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Chris Petersen, head coach of Boise State's Broncos Football team has been selected to fly as a passenger/VIP with the Blue Angels for the July 23<sup>rd</sup> media rides at Twin Falls Idaho's Joslin Field.

He gets to soar in an F/A-18 Hornet — a high-performance, ejection seat-equipped strike/fighter aircraft. The flight may sustain high G-forces and high-speed aerobatic maneuvering.

The adventure is part of the 2008 Air Magic Valley Air Show in Twin Falls, Idaho scheduled July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

"This is such a unique opportunity to do something that is really out of the every day realm for me," said Petersen, "It truly is an once-in-a-lifetime chance to fly with the greatest pilots in the world and I'm really looking forward to the experience and being a Blue Angel for even one day."

In the history of college football, only one coach since 1900 has won 13 games in his first season at the helm of a Division I football team. That coach is Chris Petersen.

Petersen, during his second season at the helm of the Bronco program, led Boise State to an undefeated 13-0 season, including a 43-42 overtime win over Oklahoma in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl last season. The perfect season ended with Boise State ranked fifth in the Associated Press Top 25 Poll and sixth in the USA Today Coaches Poll, the highest rankings for the Broncos in school history.

Petersen also became the first Boise State coach to earn national coach of the year honors winning the 2006 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year award.

The award was only one of a number of honors Petersen received. He was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, a semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award and was the Region 4 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

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