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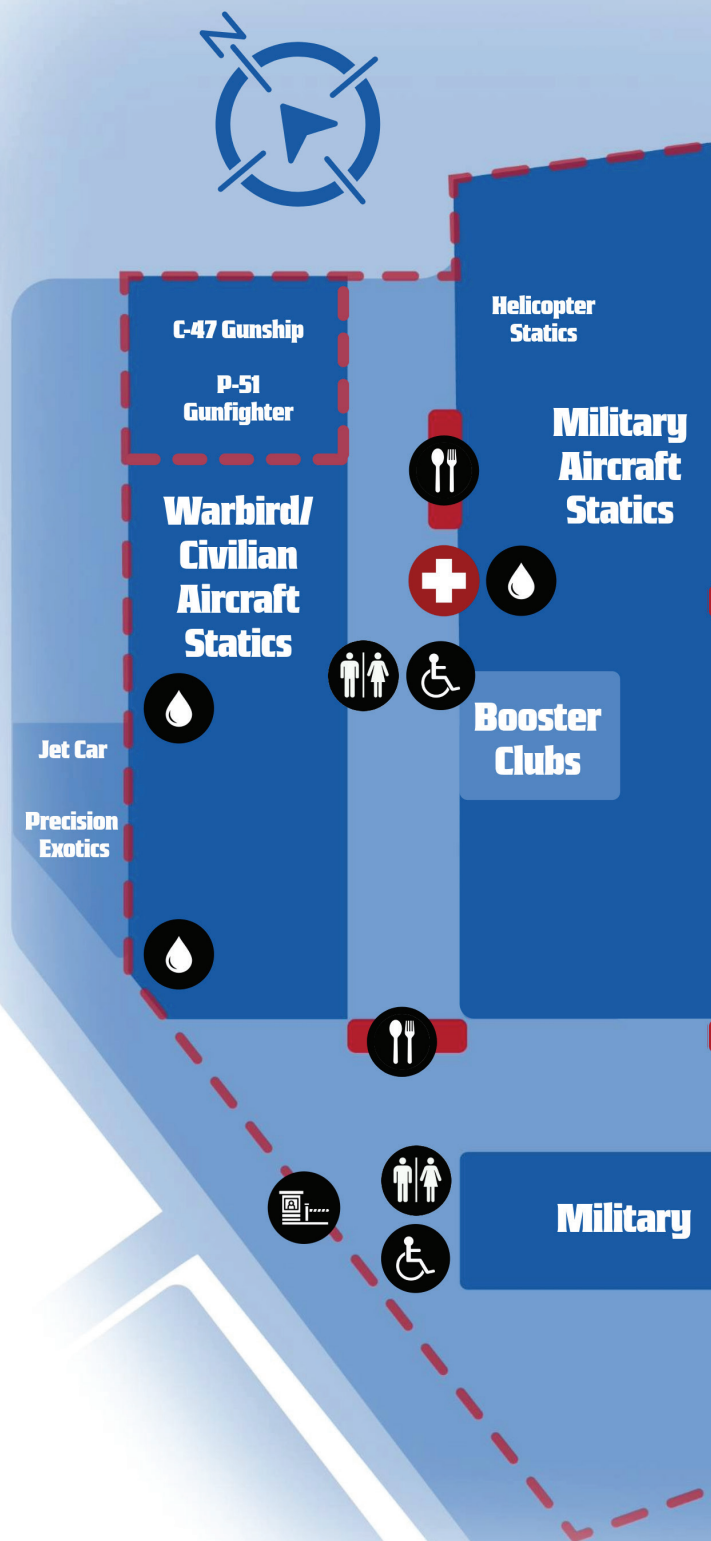
