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Snowbirds aerobatics team to commemorate Kahnawake in fly past this Saturday

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(Kahnawake – 8, Onerahtohkó:wa/May 2017) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) is pleased to announce that the world-famous Canadian Forces Snowbirds aerobatics team will conduct a fly past in Kahnawà:ke airspace at approximately 10:30am this coming Saturday morning to commemorate Kahnawà:ke and its many veterans.

The Snowbirds are performing across the country as part of Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.

Additionally, Skyler Taylor of the MCK's Public Relations Unit has been approved to fly in one of the jets. He will have a report to be broadcast on KTV at a later date.

"We've been allies with Canada since the country was created," said Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro. "We've shared much history – some good, some not-so-good – so we're happy to accept this fly past as a gesture of reconciliation and, of course, as a means to honor our numerous veterans. We're also pleased that they've respected our jurisdiction by requesting the fly past at a low level, which we have approved."

The jets, which will take off from St. Hubert Airport, will be arriving from the east. They will then regroup in formation and do a second fly past heading west.

The MCK would like to acknowledge Ratsénhaienhs Kenneth McComber, who was instrumental in arranging this event and making arrangements to have someone from the Community able to participate directly in the flight.

"Kenneth takes special pride in ensuring that those who served in the military are remembered," concluded Grand Chief Norton. "He has worked to bring to the Community a monument to those who served in the War of 1812, a retired U.S M-109 self-propelled Howitzer and, now, this."