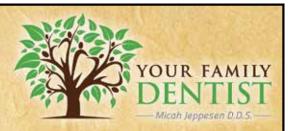


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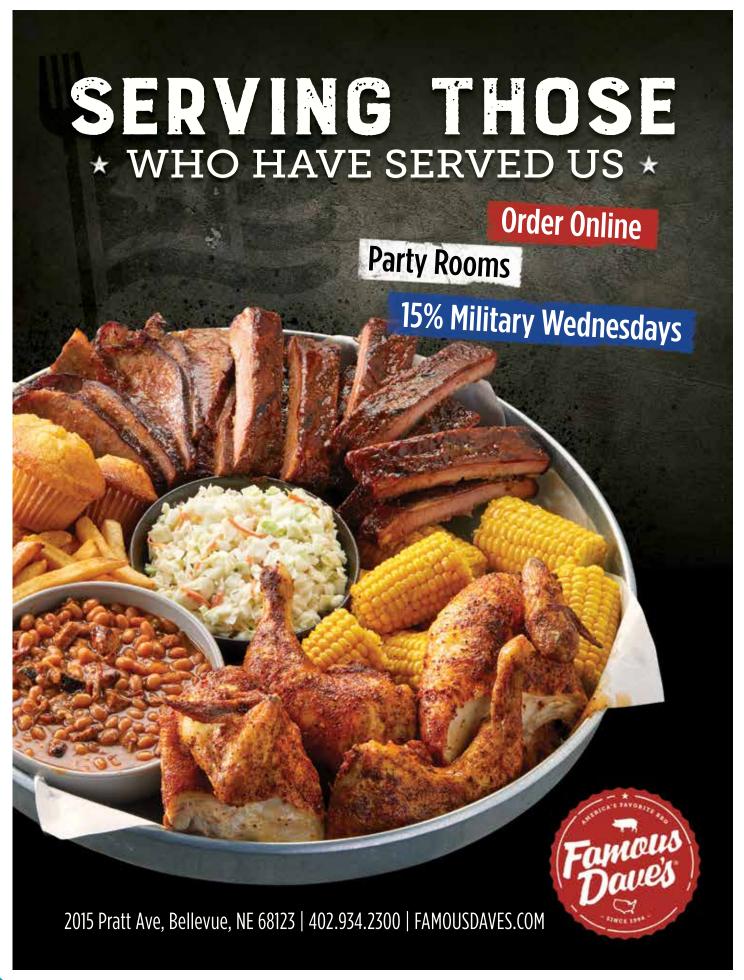






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Offutt Air Force Base has many ways to keep you informed of what is happening in and around the community. The base has a website located at www.offutt.af.mil where you can read stories on what is happening within Team Offutt. In addition, anyone in your family can find information if assistance is ever needed on the website's Comprehensive Airman Fitness page.

The base also has a very active social media program with a Facebook page, Twitter page, Flickr page, YouTube channel and even an Offutt Weather Twitter page that can send you a text when the base is closed or there is delayed reporting because of inclement weather.

For those of you with a smart phone, we will be part of the new Air Force App called AF Connect. The App is available for download for both Apple and Android devices.

There is also an electronic base newsletter. The Warhawk is distributed to base personnel every Wednesday. It is also available to others by request. Simply e-mail 55WG.PA.News@us.af.mil and ask to be added to the distribution list.

Last but not least, is the base newspaper, which is called "The Air Pulse." This commercial paper is distributed by Suburban Newspapers using content mainly from the Offutt website www.offutt.af.mil.

#### Location

Offutt AFB is 10 miles south of downtown Omaha in Bellevue, Neb., just six miles south of Interstate 80 at the Intersection of Capehart Road and U.S. Highway 75. The base operator's phone number is (402) 294-1110, or DSN 271-1110.

#### Driving from the East, West or North

Take Interstate 80 to U.S. Highway 75 South, the Kennedy Freeway to Bellevue. To enter the Kenney Gate, go south approximately six miles and exit at Nebraska Highway 370. Turn left and go under the overpass to the second exit (Offutt AFB/Fort Crook Road). Turn right off the exit, get into the left lane and turn into the Kenney Gate (with all the flags). To enter the STRATCOM Gate, go south approximately seven miles and exit at Offutt AFB/Capehart Rd. Turn left. The STRATCOM Gate is straight ahead approximately one mile.

#### **Driving from the South**

From the South, exit Interstate 29 at exit number 35 for US-34 E/US-275 S toward Glenwood. Keep left at the fork to continue on Exit 35-B and merge onto US-34 W. Continue on US-34 W (Now entering Nebraska) and turn right on US-75 N. Follow US-75 N and take the Capehart Road exit. When you reach Capehart Road, take a right and follow the road to the STRATCOM Gate. The Visitor's Center is on the right hand side before reaching the gate. The STRATCOM Gate is open 24/7/365 except for maintenance.

#### Sponsorship/Mail

Meet your sponsor at the Offutt Welcome Center if you arrive during business hours. If you want to have mail forwarded to you at Offutt, you can use the following address: (Your Rank and Name), 110 Airman Circle Suite 99999, Offutt AFB, NE 68113-2070.

#### **Lodging Reservations**

Reservations at Offutt Inns can be made up to 120 days in advance and prior to receiving permanent change of station orders. Reservations must be reconfirmed three days prior to your arrival and will be canceled at 6 p.m. on the check-in date unless guaranteed with a credit card. To make reservations or for further information, call (402) 294-3671 or DSN 271-3671. Reservations may also be faxed to (402) 294-3199 or sent via e-mail to 55SVS.Lodging@offutt.AF.mil.

#### **Advance Pay for PCSing**

Advance military pay is available within 30 days prior to PCSing and up to 60 days after arrival at your new permanent duty station. E-5s and above may request one month advance pay (minus deductions) without commander's approval and up to three months with commander's signature. E-4s and below will require commander's signature regardless of the number of months. Repayment on advance military pay is 12 months with an available extension of up to 24 months, again with commander's approval.

#### Signing In

When you arrive at Offutt, you'll need to sign in at your unit commander's support staff office. Your leave enroute ends the day you sign in. Talk to your sponsor, your supervisor or an expert in your unit about when to sign in. Remember, you must sign in before or on your Report No Later Than Date.

#### **Important Items to Hand Carry:**

- Copies of your PCS orders
- All moving paperwork, inventory, etc.
- Employment records of family members
- Medical, dental and immunization records for entire family
- School records for children and adults
- Pet records and immunizations
- Phone numbers for your gaining unit, sponsor and command post (for emergencies during transit)

#### **In-processing Briefing**

Your CSS will schedule you for a briefing to complete all finance and military personnel flight in-processing. Be sure to bring several copies of your PCS orders, all travel documents, your personnel records and your medical records. The briefing also includes a section on family readiness and TRICARE at Offutt. Plan on spending one to two hours at this briefing.



#### **First Term Airmen Center**

All first term Airmen assigned to Offutt as their first duty assignment are required to register for the First Term Airmen Course (FTAC) within 30 days of arriving on station. FTAC is a five-day course designed to transition first term Airmen from a training mindset to operational mindset. The course focuses on topics such as Airmanship, Professionalism, Followership and other mission related topics.

#### Equal Opportunity Newcomer's Orientation and First Duty Station Training

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-2706, all Department of Defense personnel will receive equal opportunity human relations education within 30 days of arrival. These briefings are designed for individuals to comprehend and recall Air Force, Air Combat Command and local installation commander's "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment. For appropriate scheduling, contact the EO office at (402) 294-3709 or DSN 271-3709.

#### **Right Start Orientation**

This four-and-a-half hour briefing is mandatory for all personnel in-processing to Offutt. It's a one-stop orientation that covers all required newcomer briefings except the finance and travel briefings. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend.

#### **Also on Arrival**

#### Relocation Assistance

Come to the Airman & Family Readiness Center for information on the community and other relocation services. The Airman & Family Readiness Center's phone number is (402) 294-4329.

#### **Household Goods Shipment**

Upon arrival at Offutt AFB, please update your contact information to include phone numbers and address in the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) as soon as possible. Once you receive your new housing assignment, you can schedule delivery by logging into DPS and requesting delivery of your household goods with the carrier. Joint Personal Property Shipping Office North Central JPPSO-NC., handles all in-bound household goods and storage extensions past 90 days. Call (800) 771-1819 or DSN 692-9291.