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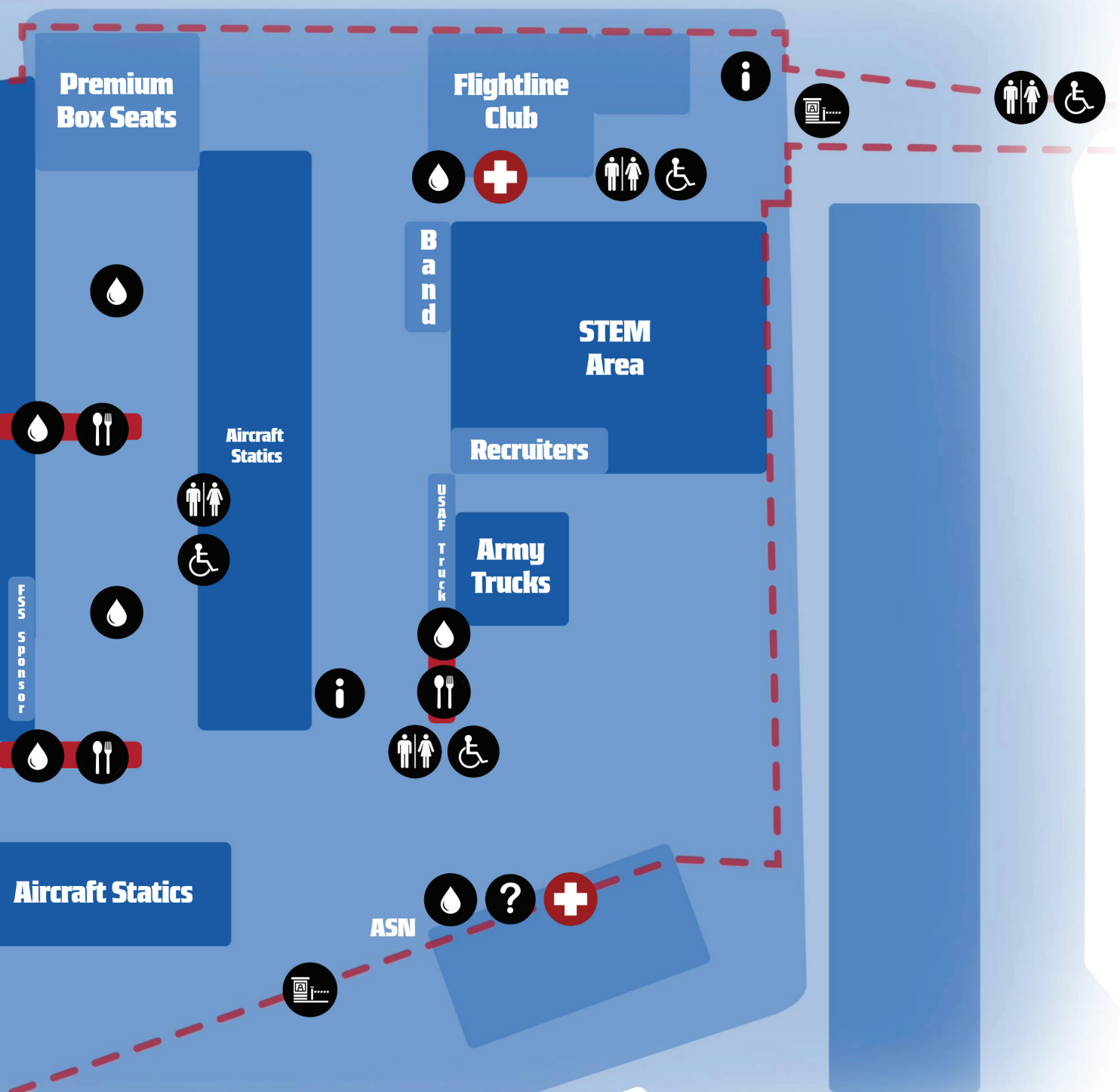


