

MONTHLY MEMBER UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2023

NEWS & NOTES



RECORD NUMBER ATTEND LINCOLN AIR SHOW – The Guardians of Freedom Airshow returned to the Lincoln Airport for the first time since 2016 with a record number of attendees August 26-27, 2023.

An estimated two-day crowd of more than 350,000 saw the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team, hit speeds of more than 700 miles per hour and execute a number of formations, rolls, and turns in their distinctive blue and yellow F/A-18E Super Hornets.

SCHOOL SHARES GARDEN HARVEST WITH BASE – Twin Ridge Elementary School in Bellevue started a garden this past spring with a Department of Defense Education Activity STEM grant and is sharing its produce with Offutt Air Force Base Airman's Attic food pantry.

The school has strong ties to the military with many of the students' parents serving at Offutt.

OFFUTT AIR SHOW RETURNS IN 2024 – For the first time since 2018, the Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show returns to Offutt Air Force Base Aug. 24-25, 2024, with the U.S Air Force Thunderbirds headlining the show.

Offutt's 2019 air show was cancelled due to a flood, while all Department of Defense air shows were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. The installation was also unable to host one in 2021 or 2022 because its runway was being replaced.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sept. 16 Air Force Birthday Ball

- @ Embassy Suites in La Vista
- Team Offutt comes together to celebrate the Air Force's birthday. Gen. Anthony J. Cotton, U.S. Strategic Commander, serves as the guest speaker.

Oct. 14 Retiree Appreciation Day

@ Offutt Exchange

• RAD returns for the first time since 2019, with free services to retirees, spouses, widows and widowers from more than 20 organizations.

Nov. 17*

Operation Giving Thanks

- @ Airman Leadership School
- The first of two events where turkeys and hams are distributed to Offutt military members and their families.

Dec. 14

Operation Holiday Cheer

- @ Bellevue Volunteer Fire Fighter Hall
- Annual event where local civic leaders fill goodie bags for delivery to the Offutt Air Force Base dormitories

Dec. 15*

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