Personally Procured Moves (previously known as DITY moves) are filed with TMO Household Goods, Bldg. 323C, Room 301. Please have your DD Form 2278, PPM Checklist, DD 1351-2, rental contracts, weight tickets, receipts for boxes or moving expenses, and 2 copies of your orders.

#### **General Delivery**

General delivery service is provided at Offutt AFB for personnel in transit for up to 90 days in conjunction with PCS. Please do not use Official Mail address of the organization you'll be assigned to.

#### Please address mail to:

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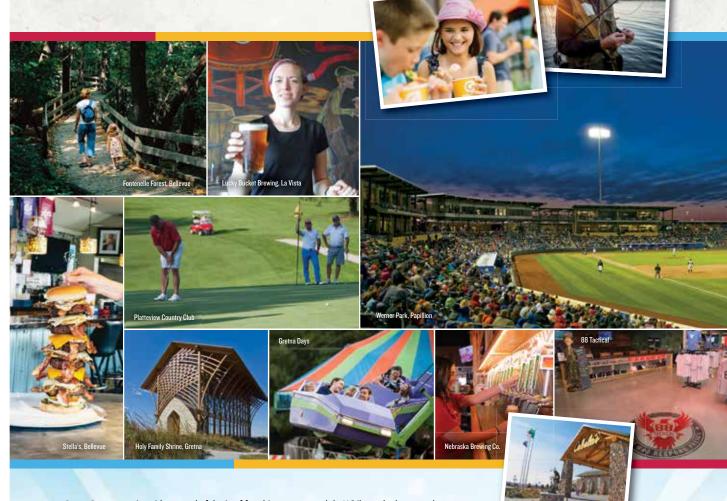
As a reminder, you need to report to the PSC when you arrive and pickup your mail. The PSC is located in B365, Turner Hall, 1st floor, (next to Dorm Manager's Office) just east of the King Dining Facility.

Duty hours, M-F 0800-1700, Sat 1000-1200. Duty Phone 294-3911.

#### **TRICARE Registration**

To update your TRICARE enrollment, please contact Health Net Federal Services at 1-844-866-WEST (9378) or visit www.tricare-west.com to update your enrollment online. To learn about different TRICARE plans, visit www.tricare.mil for more information. TRICARE dental (retiree) and vision benefits: www.tricare.benefeds.com.

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#### **Pay Inquiries**

The 55th Comptroller Squadron's Financial Services Office is located in Building 323C, Room 138 and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (except Holidays and Down Days). They can be reached via phone at (402) 294-3300 for Military Pay, (402) 294-0388 for Travel Pay, or (402) 294-3005 for Civilian Pay. The Finance in-processing briefing is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in Room 141. All members must attend this briefing within five duty days of arriving on station. In case of a financial emergency, the Air Force Aid Society can be reached through the Airman and Family Readiness Center at (402) 294-4329 (aid can be provided to members of all military branches).

#### **On-Base Phones**

The base has four telephone prefixes: Commercial 294 and 232, and DSN 271 and 272. To place calls from one on-base phone to another, dial the sevendigit number — 294-XXXX or 232-XXXX, whichever is appropriate. To place calls from an on-base phone to an off-base phone, dial 99 then the ten-digit number (you will hear a dial tone after dialing 99). To place DSN calls, dial 94 then the seven-digit number. Long distance calls from on-base phones can only be made by using a personal identification number that's issued by the 55th Communications Group through unit telephone control officers.

#### **Airports**

There's one major airport in the metro Omaha area. Eppley Airfield is four miles northeast of downtown Omaha at 4501 Abbott Drive, off Highway 480 North and Sorenson Expressway. There are also two small noncommercial airports in the Omaha area. North Omaha Airport is located on North 72nd Street in Omaha and Millard Airport is located at 12916 Millard Airport Plaza in West Omaha.

#### **Weather Overview**

Omaha area weather varies significantly throughout the year. Summers are very warm—and at times rather humid— with high temperatures ranging between 80 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Summertime thunderstorms are observed (on average) nine times per month—June

through September. These storms usually occur in the late evening and overnight hours and account for nearly half of the region's annual rainfall.

On the other hand, winter weather is rather dry and cold. Typical daytime high temperatures range between 30 and 40 degrees Fahrenheit from December through March. Nevertheless, below zero temperatures are possible during colder spells and strong winds can create wind chill factors of 20 to 40 degrees below zero. Annual snowfall for eastern Nebraska averages between 25 and 30 inches. Spring and Fall — the transition seasons — are mild, with high temperatures reaching 50 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Occasionally this transition time produces severe weather — isolated severe thunderstorms with hail (and even the possibility of tornadoes) — as warm and cold air masses clash in the Central Plains States.

#### **On-base Government Transportation**

Offutt's shuttle bus stops at various base locations Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The shuttle bus doesn't run on weekends or holidays. For more information or a copy of the shuttle schedule, call transportation dispatch at (402) 294-4375.

#### **Getting onto Base**

Offutt has three gates for daily use. The Kenney "Flag" Gate and the USSTRATCOM Gate are open 24 hours. The Bellevue Gate is open Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. including ACC Family Days. The Bellevue Gate is closed weekends and federal Holidays. Visitor passes are granted through the Pass and Registration Center located adjacent to the USSTRATCOM Gate.

#### Vehicle Registration

The Air Force no longer requires military, family members and Department of Defense employees to register vehicles on base. However, all drivers must have a valid Department of Defense identification card, valid REAL ID Act-compliant driver's license, current registration and proof of insurance. International driver's licenses are valid up to 30 days upon arrival to Offutt, after which only valid state licenses are permitted. For more information, contact the Pass and Registration office at (402) 294-8979.

#### **Weapon registration**

All personnel residing in dormitories, bachelor living quarters, temporary living facilities, Government housing (to include privatized housing) or billeting/ lodging facilities must register any firearms they possess. The registration focal point for personnel assigned to the 55th Wing will be the individual's Commander's Support Staff or unit orderly room. For all other organizations, the unit orderly room is the focal point for registration. Additionally, all personnel must ensure they properly store weapons in the Security Forces Armory when they reside on or transit through Offutt AFB and happened to be in a facility where weapons are prohibited (such as dormitories, billeting/lodging, etc).

#### Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA)

Offutt AFB allows for the carrying of concealed weapons by individuals who meet the requirements of 18 U.S.C. §926B (Qualified Law Enforcement Officers) and §926C (Retired Qualified Law Enforcement Officers). Further information can be found in OAFBI 31-125, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (LEOSA) Conceal-carry on Offutt AFB, located on the Air Force e-publishing web site.

#### Holders of Nebraska Concealed Handgun License (CHL), holders of reciprocating state concealed carry license (CCL) equivalents.

Holders of Nebraska Concealed Handgun License (CHL), holders of reciprocating state concealed carry license (CCL) equivalents, are authorized to transport and secure privately-owned handguns in privately-owned vehicles (POV) within the legal boundary of Offutt AFB. Note: This does not apply to rifles and shotguns. Individuals must be properly credentialed (valid and current CHL and/or CCL) and must be in possession of a valid DoD identification card or CAC card. Note: DBIDS-issued cards/passes and AF Form 75s are not valid DoD identification cards for this purpose. Furthermore, this does not apply to private contractors, visitors and/or holders of special/unique/one-time passes.

Individuals are required to maintain their CCL on their person at all times within the legal boundary of Offutt AFB and must surrender it along with valid DoD identification card when requested by Security Forces, AFOSI, or local law enforcement officials. Personnel will comply with the following:

- Individuals will lock handguns in an appropriate lockable glove box, center console, saddle bag, weapons case, or container before entering the installation. Cases or containers not affixed to the vehicle will be locked within the vehicle passenger compartment or trunk. Personnel will secure and control keys at all times. Handguns do not need to be unloaded while stored.
- If stopped by Security Forces, AFOSI or local law enforcement officials, individuals will immediately identify the presence and location of the handgun and ammunition within their vehicle.
- Individuals will not remove handguns from their POV at any time within the legal boundary of Offutt AFB, unless there is an imminent threat of serious bodily harm or death to themselves or others in their immediate vicinity. At no time will anyone be permitted to "self- dispatch" or respond to any incident outside his or her immediate vicinity.
- Storage of a handgun in an unattended vehicle for more than 24 hours within the legal boundary of Offutt AFB is prohibited.
- Individuals residing in Offutt AFB dormitories, lodging, or Temporary Living Facilities will not be allowed to store/secure a handgun or weapon of any type inside a dormitory or lodging room at any time; 55 SFS armory remains the mandated storage repository for these weapons.

