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***Members of Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program to Fly Over
South Padre Island on Friday, June 16***

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas, June 16, 2023 – It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a EURO-NATO Air Force Flyover! Bringing some excitement to close out the week, the 89th Flying Training Squadron and members of the unique Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program (ENJJPT) will conduct a flyover of South Padre Island at 4:35 p.m. on Friday, June 16, starting from the north end of the island and flying towards the bridge.

"It's a sight to see and hear," said Blake Henry, South Padre Island CVB Executive Director. "The thrilling roar of military jets performing a flyover is a sound you'll never get used to - one that evokes excitement and amazement at the sheer might of the aircraft flying above. What's especially cool about today's flyover is who is flying the planes - pilots from the U.S. and 13 other NATO nations!"

The 89th Flying Training Squadron is part of the 80th Flying Training Wing based at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. The 80th FTW is home to the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program, the world's only multi-nationally manned and managed flying training program created to produce combat pilots for NATO. In addition to having a totally integrated structure with its participants comprised of 14 NATO countries, the ENJJPT Program takes it a step further in terms of unique benefits with the bond of friendship and respect that's developed among all participants in the 80th FTW. The student pilots and staff instructors of today will be the leaders of NATO's air forces of tomorrow. Having trained together, they will be much better prepared to fight and win together should the need ever arise.

For more information on the flyover, contact Joe Cavazos at jcavazos3@yahoo.com.

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About South Padre Island

With miles of pristine shoreline and clear emerald water, South Padre Island is Texas' only tropical island paradise. Calm weather and more than 300 days of sunshine make South Padre Island a year-round destination offering a variety of nature tourism attractions, water sports, and activities for the entire family. For more information, visit www.sopadre.com.

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