



Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation
Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake Air Show
2026 Honoring Vietnam Veterans



Cedar Creek Veterans Foundation (CCVF) is proud to announce the 21st annual Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake Air Show (TOCCL) scheduled July 4, 2026 at 6 pm.

This year honors Vietnam Veterans featuring aircraft flown during that war, many flying in TOCCL for the first time! The legendary C-47 “Spooky” shot down during combat operations in Vietnam has an extraordinary story. Other aircraft include the A-1 Skyraider, AD-5 Skyraider, OH-6 Loach, and UH-1 Huey Helicopter. And yes — there may even be a Huey visiting the golf range over the weekend. The MIG-17 is always a crowd pleaser and returns again this year.

The 2nd annual Thunder Over East Texas Air Show at Athens Municipal Airport, July 3, 2026, with gates opening at 3 pm. This Air Show is an incredible experience to watch the planes take off and land – very up close and personal.

The Warbird Expo at the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum, July 4, 2026, at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport allows one to explore one or more of the aircraft while meeting the pilot and crew of each aircraft.

We are working hard to make 2026 even more memorable as America 250 celebrates a monumental anniversary. Because of national celebrations and operational demands ongoing in the Middle East, military aircraft are not available at this time. However, efforts to secure military participation will continue up to the date of the show.

Visit <https://ccveteransfoundation.org/> for schedule and performer updates.

With incredible support from Pinnacle Club residents and community members around the Cedar Creek Lake area, CCVF has provided over \$880,000 in direct assistance to veteran organizations, including Camp V Tyler, Fisher House at Dallas VA, and Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Each year, net proceeds from fundraising events assist veterans with mortgages, rent payments, vehicle repairs, home repairs, educational needs and more.

CCVF functions solely on donations and sponsorships. Without your financial support, there would be no Air Show and no assistance to veterans in need. Special thanks to Stace Sewell, Steve and Karen Piro, Patty and Barry Evans, Steve and Judy Lee, the family of Stacy Tate McWilliams, Darrell and Melissa Overcash, and so many others whose faithful support over the years has made this event possible. Corporate sponsors are Sewell Infini, TVEC, Brookshire’s and others who ensure the Air Show continues for years to come.

Every donation counts. Have you thought about donating in honor or memory of a loved one who served our nation? A donation of \$1,000 includes an on-site recognition banner honoring your family or loved one.

Please complete the Sponsor/Donor information and return with your donation commitment as soon as possible. Air Show costs increase every year, and more veterans need help for simple everyday life. CCVF needs YOU!!!

In the event the Air Show cannot proceed for any reason, all donations are non-refundable. Live broadcast on FM 106.9, The Ranch.

CCVF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with minimal administrative expenses thanks to our all-volunteer Board and Advisory Board members. Please contact any member of our leadership team if you would like additional information about CCVF or would like to volunteer.

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