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City of Tuscaloosa and McAlister's Deli presents "My Hero" Essay Contest

TUSCALOOSA, AL – In correlation with the 2012 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show presented by McAlister's Deli "Honoring our Heroes" theme, the City of Tuscaloosa and McAlister's Deli is pleased to announce a Tuscaloosa County Area High Schools essay contest. The topic for the essay contest is "My Hero."

Essay guidelines and release forms have been distributed to the administration offices for both Tuscaloosa County and Tuscaloosa City school systems, along with private institutions. The essay contest will run Friday, February 3 through Thursday, March 1, and is open to high school students currently enrolled in an accredited high school program within Tuscaloosa County.

Twenty-five essays will be selected by the Air Show Pilot's Reception Committee. Recipients will receive tickets to attend the 2012 Pilot's Reception with air show pilots and crew members from the U.S. Navy Blue Angels team, along with other air show performers. Selected essays will also appear on the "McAlister's Deli Tea Freaks" Facebook page for national recognition, and a fan favorite will be awarded by McAlister's Deli during the Pilot's Reception.

"We are excited to provide such an opportunity for these high school students. They will get to publicly honor their personal heroes and interact with some of the Nation's most honorable men and women. These students are the next generation and it is our hope that this experience with the Blue Angels and Golden Knights will inspire them even more to reach for the stars," said Stacy Vaughn, Pilot's Reception Committee member.

The 2012 Tuscaloosa Regional Air Show presented by McAlister's Deli will take place March 31 and April 1. The air show will feature the world-famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels, the U.S. Army Golden Knights and a variety of flying displays from the World War II era aircraft and the Korean Conflict to present day heroes. General Admission is free to this family-friendly event. More details regarding the air show and essay contest can be found by visiting www.tuscaloosaregionalairshow.com.

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