#### **Emergency phone numbers**

The 911 emergency system is used on Offutt and in the local communities for fire, rescue and police services. Dialing 911 from an on-base phone, including most phones in Rising View housing, will connect you to base emergency services, the 55th Security Forces Squadron, base fire department and Ehrling Bergquist clinic. Dialing 911 from an off-base residence or from a cell phone (regardless of location) will connect you with Sarpy County 911 emergency services.

#### Insuring your personal vehicle

All automobiles must have insurance, and proof of this must be provided to obtain state registration. For more information regarding Nebraska insurance laws, call the Sarpy County Motor Vehicle Department at (402) 593-2148 located at 84th St. and Hwy 370.

#### **Driving on base**

#### General

Operators and passengers of all vehicles operated on Air Force installations must wear seatbelts. Children newborn through six years of age will be seated and restrained in a Department of Transportation-approved child restraint seat.

The speed limit on Offutt is 25 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. The speed limit in basehousing areas varies from 15 mph to 25 mph (as posted).

#### Cell phone use

Only hands-free cell phone use is authorized by the Department of Defense on installations while operating a vehicle.

#### Speeding in base housing

Speeding 10 to 15 mph over the base housing posted speed limit will result in a seven-day driving suspension and the driver's base traffic history being assessed points. Any second speeding offense in base housing within 12 months will result in a 30-day suspension and points assessed. Any third speeding offense in base housing within 12 months will result in a six-month suspension and points assessed. Citations issued to people for exceeding the base housing posted speed limit by 16 mph or more will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

#### Caution, please

Congestion and curbside parking in the housing areas make it very difficult to see children playing and walking through the area. Please drive with extreme care.

#### Alcohol - The legal drinking age in Nebraska is 21.

Purchase or possession of an alcoholic beverage by someone underage is a misdemeanor. Nebraska law and Offutt AFB regulations prohibits having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, even if the vehicle is parked. All persons driving on Nebraska roads are deemed to have given consent to a chemical test to determine the level of drugs or alcohol in their blood, breath or urine. Refusal of a breath test is a misdemeanor. Refusal may also result in revocation of driving privileges for up to 15 years, depending on the offender's prior record. For more information on any legal issues, call the base legal office at (402) 294-3732 or (402) 294-3733.

#### Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS)/Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) Drones

The sUAS/COTS drones are becoming very popular these days, increasing the potential for airspace incursions, aircraft mishaps and security related incidents. All Offutt AFB property (main base, off-base Military Housing, Capehart Chapel, Ehriling Berquist Clinic and Offutt's base lake) is a no drone zone. Hobby, recreational and personal use are completely prohibited in these areas.

Some exceptions for governmental/commercial sUAS/COTS operations may be authorized by the

Installation Commander after coordination with and concurrence from the following on base agencies: 55 WG/PA (Public Affairs), 55 WG/SE (Wing Safety), 55 WG/JA (Legal). 55 SFS (Security Forces) and 55 OSS/OSAT (Air Traffic Control). Governmental/commercial use is defined as operating a sUAS/COTS for purposes other than hobby/ recreational use. Some examples include operating a sUAS/COTS to video a work-related function, search and rescue operations, or during aerial survey of a construction site.

To better enhance the safety and security of base personnel and resources, and to maintain awareness of authorized, non-nefarious sUAS/COTS operations, the following procedures must be accomplished:

- 1. Individuals requesting to operate sUAS/COTS on base property must meet all required certification, registration, and operating requirements listed in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 107 (commercial) or part 91 (governmental), and must have a Certification of Waiver or Authorization that is pre-approved by the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA). All this information can be found on the FAA's website: https://www.faa.gov/uas/getting\_started/fly\_for\_work\_business
- 2. Offutt AFB's airspace is designated as Class C, therefore a waiver request to FAA is required to be submitted at least 90 days before the desired flight time. More information and how to apply for the waiver can be found at www.faa.gov/uas/request\_ waiver Once this wavier is approved, a copy of the approval notification along with a completed copy of the 55th Wing sUAS/COTS Operation Request Form must be emailed to 55WG.PA@us.af.mil at least 7 duty days prior to the desired flight time. Additional information for this request can be found in OAFBI 11-250, Offutt AFB Airfield Operations. Once granted authorization to operate a sUAS/ COTS on Offutt AFB property it is the sUAS/COTS operators' responsibility to comply with all current FAA rules, directives, and NOTAMs regarding flying operations.
- 3. Personnel who detect sUAS/COTS activity on Offutt AFB property must notify the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) at 402-294-4245/4246/6110. It is highly encouraged to report information in the "SALUTE" format (Size, Activity, Location, Uniform, Time, Equipment) however do not delay reporting the incident if not all information is available.

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What information are law enforcement authorities going to ask me for when I report?

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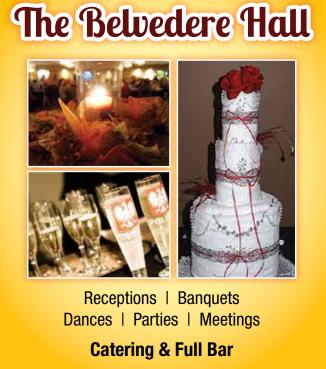
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### FINDING A HOME

#### **Privatized Housing Information**

At Offutt AFB, military family housing is privatized. Burlington Capital Properties (BCP) owns the family housing and is responsible for maintaining, repairing, constructing and managing the community. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you now may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with BCP.

For comprehensive information about the privatized housing community at Offutt AFB, visit the Rising View website www.risingview.com. The website provides information you need to know about the homes and amenities available in the privatized housing community.

#### **Applying for Privatized Housing**

Contact the HMO as soon as you know you are moving to Offutt AFB. The government housing team will provide you the latest information about privatized housing and details about the application process. The HMO will also update you on any base specific policies regarding residing in privatized housing.

#### **Community Amenities**

Privatized housing is comparable to housing in the local community and provides a wide variety of amenities and support services.

Community features such as 61 tot lots and playgrounds, a soccer field, sand volleyball courts and approximately 15,000 linear feet of walking trails, full and half-court basketball courts, picnic pavilions, and a community gathering center "The Pointe at Rising View" (5600 gross square feet facility and 150 max person capacity) are just some of the amenities you will find at Rising View Communities.

As a resident of privatized housing, contact the Property Management Office to obtain more specific information on the services available at Rising View.

#### **Paying Rent for Privatized Housing**

Similar to living in the local community, you will sign a tenant lease agreement, typically for a one-year term. Your lease includes a military clause and a lease termination clause. You pay your monthly rent by authorizing an allotment of your BAH that is paid directly to the property manager. If your move occurs prior to the allotment start date, then you will need to pay the pro-rated rent directly to the property manager. The Tenant Lease Agreement spells out all relevant rent payment terms and conditions.

#### **Gas and Electric Utilities**

At this location, gas and electric are included in your rent. For more information about your utilities, please contact the Property Management Office.

#### **Personal Property Insurance**

Renter's insurance is highly recommended based on your personal needs.

Before purchasing your insurance, please consult the Property Management Office for more information about coverage.





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## Key things to remember when you move:

- Do not disenroll from any plan before you move so you are covered while traveling to your new location
- Update your new address and phone number in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) when you get to your new location
- If you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime and:
  - Move within the same TRICARE region: change your primary care manager
  - Move to another TRICARE region: transfer enrollment to your new region
- Active duty service members must enroll in a TRICARE Prime option

## When Using TRICARE Standard and Extra

TRICARE Standard and Extra are available to family members only and enrollment is not required. Any active duty family member who is registered in DEERS may use these programs by seeing any network or non-network providers that are authorized by TRICARE. If you're already using TRICARE Standard and Extra, moving is easy. Once you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in DEERS immediately. Then, find TRICARE-authorized providers in your new area

by visiting your new regional contractor's website for a list of providers. Remember, if you see network providers, you'll be using the Extra option and pay lower cost shares.

