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Final preparations for Air Force Week underway

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. – Final preparations are underway for Air Force Week in the Heartland 2008, a week-long extravaganza Aug. 9-17 showcasing the U.S. Air Force, its people and their mission.

Air Force Week in the Heartland 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.

Events are scheduled to kick off at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 9 with opening ceremonies at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb. Some of the evening's events include an official proclamation by Nebraska governor the Honorable Dave Heineman, a free concert by country music singer Jessica Andrews, the swearing-in of new recruits, demonstrations by the U.S. Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue Jump Team, video presentations and aircraft flyovers. The evening will conclude with fireworks.

The celebration will continue at 10 a.m. Aug. 10 at Shadow Lake Towne Center in Papillion, Neb., with an expo featuring a free concert by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band's Night Wing ensemble, recently deployed Airmen speaking about their experiences, a demonstration by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team and various Air Force assets on display.

Other events throughout the week include a seven-mile Runway Run through Offutt AFB, a free

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variety show by the U.S. Air Force Tops in Blue, and two concerts by the U.S. Air Force Heartland of America Band, an IMAX movie “Fighter Pilot – Operation Red Flag” at Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo, a free Air Force Day at the Strategic Air and Space Museum, a barbecue at Dillon Brothers Harley-Davidson and more.

The week will conclude Aug. 16 and 17 with the largest open house and air show Offutt has ever hosted, featuring the exciting aerial acrobatics of the Air Force Thunderbirds and other teams.

MEDIA

Throughout the week-long extravaganza, there will be multiple opportunities for interviews at the many venues. To schedule an interview request, please contact Lt. Col. Deb Bertrand or Tech. Sgt. A.J. Bosker at 294-3663.

For more Air Force Week in the Heartland 2008 information, visit www.airforceweek.com.