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As our nation celebrates 250 years of American independence, this year's air show is more than a display of airpower. It is a tribute to the courage, sacrifice and enduring spirit that have defined the United States since 1776. Freedom has never been free, and the story of our nation is inseparable from the service of those who have stepped forward to defend it.

Today, we are proud to showcase the professionalism, readiness and excellence of the men and women serving across all branches of our Armed Forces. Whether on the flightline, in the air, at sea, in the field, in space or behind the scenes, our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, Guardians and Coast Guardsmen carry forward a legacy of service that protects our

homeland, strengthens our alliances and preserves the freedoms we cherish.

We are especially grateful to the communities surrounding Offutt Air Force Base. Your support of our service members and their families is extraordinary. The bond between Team Offutt and the greater Omaha region is one of our greatest strengths, and this event would not be possible without the continued partnership, patriotism and generosity of our civic leaders, volunteers, first responders, local businesses and neighbors.

I also want to recognize the countless military members, civilians and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this air show possible. Their dedication reflects the very best of our installation and our community. Every detail, every long hour and every act of service helped bring this event to life for you and your families.

As you enjoy today's performances, static displays and demonstrations, I hope you leave with a renewed sense of pride in our nation, confidence in your Armed Forces and appreciation for the men and women who defend our freedom every day.

Thank you for joining us, thank you for supporting Team Offutt, and welcome to the Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show.

Aaron T. Gray
Colonel, USAF
Commander, 55th Wing
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Kevin Coleman is an American aerobatic pilot sponsored by Red Bull, renowned for his exceptional skills and precision in the skies. Hailing from Coushatta, Louisiana, he began his aviation journey at 10, taking his first solo flight on his 16th birthday and earning his pilot and commercial licenses by 18. Coleman's passion for aerobatics was nurtured early on, with his father—a hobbyist air show pilot—and local aviation legend Marion Cole providing guidance. By 18, he was performing at air shows across the United States, showcasing his talent and dedication. In 2016, Coleman made history by becoming the first American to compete in the Red Bull Air Race Challenger Cup, demonstrating his skill and determination. Beyond his competitive achievements, Coleman is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of pilots. He participates in air shows and aviation events, sharing his passion and expertise with audiences worldwide. His commitment to the sport and community underscores his role as a prominent figure in aerobatic flying.



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The USAF Wings of Blue has been free-falling with precision and fearlessness since 1967. Defiance is in the DNA of the Wings of Blue crew. Parachuting did not exist at the U.S. Air Force Academy until 1964 when a group of ambitious cadets took to the skies. The activity, at the time, was off-limits to cadets. Knowing full well the consequences if caught participating, their involvements were nonetheless revealed through their own irrepressible success. Two members from the Academy won a novice team event and were immediately invited to demonstrate at the Pueblo Army depot. Upon receiving glowing reviews of the boys' performances, the Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Robert W. Strong Jr., saw the potential in pursuing a greater parachuting program. "However illegal their activities, they were on to something good," he wrote.

Since then, more than 800 men and women of various ranks, from both U.S. and foreign services complete the five free fall jumps it takes to earn their parachutist badge and rating. The Wings of Blue members spend most of their time teaching free-fall skydives to students while serving as jumpmasters and instructors. There are both competition and demonstration teams who travel the world, representing the artistry and prowess of the U.S. Air Force. Over the last several decades, the Wings of Blue has been one of the outstanding parachute units in the United States. Since 1967, cadets have dominated national intercollegiate parachuting, winning 21 national championships. They perform around 50 demonstrations each year and have shown off their skills at the Copper Bowl, Fiesta Bowl, Pro Bowl and, of course, most Air Force Falcons football games. The team travels locally, nationally and internationally to perform in air shows and competitions. Their stated mission is to: "Develop airmen through flight in its purest form—STAND IN THE DOOR!"





