



MONTHLY MEMBER UPDATE

JUNE 2023

NEWS & NOTES



ADC VISITS TEAM OFFUTT – The Association of Defense Communities visited Offutt Air Force Base recently and presented base leadership a flag signifying the Omaha metro as one of five recipients of the 2023 Great American Defense Community by the ADC.

The Great American Defense Community program was launched by the ADC in 2016 to recognize and celebrate communities that go above and beyond in their support for the military.

UNITS TEST ACE CAPES IN NORWAY – The 95th Reconnaissance Squadron and 488th Intelligence Squadron tested its Agile Combat Employment capabilities by deploying an RC-135V/W Rivet Joint to Orland Air Station, Norway, as part of Exercise Dagger Fjord May 8-12, 2023.

This was the first Rivet Joint ACE exercise to a NATO country outside the United Kingdom and demonstrated the unit's ability to rapidly deploy to unfamiliar operating locations.

RIBBON CUTTING HELD FOR NEW ICC – A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Installation Control Center and Air Combat Command's sole nuclear command and control watch floor May 23, 2023

Plans for a new facility had been in the works for many years, but the need was accelerated after the previous facility was lost to the March 2019 flood.

UPCOMING EVENTS



FREEDOM DAY
JUNETEENTH
JUNE 19

June 20 – CWS Heroes Game

@ Charles Schwab Field in Omaha

- Col. Kristen Thompson will lead the oath of enlistment for new Air Force recruits at the CWS game honoring military, fire and police.

June 22 – 55th Wing Change of Command

@ Bennie L. Davis Maintenance Facility

- Col. Kristen Thompson hands to reigns to Col. Mark Howard in the time honored change of command ceremony.

June 27 – DPAA Honorable Transfer

@ Offutt Runway

- Remains from the Enoura Maru, a World War II Imperial Japanese Navy troop and POW transport ship, are transferred to the Offutt laboratory.

July 6 – 55th MSG Change of Command

@ Offutt Fire Department

- Col. Patrick Kolesiak, who arrives from Edwards Air Force Base, California, assumes command from Col. Jasin Cooley.

July 7 – 55th MDG Change of Command

@ Warhawk Community Center

- Col. Tracy Bozung, who arrives from 16th Air Force in San Antonio, Texas, assumes command from Col. Chris Backus.

July 10-14 – Unit Effectiveness Inspection

@ Across the 55th Wing

- ACC inspectors measures the wing's performance in four major graded areas during this capstone event.