#### **Getting Care along the Way**

#### If you are in need of Emergency Care in the United States

Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. TRICARE defines emergency care as medical services provided for a sudden or unexpected medical or psychiatric condition, or the sudden worsening of a chronic (ongoing) condition that is threatening to life, limb or sight and needs immediate medical treatment, or which has painful symptoms that need immediate relief to stop suffering.

If you are hospitalized in a civilian facility for more than 24 hours, contact your regional contractor. Urgent care in the United States - Coordinate with your PCM and/or regional contractor. TRICARE defines urgent care as medical care for a condition that will not result in disability or death if not treated immediately but should be treated within 24 hours to avoid further complications.

If you are in a Prime program, you must coordinate urgent care with your primary care manager and/or regional contractor before receiving care.

If you are in TRICARE Standard and Extra, or TRICARE for Life, you can receive care as you normally would. You should, however, contact your contractor as soon as possible to coordinate any prior authorizations that are needed.

#### **Emergency or Urgent Care Overseas**

Contact the closest TRICARE Area Office or TRICARE Global Remote Call Center. You don't need prior authorization for emergency or urgent care but the TRICARE Area Office or TRICARE Global Remote Call Center will help you find the best care available in the overseas area in which you are traveling.

#### **YOUR TRICARE**

#### Filling Prescriptions on the Road:

You should have all your prescriptions filled **before** you leave, but if you need a prescription filled while you're traveling in the United States, you have several options:

- If near an MTF, fill the prescription at the MTF pharmacy.
- Find the closest TRICARE network pharmacy.
- If a network pharmacy is not available, you can visit a non-network pharmacy. In this case, you may have to pay up front for your medications and file a claim with Express Scripts, Inc., for reimbursement. For more details, visit www.tricare.mil.

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The Exchange Mall contains specialty goods shops such as a 5 Star Nutrition, Tradepost Entertainment, Vista Optical, an optometry clinic, a barber shop, Military Clothing, laundry/dry cleaners, and an alterations shop.

#### **Exchange (BX) Food Court**

The Food Court, also located in the Exchange Mall, offers a variety of great meal choices to include Charley's Steak Sandwiches, Taco Bell, Popeye's Chicken, and Starbucks.

All patrons, both civilian and military, are authorized to dine at any Exchange food facility.

#### **Military Clothing Store**

The Offutt Military Clothing Store, located in the Exchange Mall, stocks issue and commercial military items, insignia, ribbons and metals, Offutt AFB gifts, and other military related merchandise.

#### **Expresses (Shoppette/Class VI)**

Offutt has three Expresses, all great for snacks or spirit/beer/wine purchases: The Mini-Mall/Class VI, located off Garland Avenue; Wherry Express, located on Nelson Drive; and Capehart Express, located in Rising View Housing off of 25th Street and Hruska Boulevard.

The Wherry Express offers both Regular and Premium gasoline, while the Mini-Mall additionally offers Mid-Grade. As with the food court, all food products are able to be purchased by both military and civilian customers.

#### **Burger King**

Burger King is located in the Offutt Mini-Mall on Garland Boulevard. Guests can enjoy a full breakfast menu, hamburgers, specialty sandwiches, fresh fries, salads, ice cream, and many other meal items.

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#### **Aero Club**

The Aero Club is the first and oldest flying club in the Armed Forces. The club provides aircraft rental for flight training, recreational flying, and crosscountry travel to nearly any destination in the Lower 48 states. We have several aircraft, ranging from basic single-engine conventional gear (tailwheel) aircraft to complex high performance airplanes with advanced navigation capabilities. Nearly all aircraft are certified for instrument flying. We provide training leading to Private, Commercial, Instrument, Flight Instructor, and Instrument Flight Instructor certificates and ratings, and complex, high-performance, and tailwheel endorsements. Several FAA-certified flight instructors are available and flight instruction is tailored to meet the needs of the members. TDYs and shiftwork schedules can be accommodated. The Aero Club stocks limited pilot supplies at a discount for members. We are located in Bldg. 306, Hangar 1 (the building closest to the runway north of Base Operations). For more information, call (402) 294-3385.

#### **Aquatics**

Offutt's Aquatic program is managed by Outdoor Recreation. Swimming is available year round for indoor fitness, with a pool located in the Offutt Field House. For more information on Aquatics call (402) 294-4049.

#### **Arts & Crafts**

Arts & Crafts Center is located at 101 Union Lane, Building 363. You will find a world of creative gift ideas and awards to include shadowboxes, trophies, and plaques. The center offers a consignment gallery, frame shop, and laser engraving. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–2 p.m. The center is closed Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and holidays. For more information, call (402) 294-3837.

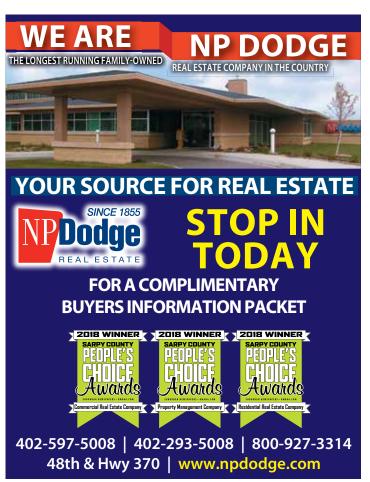
#### **Auto Hobby**

Twelve self-service stalls are available for do-ityourself maintenance with flat stalls, drive on lifts, frame lifts, lube racks, a tire machine, and more. Assistance is provided should you get stumped on a project. Computerized engine analysis and battery charging system testers. Many common-use items are on inventory for your convenience, with other items offered by special order to include tires, parts, batteries, etc. The minor maintenance service provides quality repair work at affordable rates for personal vehicles, golf carts, ATVs, and GSA fleet. The center also maintains an automatic car wash, self-serve wash bays, secure storage lot for automobiles, and a resale lot. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The facility is closed Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays. For more information, contact us at (402) 294-4049.

#### **SERVICES & FACILITIES**

#### **Child Development Programs**

The mission of the Child Development Programs is to assist military and civilian families in balancing the competing demands of family life and the accomplishment of the military mission. We provide a quality, safe, and healthy caring and learning environment for children in the program. We respect each child's unique interests, experiences, abilities and needs, thus allowing us to be responsive on an individual level. Likewise, our program respects and supports the ideals, cultures, and values of families in their task of nurturing children. The programs offer regular full-time care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age, Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Hourly care is available by reservation for children 12 months to 5 years of age. For additional information about our programs, please call the Child Development Center Directors at (402) 294-2203 for CDC 1, Bldg. 5096 (off base) at 25th and Kennedy Blvd. and (402) 232-2526 for CDC 2, Bldg. 187 (on base) at 302 Nelson Dr.



#### **Community Center**

The Community Center is a diverse facility that hosts a variety of events and offers multiple venue spaces for your next training, conference, or party! Room capacity varies from 25 to 250 people in either our informal or formal rooms. For social parties amenities include a pool table, gaming systems, ping pong table, air hockey, darts, indoor bounce houses and more. For formal events, rooms with microphones, podiums, projectors, and a stage are available. Those eligible to make reservations include Active Duty, Retired Military, DoD Cardholders, Civilians, and Contractors. The Community Center is also home to the James H. Doolittle Raider's Lounge where you can stop by enjoy a beer or cocktail. The Community Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and is located at 914 SAC Blvd. Bldg. 462. For additional information about our programs, or to make reservations please call (402) 294-9558 or email 55FSS.FSCP.CommunityActivity@us.af.mil

#### **Equipment Rental**

Equipment Rental provides a wide variety of rental equipment to all base personnel. Rental equipment includes household items, lawn and garden equipment, party supplies (including a large inventory of inflatables), various utility trailers, sporting gear, and outdoor recreation equipment including, but not limited to, boats, canoes, campers, and outdoor adventure gear.

