute.com](#).

For more information, please visit: [www.USASalute.com](#) to experience the action as it unfolds, schedule, and for official event merchandise.

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Hyundai Air & Sea Show: The Hyundai Air & Sea Show is a national two-day celebration held in Miami Beach, Florida Held Memorial Day Weekend, the Hyundai Air & Sea Show focuses on honoring and paying tribute to the military, who protect the freedoms of all Americans. For more information and to view the promotional video, please visit, www.USAsalute.com.

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