

The Warhawk Air Museum is pleased to announce that in conjunction with the U.S. Navy Fleet Week Celebration, the U.S. Navy will be hosting Saturday, August 28th, as a day to honor Naval Aviation. The U.S. Navy is planning to have various activities, Navy personnel, and speakers throughout the day. The U.S. Navy Parachute Team, also known as the Leap Frogs, is scheduled to perform two parachute demonstrations during at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and will be available after the jumps to meet with the public. Leap Frog performances include canopy formations that team members create with their blue and gold parachutes. Some demonstrations also include colorful smoke streaming from the parachutists, brilliant pyrotechnics, and patriotic presentation of the American flag. The new 18,000 sq. ft. wing of the Warhawk Air Museum will be open and in will have on display several visiting historical Navy aircraft for museum visitors to enjoy including a WWII N3N Navy Trainer; WWII SNJ Marine Advanced trainer; WWII TBM Avenger; and Vietnam-era Douglas A-1 SkyRaider. The U.S. Submarine Veterans INC will have their replica U.S.S. Boise Submarine on exhibit as well has several cases of memorabilia, and members of the organization will be available to talk to visitors. The museum will also provide a round table of U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard veterans who will be available to talk to visitors about their experiences. Regular business hours: Saturday 10 – 5; General admission applies: Adults \$10; Seniors 65+ and Military with ID \$8; kids 5-12 \$4. Look at the museum website for more information: www.warhawkairmuseum.org or call 208.465.6446

For your information: Background

The Navy Parachute Team was created in the late 1960s, when Navy SEALs performed at air shows on weekends. The Department of Defense officially commissioned the Team as the Leap Frogs in 1974 with the mission of demonstrating Navy excellence throughout the United States. The Leap Frogs are based in San Diego and perform at more than 100 shows each year.

The Team currently consists of parachutists who are Navy SEALs, special warfare combatant-craft crewmen (SWCC) and parachute riggers. SEALs are the U.S. Navy's Special Operations force and the maritime component of U.S. Special Operations Command. SEALs are an offensive force focused on small unit operations, which allow for increased mobility and flexibility. SWCC operators maintain the inventory of state-of-the-art, high-performance boats used for special operations missions. They are extensively trained in special operations craft and weapons tactics, techniques and procedures. Parachute riggers maintain the Navy's inventory of aircrew survival equipment, including parachutes.