Douglas C-47 Skytrain is one of the most iconic aircraft in aviation history. The C-47 earned its place in history by carrying Allied paratroopers and supplies into battle during World War II, including the D-Day invasion of Normandy. More than 80 years later, the rugged twin-engine transport continues to inspire audiences as it returns to the skies at airshows across the country. Today, the U.S. Air Force Academy's Wings of Blue parachute demonstration team carries on the C-47's proud airborne legacy by conducting precision parachute demonstrations from the historic aircraft. The sight of cadets exiting the same type of aircraft that launched generations of American paratroopers is a powerful tribute to the courage, heritage, and enduring spirit of military aviation.



RJ GRITTER

AND THE ART OF AEROBATIC FLIGHT



The son of a test pilot dad and a flight instructor mom, RJ has been in the cockpit his entire life. Growing up in Greensboro, North Carolina, he started flying before he was tall enough to see over the instrument panel! He soloed on his 16th birthday and got his private pilot license on his 17th. RJ developed a passion for aerobatics through radio-control (R/C) flying. He started competing in R/C aerobatics at age 16 in national and international events, representing the US

in indoor precision and freestyle aerobatic championships. R/C flying gave him a strong background for “full-scale” aerobatic flying. RJ earned his bachelor’s degree in Aerospace Engineering from North Carolina State University. He got his Decathlon, learned aerobatics, and flew his first airshow... all in the span of only one year. That was only seven short years ago. Since then, RJ has flown more than 200 airshow performances and has logged more than a thousand hours.



The Decathlon is iconic as arguably the most popular aerobatic trainer in history. A descendant of the Aeronca Champ and Citabria, the Decathlon was upgraded with inverted fuel and oil systems and a nearly-symmetrical wing to allow “outside” and inverted maneuvers. RJ’s Decathlon sports a patriotic red, white and blue paint scheme and pours brilliant white smoke for a great presence in the air!



F-35A DEMO TEAM

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The F-35A Lightning II Demo Team showcases the cutting-edge capabilities of the United States Air Force's most advanced fifth-generation fighter through precision aerial demonstrations across the country. Based at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, the team highlights the F-35A's unmatched agility, stealth technology, advanced avionics, and combat capability through a series of high-performance maneuvers that bring the future of air power to life. Beyond the flightline, the team connects with communities, inspires future generations, and honors the legacy of aviation through appearances such as heritage flights alongside historic aircraft. The F-35A Demo Team represents the next era of air power while demonstrating the skill, dedication, and innovation of the Airmen who operate and maintain this remarkable aircraft.



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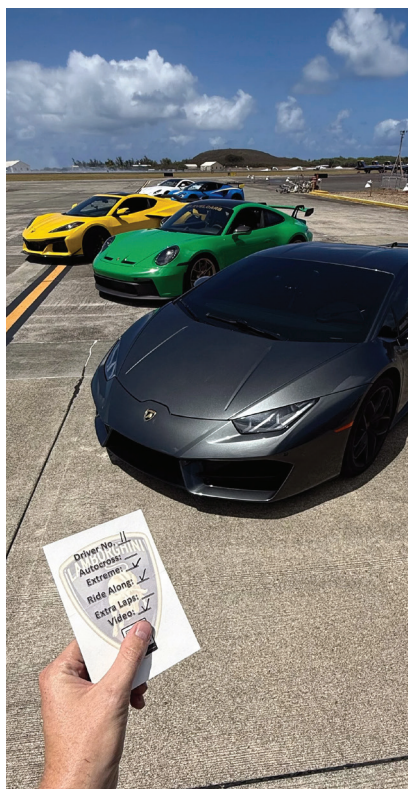
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STATIC DISPLAYS

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The T-6 Texan II is a modern turboprop trainer aircraft used to prepare the next generation of military pilots for advanced flight training. Known for its performance, reliability, and advanced avionics, the T-6 showcases the precision and skill required to build tomorrow's aviators.



F-35 LIGHTNING II

The F-35 Lightning II is a fifth-generation stealth fighter that represents the future of air combat with advanced sensors, cutting-edge technology, and unmatched capabilities. At Luke Air Force Base, the F-35 plays a key role in training the world's next generation of fighter pilots while showcasing the power and precision of modern aviation.