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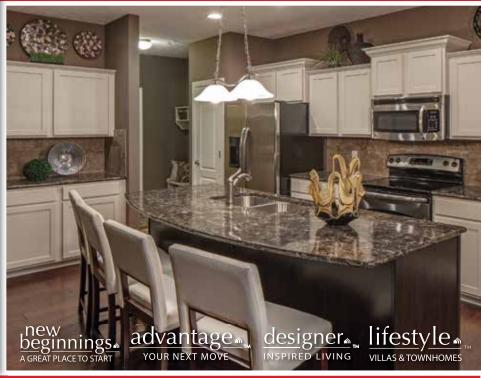
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### **Family Child Care**

Family Child Care (FCC) is the care of children in affiliated on-base and off-base homes. The FCC program certifies applicants who wish to operate a home child care facility under base jurisdiction, provides ongoing support and resources to providers, and advertises the program within the Offutt community. Offutt's Family Child Care Providers are well-trained professionals who provide quality child care for children from 2 weeks to 12 years of age. Care is available 24 hours a day, and is aimed at accommodating parents who work swing and mid shifts, days, alerts, extended TDYs, weekends, extended duty, are PCSing, or who have a child requiring specialized care. Parents seeking a provider or those interested in becoming an FCC provider may call the Family Child Care Office, Bldg. 363 at (402) 294 -9016, or visit www.offutt55fss.com. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **Fitness and Sports Center**

The Offutt Field House is DoDs largest fitness facility. This facility offers a lap-swimming pool, four racquetball courts, three tennis courts, two multipurpose courts (basketball, volleyball) as well as one additional basketball court and an indoor soccer field, a running track that is .4 miles in length, and a wide variety of cardiovascular training equipment. There is a large collocated free-weight and resistance area, an aerobics room, and a spin room. Day lockers

are plentiful, and a play area for children is featured. The Field House also has a co-located Health Promotion Center to insure all your fitness needs are addressed. The fitness center offers incentive programs for all patrons; please inquire at the customer service desk. The Field House offers after-hours access to qualified personnel; registration may be obtained at the front desk.

Offutt offers a four-diamond softball complex, which is also utilized during the intramural flag football season. For hours of operation or further information, call (402) 294-5413/5414.

### **Intramural Sports**

The Offutt sports program offers basketball, softball, volleyball, indoor soccer, and flag football. If you are interested in participating in one of these sports, contact your unit sports representative or the intramural sports office at (402) 294-5451 or (402) 294-5413.

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### Information, Ticket & Travel (ITT)

The ITT office is located with Outdoor Recreation/Equipment Rental on Union Lane. Tickets to local and regional attractions and select events can be purchased at discounted prices, as well as advance tickets for national theme parks like Walt Disney World. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. The facility is closed Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays. For more information, contact us at (402) 294-4049.

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### **NAF Human Resources Office**

The Human Resources Office (HRO) provides management and administration of the Nonappropriated Fund (NAF) Personnel Program at Offutt AFB. The HRO advises and provides assistance to management in meeting personnel needs and solving personnel problems while ensuring programs and actions comply fully with the spirit and intent of laws, regulations, and policies. The Human Resource Office staff can help match your skills with the right position. The 55th Force Support Squadron is always looking for friendly, outgoing people to work in its many facilities. Positions range from recreation aid and child development assistants to food service workers, office automation clerks, and lifeguards. For more information, call (402) 294-2344 or view the Continuous Job Listing for potential positions of employment at www.nafjobs.org.

### Offutt Airman and Family Readiness Center

The Offutt Airman and Family Readiness Center is committed to assisting commanders, active duty military, guard and reserve personnel, eligible family members and DoD civilian employees manage the competing demands of the military mission and family life. The center provides a wide array of comprehensive services including family life consultation, personal financial assistance, deployment support and transition assistance, employment, relocation guidance and crisis management. The Airman and Family Readiness Center works closely with the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Relief Society and Army Relief Services to provide emergency assistance to our personnel and their families. For more information on available services, call (402) 294-4329 or DSN 271-4329.

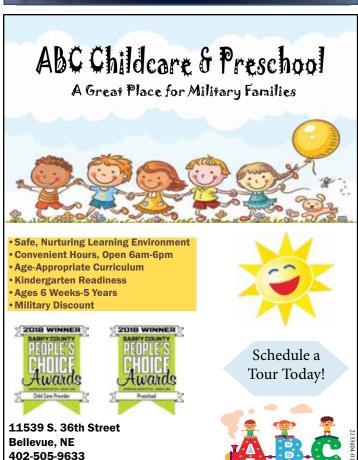
### **Offutt Base Lake Recreation Area**

The Offutt Base Lake Recreation Area is located on 183 acres east of Offutt and the park is open year-round. Facilities include a large indoor pavilion available for parties and special events, covered picnic shelters, 9-hole disc golf course, archery range, sand volleyball courts, basketball court, horseshoe pits, and playground equipment. There are 40 campsites with full utility hookups and six pad only sites at the family camping area (FAMCAMP). The pavilion, picnic shelters, and FAMCAMP can be reserved through the Outdoor Recreation Office at (402) 294-2108 April through early October. During the off season, FAMCAMP Campsites are first come-first served with a self-registration drop box located on site. The lake is stocked with a variety of fish but before you cast, ensure you comply with Nebraska fishing laws and purchase a base lake fishing permit. Camping, fishing supplies, and night crawlers are available, as well as Nebraska and Lake Offutt fishing permits. Relax and enjoy a beverage, ice cream treat, hot dog, and more on the deck overlooking beautiful Lake Offutt. Rent canoes, kayaks, jon boats, paddle boats, and mountain bikes!









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### **Peacekeeper Lanes Bowling Center**

The 20-lane bowling center is located on the ground floor of the Martin Bomber Building. This popular center offers both League and Open Play, as well as Xtreme Bowling and Bumper Bowling for kids. The Kegler Kafe provides a snack bar with a full range of foods and beverages and serves breakfast and lunch specials daily. A lounge area is available and arrangements can be made for squadron functions, meetings, and birthday parties. For current price information, or to make reservations, call (402) 294-2514.



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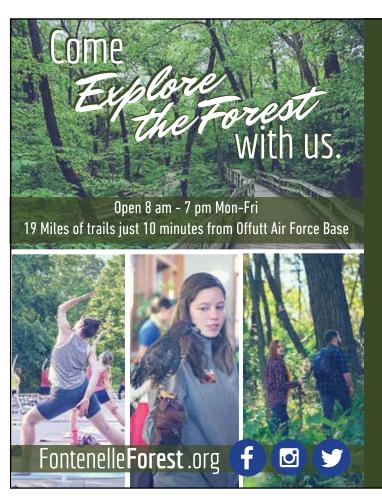
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### **Youth Programs**

Offutt's Youth Programs offer sports, classes, social events, school-age care programs, summer camps, specialty camps, peer counseling, and relocation / transition support for children ages 5 – 18 years old. Parents must register their children and pay an annual \$55.00 membership fee for open recreation. The year-round sports program includes soccer, baseball, flag-football, and basketball. Classes are also offered in gymnastics, martial arts, and piano. Youth Programs is located in Bldg. 5085, located by the AAFES Shoppette at 25th and Hruska. For additional information, call (402) 294-5152.



