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LAPPEENRANTA INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

Vampires in Finnish Air Force markings return to the Finnish skies at Lappeenranta International Airshow



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A pair of Vampire aircraft from 1950's painted in Finnish Air Force authentic colors will perform their air display at the main air show of the Finnish Aeronautical Association in Lappeenranta International Air Show, June 14th to 16th 2013. The Vampire models DH.100 Vampire Fighter and

DH.115 Vampire Trainer will celebrate the beginning of the Finnish Air Force jet aircraft era and are the first Vampires in Finnish skies in Finnish Air Force markings since 1965.

The first Vampire Fighter jet, registration VA-3, landed in Finland in January 22, 1953. The Finnish Air Force had six Vampire fighters and nine Vampire Trainers, 15 aircraft in all, between 1953 and 1965.

The two Vampires will come from Norwegian Air Force Historical Squadron painted in Finnish Air Force colour scheme.

The Aero Club of Lappeenranta will invite all Finnish Air Force Vampire pilots as VIP guests to the Lappeenranta International Air Show.

The Finnish Air Force will participate in the LIAS 2013 Air Show by a Training Air Wing Hawk Mk51 solo display, Karelia Air Wing F-18C Hornet solo display and the Training Air Wing based Midnight Hawks aerobatics team flying four Mk 51 Hawks. A Casa C-295M transport aircraft from Supporting Air Operations Squadron, Air Force Academy is on the ground display as the largest Finnish Air Force aircraft currently.

From the Finnish Army, NH90 helicopters will participate in the air show. Finnish Bordier Guard will perform by a formation of two helicopters and one maritime patrol aircraft, AW 119Ke Koala, Agusta-Bell AB-412 helicopters and a Dornier Do 228 aircraft.

At the main air show of The Finnish Aeronautical Association in Lappeenranta on June 14th -16th 2013 there will be an extensive selection of military-, commercial- and general aviation aircraft and helicopters. Among the main performers are the Swedish multi-role fighter Saab JAS 39 Gripen which visits first time an airshow in Finland and the other first timer is Jordanian Aerobatic team, Royal Jordanian Falcons.

During the Saturday evening the airport will be a scene for a rock concert with top Finnish performers like Haloo Helsinki!, JVG and Osmos Cosmos.

The ticket sales for the LIAS 2013 airshow is open at the show web pages. Additional information about the Lappeenranta International Air Show 2013, which is the main air show of The Finnish Aeronautical Association via e-mail and web: lias2013@liy.fi, <http://www.lias2013.fi>

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