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165th Airlift Wing to Perform Stadium Flyover in Perry on August 30



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – In a thrilling display of airpower and community support, the Georgia Air National Guard will perform a flyover at Herb St. John Stadium in Perry just before the 7:30 p.m. kickoff at the Panther's August 30 home football game. The Georgia Air National Guard will perform the flyover to commemorate National Purple Heart Day, and the football game will be dedicated to Purple Heart Veterans in the local community. This flyover will precede the highly anticipated match-up between Perry High School, current AAAA State Champions, and cross-town

rivals, the Bears of Houston County High School.

The flyover will feature a C-130J from the 165th Airlift Wing, near Savannah, showcasing the skill and precision of our dedicated Air National Guard Airmen. It will be timed to coincide with the last note of the Star-Spangled Banner, played by the Panther Regiment Band, as the school's decorated Color Guard presents the colors.

Lt Col Tom Alford, Air Force JROTC Instructor, said, "We have a close relationship with our Guardsmen, and we are completely honored to have them flyover Panther Stadium before the game."

While the entire community is eager to watch the flyover, it's especially meaningful to members of Perry High's JROTC.

JROTC Corps Commander Brad Simmons, said "We're really excited to see the C-130 flyover, because some of us got to ride in a C-130 our sophomore year. It's an honor to be part of this flyover as part of Perry's JROTC."

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Cadet Major Vivian Joyner also serves as the Panther Regiment Band Percussion Captain. She said, "I am excited to play the national anthem with the band while a C-130 flies overhead. This is an opportunity that few high school students get to experience. I am extremely grateful for the opportunities that my high school, instructors, and local military community have provided me."

Perry High School is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry. Tickets for the game can be purchased at www.gofan.co.

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