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## Canadian Forces SkyHawks

### Parachute Demonstration Team

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**Brian Teepell** - The SkyHawks are Canada's military parachute demonstration team. Formed in 1971, the SkyHawks mission is to be ambassadors for the Canadian Forces by displaying excellent training, teamwork, professionalism and good will as they travel throughout Canada, the United States and around the world performing at Air Shows and special events. Canada's beloved Skyhawks are a sub-unit of the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre based in Trenton, Ontario.

The SkyHawks team consists of both full time and part time members of the Regular and Reserve Forces. Since the formation of the SkyHawks in 1971, the team has performed in nearly 4,200 shows entertaining crowds totaling an estimated 75 million.

Each year prior to the performance season, members of the SkyHawks attend an extensive training camp which includes hundreds of descents to prepare for the skilled, precise and thrilling skydiving displays that spectators are accustomed to viewing at each appearance.

With the Canadian Air Show season now concluded, many aviation enthusiasts and Air Show fans look back on the many thrilling performances and fond memories of the 2019 season. Air Show fans in Atlantic Canada are beaming with jubilation after a banner year of incredible air displays with some of the highlights being the Canadian Forces Snowbirds, the CF-18 Demo Team, the Royal Air Force Red Arrows and the United States Navy Blue Angels. The Canadian Forces SkyHawks were no exception to the superior performances that were seen in the region. 14 Wing CFB Greenwood was the host for the 2019 Atlantic Canada International Air Show where the Skyhawks would make their only performances in the region this year. The show was held on the Labour Day long weekend August 31st and September 1st and the Skyhawks were the opening performers on both days. During each appearance the audience was treated to a series of graceful dives with skillful formations and exciting maneuvers all including their trademark parachutes which resemble the Canadian flag. Each day as the Skyhawks began their performance, the Greenwood Military Wives Choir would perform both the Canadian and United States national anthem as the first diver made his descent displaying an American and Canadian flag. It was a great way to welcome the American performers and show our appreciation to all the service members for their sacrifice.

Although details of next years Air Show lineup have not been released, one can be sure that the Canadian Forces Skyhawks will be included bringing their team spirit and good will to the sky above.

Ladies and Gentlemen, your Canadian Forces SkyHawks!

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