RC-135 RIVET JOINT

The RC-135 is a highly specialized intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance aircraft that provides critical information to support military operations around the world. Based at Offutt Air Force Base, the RC-135 represents the vital role of airborne intelligence and highlights the advanced capabilities of today's Air Force.



EC-130 COMPASS CALL

The EC-130 is a specialized electronic warfare aircraft designed to support military operations through advanced communications and information capabilities. Based at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the EC-130 showcases the important role of airborne technology in modern missions and the evolving landscape of aerial operations.



EA-37B COMPASS CALL

The EA-37B Compass Call is an advanced electronic attack aircraft designed to disrupt and deny enemy communications, radar, and navigation systems through cutting-edge electromagnetic warfare capabilities. Based at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, the EA-37B represents the next generation of airborne electronic warfare and showcases the future of modern airpower.



TBM AVENGER

The TBM Avenger is a legendary World War II torpedo bomber known for its rugged design, long range, and vital role in naval aviation. Today, this beautifully restored aircraft honors the legacy of the crews who flew it while giving airshow audiences a rare opportunity to experience one of history's most iconic warbirds.



A-37 DRAGONFLY

The A-37 Dragonfly is a compact, twin-engine light attack aircraft renowned for its speed, agility, and effectiveness in close air support missions. Its distinctive appearance and impressive performance make the A-37 a favorite among airshow audiences, showcasing a unique chapter in military aviation history.



PT-17 STEARMAN

The PT-17 Stearman is a classic biplane that trained thousands of military pilots during World War II, earning its place as one of the most recognizable trainer aircraft in aviation history. Its timeless design, graceful flight characteristics, and nostalgic appeal continue to make it a favorite at airshows across the country.



P-51 GUNFIGHTER

The P-51 Gunfighter is a beautifully restored World War II fighter that celebrates the speed, range, and performance that made the Mustang one of history's most legendary aircraft. With its iconic Merlin engine and striking appearance, Gunfighter delivers a thrilling display that showcases the power and elegance of this aviation classic.



PINK JET

The Pink Jet is a special static display dedicated to raising awareness for breast cancer and honoring those affected by the disease. With its distinctive pink paint scheme, the aircraft serves as a powerful reminder of hope, strength, and the importance of supporting breast cancer research and awareness efforts.



V-22 OSPREY

Get an up-close look at the remarkable V-22 Osprey, the revolutionary tiltrotor aircraft that combines the vertical takeoff and landing capabilities of a helicopter with the speed and range of a fixed-wing airplane. Meet the crew, explore this one-of-a-kind aircraft, and learn about its vital role in military operations around the world.



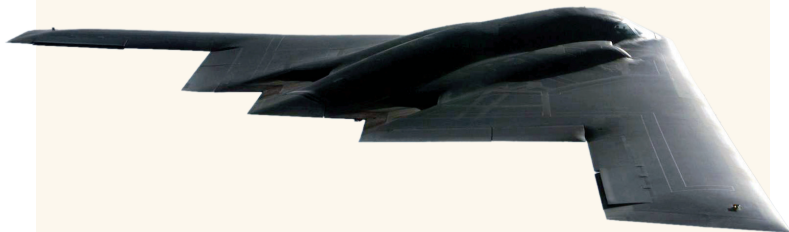
F-15E STRIKE EAGLE

The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter designed to perform precision air-to-ground strikes while maintaining the air-to-air combat capabilities of the legendary F-15 Eagle. With its advanced avionics, long-range capability, and ability to carry a wide variety of precision-guided weapons, the Strike Eagle has been a cornerstone of U.S. Air Force combat operations since the late 1980s.



AC-130 GUNSHIP

The AC-130 is a heavily armed gunship designed to provide powerful close air support and precision firepower for ground forces. Known for its unique capabilities and legendary presence in combat operations, the AC-130 remains one of the most distinctive and formidable aircraft in the U.S. Air Force fleet.



