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### summer eats



JUAN CRISTOBAL COBO

Our food staff came up with a **bucket list of iconic foods** that cry out to be hunted down as the mercury rises. From Long Island's juiciest fried chicken to its plump-est lobster rolls, must-have ice cream and more, the quest is on.



Ultimate LI foodie list: [newsday.com/lifestyle](http://newsday.com/lifestyle)

### holiday sales



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To kick off the unofficial start of summer, retailers offer **deals and discounts** on clothing and appliances around Memorial Day weekend. Here's a rundown of where you can save.



Memorial Day sales 2016: [newsday.com/lifestyle](http://newsday.com/lifestyle)

### grilling favorites



MARGE PERRY

Whether you're **hosting a barbecue** or heading to a Memorial Day **weekend party**, we rounded up grilling recipes to spice up any gathering, from bacon-stuffed burgers to green shrimp skewers.



16 recipes for Memorial Day: [newsday.com/lifestyle](http://newsday.com/lifestyle)

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Below, the U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform at the air show over Jones Beach in 2012.

**ON THE COVER:** The Breitling Jet Team, with pilots from the French air force, soars at last year's show.



# Off they go, into the sky

BY JIM MERRITT  
Special to Newsday

For many of the 300,000 spectators expected at Jones Beach Memorial Day weekend, the Bethpage Air Show is another chance to spread a blanket on the sand and be awestruck by the barrel rolls, loops and diamond formations of those daredevil U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

The flight demonstration squadron, known for aviators flying Navy Boeing F/A-18 Hornet jets a few feet apart, is making its seventh appearance at the air show, performing the finale around 2 p.m. each day.

But they'll have plenty of company up there. Dozens of other military and civilian performers will return to fly anything from single-engine planes to vintage warbirds, to write in the sky or drop from it with parachutes.

Among the returning performers are the Flying Rams, a four-man flight-demonstration team from Farmingdale State College. Four recent graduates of the college aviation program

Bethpage Air Show brings Blue Angels, Golden Knights and more to Jones Beach

will open the show, flying single- and twin-engine Piper Warrior aircraft from Captree State Park to Jones Beach, where they'll make an easy left-hand turn over the crowd.

"There's no aerobatics, just a very gentle beginning to get people warmed up," says Michael Canders, associate professor of aviation and director of the college's aviation center.

Here's a rundown of selected air show performers, including — for the first time — two other aerobatic jet squadrons.

### U.S. Navy Blue Angels

**BACKGROUND** The Blues are an elite, hand-picked team of 16 officers and nearly 100 enlisted men and women from the U.S. Navy and Marine

Corps. Currently celebrating their 70th anniversary (1946), the Blue Angels have performed for more than 484 million fans.

**AIRCRAFT** Modified Boeing F/A-18 Hornets and the Lockheed Martin C-130 Hercules, the latter affectionately known as "Fat Albert."

**HOME BASE** Pensacola, Florida

**SIGNATURE STUNTS** Diamond formation, rolls, loops.

### Breitling Jet Team

**BACKGROUND** The Swiss watchmaker sponsors what is reportedly the world's largest civilian aerobatic display team performing on jets. Its pilots are drawn from the French air force or its precision aerobatic demonstration team, the Patrouille de France.

**AIRCRAFT** Czech-made L-39C Albatros twin-seater military training jets

**HOME BASE** Dijon, France

**SIGNATURE STUNT** A meticulously coordinated ballet in which planes sometimes fly within 10 feet of each other, at speeds up to 435 mph.