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Washington, DC 20591

March, 12, 2026

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HQ ACC/A3
Brigadier General Brian S. Laidlaw
205 Dodd Boulevard, Suite 101
Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA 23665-2789

Dear Brigadier General Laidlaw,

Based on United States Air Force (USAF) Air Combat Command (ACC) approval, the following pilots are acceptable to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to perform ACC single-ship demonstrations (Demo) and Heritage Flight (HF) demonstrations in their respective aircraft.

The following pilots are authorized by the USAF to perform aerobatic demonstrations and/or participate in Heritage Flight formations in their listed aircraft:

A/C	NAME	BASE
F-22	Capt Nicholas A. LeTourneau – Demo/HF	1 FW, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
F-16	Maj Taylor J. Hiester – Demo/HF	20 FW, Shaw AFB, SC
F-35	Maj Sean J. Loughlin – Demo/HF	388 FW, Hill AFB, UT

The following are the accepted civilian Heritage Flight program pilots permitted to fly in dissimilar formation with the above listed pilots as long as they meet all FAA requirements for flying their respective aircraft and hold a current and valid industry formation flying credential (FAST) and Statement of Aerobatic Competency, FAA Form 8710-7 (SAC):

NAME	CERTIFICATE#	AIRCRAFT
Mr. Gregory M. Anders	██████████750	A-1, P-51
Mr. James E. Beasley, Jr.	██████████264	A-36, P-51
Mr. Thomas D. Friedkin	██████████823	A-36, P-38, P-40, P-47, P-51, F-86, F-5
Mr. Charles Hainline	██████████824	A-1, P-47, P-51, P-38, A-36, F-5
Mr. Tommy Williams	██████████800	P-51, F-86, F-5
Mr. Bruce L. Winter	██████████429	P-51

The 2026 ACC Single-Ship Demonstration Team and USAFHFP maneuvers are acceptable as described in your Air Force Manual 11-246, Volume 1.

Non-aerobatic flyovers over an open-air assembly of people (e.g., stadiums, parades, funeral) subject to §91.119 (b) are authorized for ACC Single-Ship Demonstration Team and USAFHFP at or above 500 feet above the highest obstacle and 1,000 feet either side of the intended flight path when a flyover CoW is issued. Experimental aircraft that must comply with § 91.319 (c) are not authorized to conduct these flyovers. For all requested flyovers a DD Form 2535 must be submitted to the jurisdictional FSDO, coordinated with the jurisdictional Air Traffic Control Facility, and requires Command approval.

USAFHFP must ensure compliance with §91.319 (c) for authorized civilian experimental aircraft and flight over densely populated areas during ingress and egress. Those civilian aircraft that hold an experimental airworthiness certificate may not overfly densely populated areas.

We will make the 2026 ACC Single-Ship Demonstration Team, the USAFHFP maneuver package, and the list of accepted pilots available to the FAA Aviation Events Specialist (AES) and FSDOs. This package will also be used when conducting site feasibility determinations and airspace requirements for future demonstrations and completion of DD Form 2535.

All accidents and incidents must be reported to the Manager of AFS-830 General Aviation Operations and Commercial Division and provide a briefing paper within 24 hours.

This office is available at your convenience to answer any questions you may have concerning FAA airshow policies. Joseph Saunders, Manager, AFS-830 General Aviation Operations and Commercial Division, can be reached by telephone at (414) 486-2790 or via email at joseph.saunders@faa.gov

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you and your entire team in assuring safety. We wish you a safe season in 2026.

This letter of authorization (LOA) expires in 12 calendar months from date of issue, March 12, 2027, or when superseded.

Sincerely,

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Manager, General Aviation Operations Group
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