B-2 SPIRIT

The B-2 Spirit is a revolutionary stealth bomber known for its distinctive flying-wing design, advanced technology, and ability to penetrate heavily defended airspace. Representing the cutting edge of strategic airpower, the B-2 showcases the innovation and precision that define modern military aviation.



B-1B LANCER

The B-1B Lancer is a supersonic bomber known for its speed, versatility, and ability to carry a wide range of conventional weapons. With its variable-sweep wings and impressive performance, the B-1B remains a powerful symbol of American airpower and global strike capability.



E-3 SENTRY

See the legendary E-3 Sentry and discover the airborne warning and control aircraft that provides long-range surveillance, command, and battle management. Meet the crew and learn how this iconic aircraft has helped coordinate air operations and protect allied forces around the world.



RV-12

The RV-12 is a lightweight, two-seat aircraft known for its simplicity, efficiency, and excellent handling characteristics. Popular among aviation enthusiasts and recreational pilots, the RV-12 showcases the joy of flight and the innovation of modern light aircraft design.



UH-60 BLACK HAWK

The UH-60 Black Hawk is a legendary utility helicopter known for its versatility, reliability, and ability to perform a wide range of missions, including troop transport, medical evacuation, and disaster response. A cornerstone of military aviation for decades, the Black Hawk continues to demonstrate the strength, agility, and adaptability of modern rotary-wing operations.



UH-1 IROQUOIS

The UH-1 Iroquois, famously known as the "Huey," is one of the most iconic helicopters in aviation history, recognized for its service during the Vietnam War and beyond. Known for its versatility, reliability, and distinctive sound, the Huey remains a beloved symbol of military aviation and a favorite among airshow audiences.



MH-139A GREY WOLF

The MH-139A Grey Wolf is the U.S. Air Force's next-generation utility helicopter designed to support critical missions such as security, search and rescue, and transportation operations. Combining modern technology, speed, and increased range, the MH-139A brings enhanced capability and reliability to protect and support vital Air Force assets.



OMAHA PD AIR SUPPORT

The Omaha Police Department Air Support Unit provides aerial assistance to help protect the community through missions including public safety, search and rescue, and emergency response. Using advanced aviation capabilities, the unit enhances officers' ability to respond quickly and effectively while supporting law enforcement operations throughout the region.



M1151 ENHANCED ARMAMENT CARRIER HMMMV

The M1151 Enhanced Armament Carrier is a versatile military vehicle designed to provide mobility, protection, and support for a variety of missions. Built on the Humvee platform, the M1151 has served as a workhorse for U.S. forces, showcasing the strength and adaptability of modern ground operations.



OSHKOSH M-ATV

The Oshkosh M-ATV is a highly capable armored tactical vehicle designed to provide mobility and protection in challenging combat environments. Built for survivability and off-road performance, the M-ATV represents the strength, innovation, and adaptability of modern military ground vehicles.



M997 HMMVW AMBULANCE

The M997 HMMVW Ambulance is a specialized military medical vehicle designed to provide battlefield patient transport and emergency medical support. Built on the reliable Humvee platform, the M997 has played a vital role in delivering lifesaving care and mobility for military medical teams in demanding environments.



M1120 HEMTT WITH LOAD-HANDLING SYSTEM

The M1120 HEMTT Load Handling System is a heavy-duty military vehicle designed to transport and rapidly load, unload, and move large cargo containers and equipment. Built for mobility and efficiency in demanding environments, the M1120 showcases the strength and versatility of modern military logistics operations.



NIEUPORT 28

The Nieuport 28 was the first fighter aircraft flown in combat by American pilots during World War I, serving with the U.S. Army Air Service in 1918. Lightweight, agile, and powered by a 160-horsepower rotary engine, it helped establish America's early military aviation heritage despite being quickly succeeded by newer aircraft.



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