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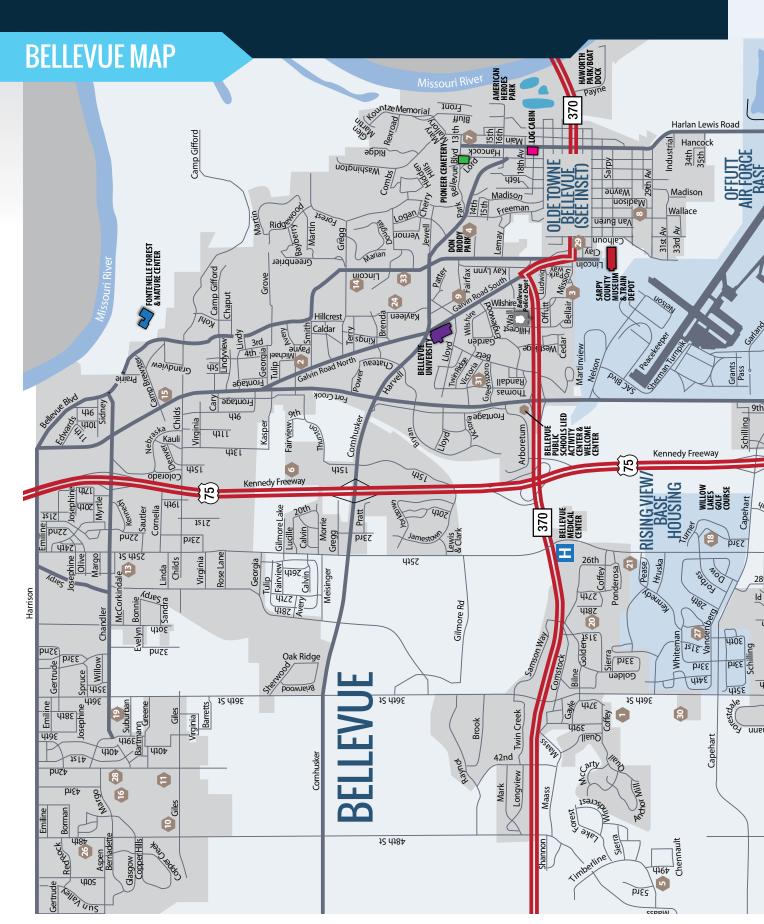
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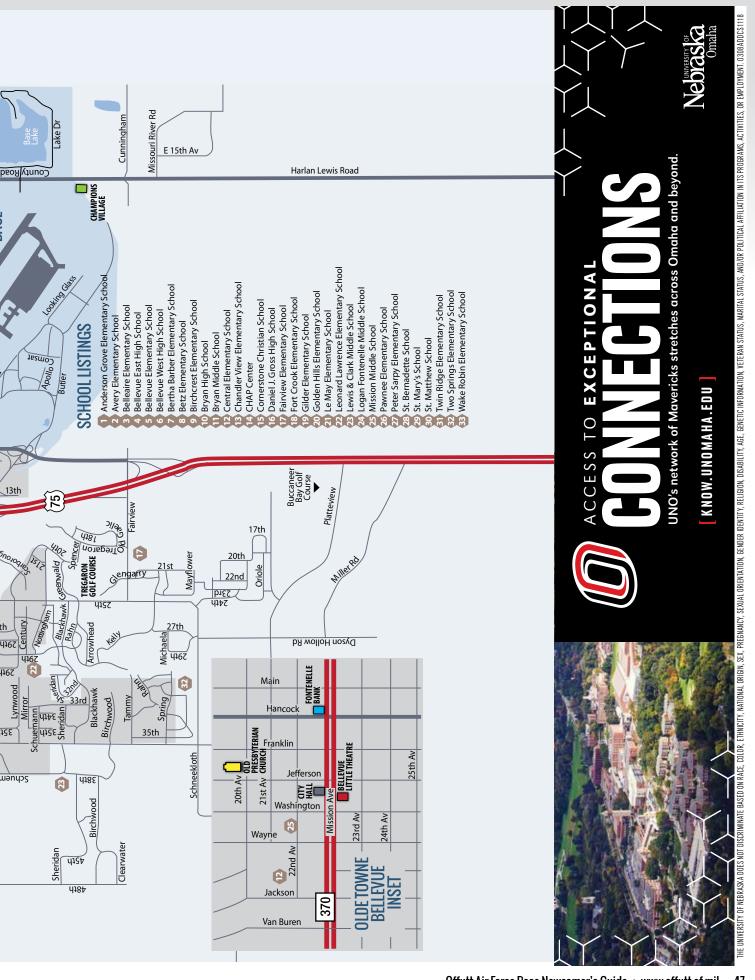
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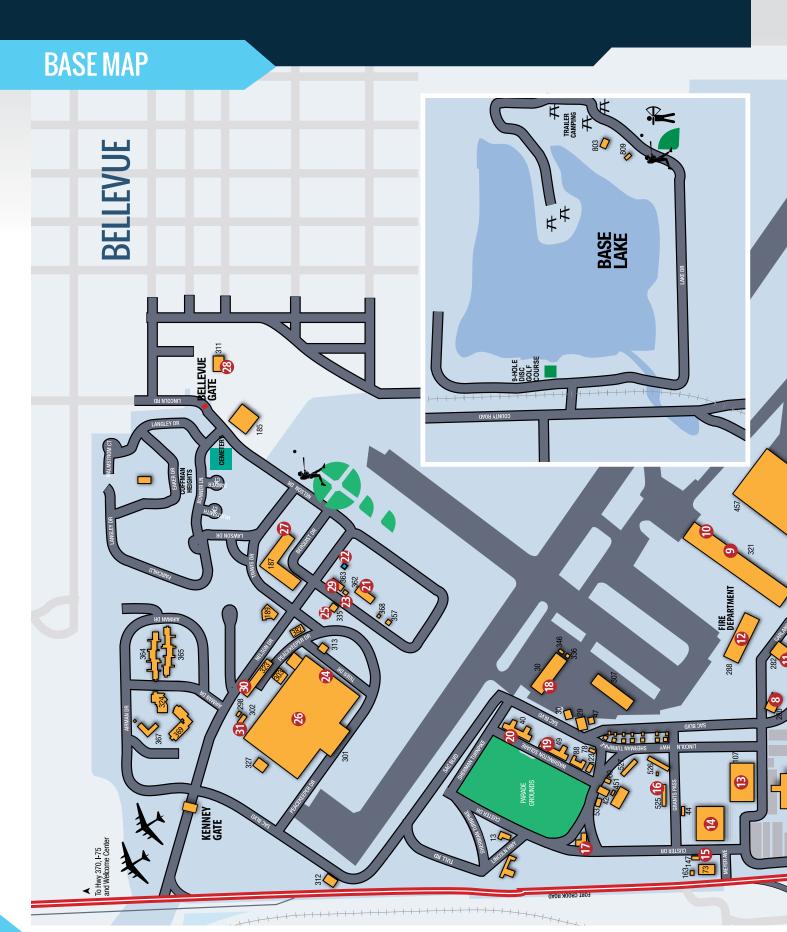
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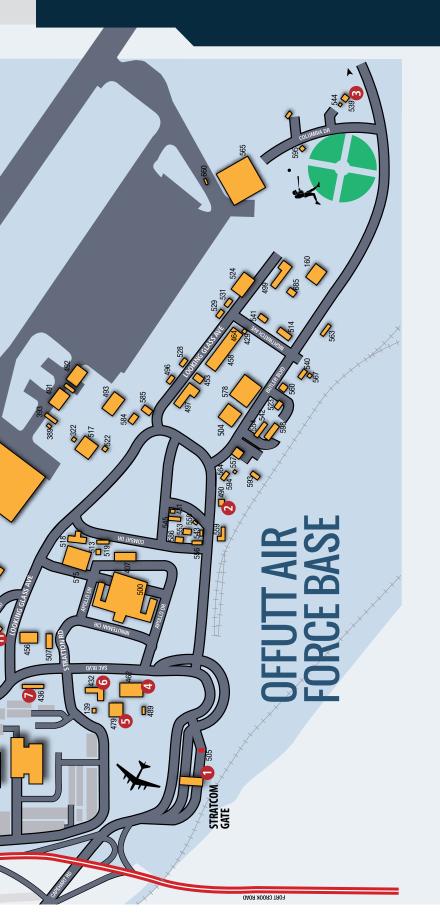








### **BASE MAP**



13. Commissary14. Base Exchange, Military Clothing Sales

1. Visitor Control Center, 24-Hour Gate

3. Recycling Collection Center

4. Patriot Club

5. Offutt Inn

2. Veterinary Clinic

and Food Court

- 15. Satellite Pharmacy 16. Thrift Shop
  - 17. SAC Chapel
- 18. Aero Club
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- 30. Airman and Family Readiness Center, Education Center, Finance,
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### **Air Force Sergeants' Association**

The Air Force Sergeants' Association is a professional organization representing active duty, retiree, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve enlisted members. Its primary purpose is to provide a voice to government leaders in an effort to improve the quality of life, on and off duty, for enlisted people. The chapter provides opportunities for members to become involved in the on- and off-base communities. Key events include the annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Luncheon and the Thanksgiving Food Basket Program.

