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## Omaha Royals support Air Force Week in the Heartland

**OFFUTT AFB, Neb.** – The Omaha Royals will show their support of the men and women of the United States Air Force during Air Force Week in the Heartland Aug. 9 – 17.

The Royals support begins Aug. 9 with opening ceremonies -- but it won't end there.

Senior Airman Joshua Swift and his wife, Katie Swift, will sing the National Anthem before the Aug. 12 Royals game versus the Albuquerque Isotopes.

The following evening, a performer from the U.S. Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, Tops in Blue, will sing the National Anthem.

Then on Aug. 14, the U.S. Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue parachute team will jump in with the American flag while a vocalist from Offutt's Heartland of America Band sings the National Anthem. Following the National Anthem, Capt. Steven Bellamy, an electronic warfare officer with Offutt's 38<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron and former college baseball player, will throw out the first pitch – a baseball that has travelled to Iraq inscribed with the words "Iraq and Baq."

Air Force Week in the Heartland 2008 is a week-long celebration Aug. 9-17 showcasing the U.S. Air Force, its people and their mission. Air Force Week also allows local Nebraska and Iowa communities to meet and interact with Air Force active duty, Reserve and Air National Guard servicemembers to increase public awareness and build new and lasting relationships.

For more information on Air Force Week in the Heartland 2008, visit [www.airforceweek.com](http://www.airforceweek.com).

**MEDIA: If you would like more information or plan to cover the event please contact Lt. Col. Deb Bertrand or Tech. Sgt. A.J. Bosker of the Public Affairs office at (402) 294-3663.**