



# MONTHLY MEMBER UPDATE

MAY 2023

## NEWS & NOTES



**REV DEMONSTRATES WING'S ABILITY TO DEPLOY** – The 55th Wing hosted Iron Lightning, a Readiness Exercise Validation as part of Air Combat Command's Unit Effectiveness Inspection, May 1-5, 2023.

Through the REV, the 55th Wing demonstrated they can not only process and deploy, but also survive and operate in a contested, austere location while under chemical, conventional and cyber-attacks.

**UNITS BUILD UPON SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP** – More than 20 Royal Air Force engineers teamed up with 55th Maintenance Group personnel to conduct an isochronal inspection of a RAF RC-135V/W Rivet Joint April 10-28, 2023.

An isochronal inspection is an in-depth periodical inspection where personnel from across a variety of career fields, and in this case two long-time allies, work together to ensure an aircraft is mission ready.

**625TH STOS HELPS LIGHT UP NIGHT SKY**– A team of dedicated Airmen and Sailors took to the skies to fire an unarmed Minuteman III inter-continental ballistic missile over the Pacific Ocean during an Operational Test Launch, known as a Glory Trip, April 24, 2023.

Air Force missileers and engineers from the 625th Strategic Operations Squadron alongside Navy aircrew from Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 4 flew aboard a Navy E-6B Mercury, equipped with an Airborne Launch Control System.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**May 22-25 – DPAA Leadership Symposium**  
@ Embassy Suites (Old Market)

- Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency leadership from across the globe come together for their annual symposium.

**May 29 – Memorial Day Ceremony**  
@ Offutt Cemetery

- Team Offutt pauses to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at 9 a.m.

**June 2 – Appreciation Day Picnic**  
@ Bellevue Berry Farm

- For more than 20 years the Appreciation Day Picnic has provided Team Offutt with an opportunity to relax with their family.

**June 4 – 75 Years of Memorial Park**  
@ Memorial Park in Omaha

- Gov Pillen, Chuck Hagel, President Carter, Mayor Stothert and members of Nebraska's congressional delegation mark 75 years of Memorial Park.

**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.