### **Air Force Association**

The Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter of the Air Force Association has approximately 1,700 members. The chapter supports the goals of the national organization and is active in the Omaha, Offutt and Bellevue communities. Major projects include annual recognition programs like the Storz' Awards, recognizing the achievements of an outstanding Offutt junior officer, mid-tier enlisted member, juniortier enlisted member and civilian employee, and scholarship programs for qualified Air Force Junior and Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets. AFA events include an annual Air Force birthday ball, a charity golf tournament and monthly visits to the local veteran's hospital. People interested in joining the AFA should contact a unit sponsor, first sergeant or the command chief master sergeant.

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### **Company Grade Officers' Council**

The Company Grade Officers' Council provides a forum for company grade officers to get involved in base and community activities, meet other officers and share ideas. The council sponsors the annual Stars and Bars Dining Out, Santa's in Blue, Adopt-a-Highway and other community programs, professional development seminars and various social events.

### **Elite-Four Airmen's Council**

The Airmen's Advisory Council provides a platform for airmen basic through senior airmen to express their concerns to senior leadership and to become actively involved within their communities on and off base. The council is chaired by the 55th Wing command chief master sergeant, who provides command-level information on topics of interest to the enlisted community. To get involved in this program, contact your first sergeant.

### "5/6" Network

The purpose of the "5/6" Network is to enhance and maintain the camaraderie, esprit de corps and prestige of the junior non-commissioned officer, while promoting a spirit of unity and honor among all enlisted members, regardless of unit of assignment or branch of service. They are collectively and individually role models for the development and mentorship of enlisted personnel and an interim level of service, professionalism and development toward the senior NCO tier.

### **CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS**

### **Offutt Enlisted Spouses Club**

The Offutt Enlisted Spouses Club is dedicated to making living at Offutt and the surrounding communities the best it can be. The club supports local communities by sponsoring and awarding annual college scholarships to local military affiliated high school students, hosting an annual Children's Winter Wonderland Holiday Breakfast and participating in numerous charitable activities. The club is open to all enlisted spouses, active duty and retired.

### Officers' Spouses Club

The Officers' Spouses Club organizes and sponsors educational, charitable, cultural and social activities for its members, as well as providing a venue for people to meet one another. Membership in the club is voluntary and includes active, associate, social and honorary members.

### **Top Three**

The Offutt Top 3 Association promotes active communication, professionalism, responsibility, prestige, camaraderie, and esprit de corps among the senior enlisted corps. We actively support the entire Offutt population through professional development, information flow, community service and morale building activities. We work as a group to ensure senior leadership is aware of the enlisted force's feelings and concerns, and strive to positively influence personnel-related policy decisions. Here is a list of activities we are involved in: ALS Classroom Sponsorship, Enlisted Dining Out, SNCO Induction Ceremony, Master Sgt. Promotion Party, NCO Professional Enhancement Seminar, Top 3 Scholarship, Anti-DUI activities, Right Start Information Fair and a Highway Clean-up.







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### 55TH WING

The 55th Wing is largest in Air Combat Command. Operating on four continents, the wing support six diverse flying missions. The Fightin' Fifty-Fifth provides global reconnaissance, realtime intelligence gathering, command and control, information warfare, electronic attack, treaty verification and combat support to national leadership and warfighting commanders.

### 55th Communications

The 55th Communications Group provides superior C4ISR and national-

level nuclear command and control capability to the 55th Wing, U.S. Strategic Command, partner organizations, and the Department of Defense, globally. The group is comprised of more than 350 military, DoD civilian and contractor personnel. These professionals operate and maintain the Air Force's most diverse array of cyber systems to include military satellite communications platforms; Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance ground mission systems; secure and non-secure voice, data and radio frequency networks; hundreds of miles of fiber optic and copper cabling; as well as providing base-wide client systems, information assurance and knowledge operations services. In addition to nuclear command and control, the communications group also provides unprecedented alternate missile warning capability 24/7 for the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States.

### 55th Maintenance Group The 55th Maintenance Group's

1200 personnel are proud to be combat enablers, maintaining 29 combat

ready C-135s. The group executes an annual budget of \$5.5 million and a 16,500 hour flying program to respond to Joint Chiefs of Staff- directed taskings, providing critical reconnaissance worldwide; develop maintenance plans to support five geographically separated units.

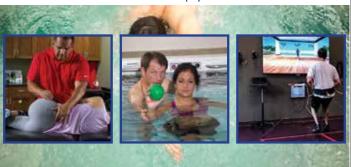
### 55th Medical Group

The 55th Medical Group is a foursquadron medical group that operates a full-service outpatient clinic with

more than 700 staff providing comprehensive primary and specialty medical and dental care to the almost 28,000 members of Team Offutt. It also services almost 45,000 TRICARE eligible beneficiaries in the greater Omaha area. The medical group is collectively responsible for providing comprehensive health services to maintain the highest degree of readiness in support of contingency war mobilization and homeland defense plans for Offutt and its partner units including U.S. Strategic Command and the 557th Weather Wing. The group primarily operates out of the Ehrling Bergquist Clinic on the main medical campus, and provides a full range of medical services including outpatient OB/Gyn, orthopedics, podiatry, general surgery, outpatient pediatrics, family medicine, internal medicine, flight medicine, mental health, dermatology and radiology.

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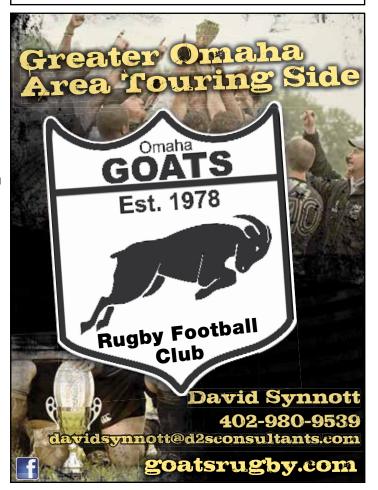


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### 55th Mission Support Group

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### **55th Operations Group**

With 11 squadrons, two detachments and almost 3,000 Airmen, civilians, and contractors, the 55th Operations Group is the

largest and most diverse operations group in the Air Force, flying all variants of the RC-135, OC-135 and WC-135 aircraft. The group operates these aircraft around the clock in every geographic command in support of the 55th's global reconnaissance, contingency operations, and treaty verification. Permanent overseas operating locations include Royal Air Force Mildenhall, U.K., Naval Support Area Souda Bay, Crete, and Kadena Air Base, Japan. The 55th OG also operates regularly from five temporary locations.



### 55th Electronic Combat Group

The 55th Electronic Combat Group, a geographically separated

unit of the 55th Wing headquartered at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona, provides combat-ready EC-130H Compass Call aircraft, aircrews and maintainers to combatant commanders. The group also plans and executes information operations and electronic attack operations to deny, degrade or disrupt enemy communications in support of theater campaign plans.



### 170th Group, Nebraska Air National Guard

Activated on June 26, 2007, the 170th Group administratively organizes

Nebraska ANG members assigned to Offutt under the Offutt AFB Future Total Force Initiative. The 170th evolved from Detachment 1, Headquarters Nebraska ANG established in June 2002. Under this initiative, highly qualified ANG instructor aircrew integrate into the 338th Combat Training Squadron to provide initial qualification, re-qualification and upgrade training to active duty and ANG aircrew members.

Within the 170th Group, these instructors are part of the Nebraska ANG's 238th Combat Training Squadron. Likewise, experienced ANG personnel integrate into various sections within the 55th Operations Support Squadron to increase their capability to support the global operations of the 55th Wing. These functional areas include requirements, weapons and tactics, intelligence, base operations, weather and aviation resource management. Within the 170th Group, ANG members are part of the NE ANG's 170th Operations Support Squadron. Overall, the 170th Group consists of 80 authorized personnel, to include 25 full-time and 45 traditional, or part-time, ANG members.



# UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND

"The United States Strategic Command is the most powerful command on the planet. One hundred sixty-two thousand people that come to work every day, doing work by themselves, work with our allies, work with our friends, work with our partners, doing all the things they have to do. ... We are ready, equipped, trained for any threat anybody in the world can bring at us. From the most significant nuclear threat to a minor nuclear threat, if there is such a thing, to a space threat, to a missile threat, to anything that you can imagine in my portfolio, the command is ready."

