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2009 Defenders of Freedom Open House and Air Show

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. – Media are invited to attend the 2009 Defenders of Freedom Open House and Air Show Aug. 29-30. Gates to the free show open at 9 a.m. and the event concludes at 5 p.m. More than 20 performers are scheduled for the event. This year's Open House and Air Show will have performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels aerial demonstration team, the U.S. Army parachute jump team, the Golden Knights, the U.S. Air Force F-15E and F-16 fighter demonstration teams, and the U.S. Air Force Tops in Blue musical ensemble among various other civilian and military performers.

All media must be credentialed by the 55th Wing Public Affairs Office prior to the event. Contact the 55th Wing Public Affairs office by 4 p.m., 31 July to ensure proper credentialing. Media will be briefed about emergency procedures prior to the event and will be required to check in with the media center at the Open House and Air Show upon arrival.

Media must have their press credentials with them at all times during the Air Show. For more information, visit our Web site at: <http://www.offuttairshow.com/index.html>.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Interested media are asked to call the 55th Wing Public Affairs office at 294-3663 by 4 p.m., July 31. Confirmed media are asked to arrive via the Strategic Air Command Gate on Capehart Road. Media outlets interested in bringing a truck or vehicle to facilitate live coverage will be required to arrive at 8 a.m. and will not be allowed to leave until 6 p.m. due to traffic constrictions and pedestrian safety. Public Affairs will contact each media outlet that confirms interest as soon as possible if a change to the schedule is made.

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