– Gen. John E. Hyten, Commander USSTRATCOM Aug. 7, 2018

U.S. Strategic Command, one of ten unified combatant commands of the Department of Defense, is responsible for detecting, deterring and preventing strategic attacks against the United States, its allies and partners, and is prepared to deliver warfighting capability to defend the nation. USSTRATCOM responds to today's complex, dynamic and uncertain global security environment with an integrated organization. The command executes a diverse set of global responsibilities in coordination with other combatant commands and appropriate U.S. government agencies that directly contribute to national security.

The headquarters element employs more than 2,250 people, representing all four military services, Department of Defense civilians and contractors, who oversee the command's global operations – 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A global combatant command with trans-regional areas of responsibility, USSTRATCOM has evolved from a single focus on

nuclear war-planning to an integrated portfolio of dynamic strategic capabilities to successfully redefine global deterrence and confront the full range of national security challenges with timely, effective and precision effects.

As of October 2018, USSTRATCOM is charged with seven mission areas as assigned by the Unified Command Plan: strategic deterrence, nuclear operations, space operations, joint electromagnetic spectrum operations, global strike, missile defense and analysis and targeting. These mission areas are critical to deterring strategic attack against the United States and providing assurance to our allies. They provide the nation with a safe, secure, effective and ready nuclear deterrent force and deliver comprehensive warfighting solutions. They address challenges in space with capability, capacity and resilience and they build sustaining and supporting partnerships. Finally, they anticipate change and confront uncertainty with agility and innovation.

While the USSTRATCOM headquarters focuses primarily on command and control and strategiclevel integration and advocacy for these missions, day-to-day planning and execution for the primary mission areas are performed by service-specific component commands, including Air Force Global Strike Command, Barksdale AFB, La., U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., Fleet Forces Command, Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads Norfolk, Va., Marine Corps Forces U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, Neb., and Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.; joint functional component commands; task forces; and a center that trains, equips and resources the forces necessary to carry out USSTRATCOM's global missions. These organizations leverage the expertise and operational capabilities within their ranks to support all combatant commands, making maximum

### **PARTNER UNITS**

use of all resources against emerging threats. As of October 2018, the major USSTRATCOM components include two joint force component commanders, a joint functional component command and one center:

### Joint Forces Air Component Commander, Barksdale AFB, La.

JFACC conducts kinetic (nuclear and conventional) and non-kinetic effects planning and execution. JFACC manages global force air activities to assure allies and to deter and dissuade actions detrimental to the United States and its global interests; should deterrence fail, employs global strike air forces (bombers and ICBMs) in support of combatant commander objectives.

### **Joint Force Space Component Commander**, Peterson AFB. Colo.

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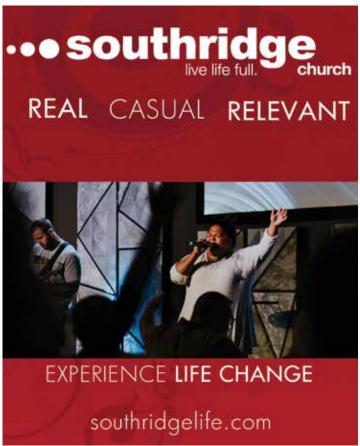
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### 557th Weather Wing

The mission of the 557th Weather Wing, the Air Force's only weather wing, is to exploit timely, accurate, and relevant weather information anytime and everywhere on the globe. This is done by providing around-the-clock authoritative terrestrial and space-environmental data, analyses, forecasts, threat-warning and threat-mitigation products and services for the Department of Defense, military services, all geographic and functional combatant commands, the National Intelligence Community, White House Situation Room, interagency, allied and coalition partners around the world across multiple security enclaves.

The men and women of the 557th embrace a proud heritage of maximizing America's military power. From the D-Day invasion to Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Inherent Resolve, the wing's weather and cyber professionals have been enabling warfighters to achieve multidomain decision superiority by mitigating atmospheric and solar threats to execution from the strategic to operational to tactical levels of warfare.

Headquartered at Offutt, the 557th is comprised of 1,450 personnel in two groups and 12 squadrons spanning 19 globally dispersed locations. Through the 1st and 2nd Weather Groups, the wing integrates leading-edge threat-based weather forecasts and warnings, as well as climatological projection and solar-threat expertise, into all operational phases. From managing daily risk for protection of personnel and resources, to shaping warfighter planning and execution of kinetic and non-kinetic engagements, to enabling long-range strategic basing decisions, the 557th empowers decision makers to "Choose the weather for battle" and achieve the nation's objectives.

### 595th Command & Control Group

The 595th Command & Control Group, located at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, is a geographically separated unit of Eighth Air Force. Established in 2016, the group consolidates all of the Air Force's Nuclear Command and Control Communications into one unit.

The 595th C2G is comprised of four squadrons: the 1st Airborne Command Control Squadron, which

operates the E-4B National Airborne Operations Center; the 595th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, responsible for sustainment and upkeep of the E-4B; the 595th Strategic Communication Squadron, provides real-time, secure, nuclear survivable missile warning and C3 capabilities; the 625th Strategic Operations Squadron maintains current and accurate targeting for the nation's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile fleet and combat forces for two positions on board the U.S. Navy's E-6B Mercury Strategic Command Airborne Command Post aircraft.

### **Heartland of America Band**

The United States Air Force Heartland of America Band is a 16-member operating location of the USAF Heritage of America Band at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia. The Heartland Band is dedicated to providing innovative, professional musical support for events that enhance military morale and esprit de corps, foster public support and trust, aid recruiting initiatives, and promote our national interests at home and abroad. The band serves United States Strategic Command, the 55th Wing, the 557th Weather Wing, and other tenant units at Offutt; performs a wide variety of community outreach missions throughout Nebraska and the Omaha-Council Bluffs metropolitan area; and is world-wide deployable. Individual musicians and various groups perform more than 150 missions annually and reach thousands more through radio and television appearances.

### 343rd Recruiting Squadron

The 343d Recruiting Squadron, with its headquarters located on Offutt, is the active duty recruiting squadron charged to find, engage, inspire and recruit the brightest, most competitive and diverse men and women for service in America's Air Force. The 343d RCS covers 370,000 square miles of the upper Great Plains and Midwest regions. Its area of responsibility encompasses six states including Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The 343d RCS is responsible for all active duty Air Force enlisted accessions for its respective area.

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**Golden Hills Elementary** 29 2912 Coffey Ave., Bellevue (402) 898-0459



**Le May Elementary School** 21 2726 Kennedy Dr., Bellevue (402) 293-4760



**Leonard Lawrence Elementary** 22 13204 S. 29th St., Bellevue (402) 293-4880



**Pawnee Elementary School** 25 7310 S. 48th St., Omaha (402) 734-5011



Peter Sarpy Elementary 22 2908 Vandenberg Ave., Bellevue (402) 293-4795



**St. Bernadette School** 29 7600 S. 42nd St., Omaha (402) 731-3033



**St. Mary's School** 29 903 W. Mission Ave., Bellevue (402) 291-1694

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St. Matthew the Evangelist 30 12210 S. 36th St., Ste. B, Bellevue (402) 291-2030



Twin Ridge Elementary 31 1400 Sunbury Dr., Bellevue (402) 293-4845



Two Springs Elementary 🖘 3001 Spring Blvd., Bellevue (402)293-5070



Wake Robin Elementary 33 700 Lincoln Rd. S., Bellevue (402) 293-4955

### **Bellevue Middle Schools**



Bryan Middle School 1 8210 S. 42nd St., Omaha (402) 557-4100



Lewis & Clark Middle School 23 13502 S. 38th St., Bellevue (402) 898-8760



Logan Fontenelle Middle School 24 701 Kayleen Dr. S., Bellevue (402) 293-4360



Mission Middle School 25 2202 Washington St., Bellevue (402) 293-4260

### **Bellevue High Schools**



Bellevue East High School 4 1401 High School Dr., Bellevue (402) 293-4150



Bellevue West High School 6 1501 Thurston Ave., Bellevue (402) 293-4040



Bryan High School 🐠 4700 Giles Rd., Omaha (402) 557-3100



Daniel J. Gross High School 16 7700 S. 43rd St., Bellevue (402) 734-2000

### **Gretna Schools**

The Mission of Gretna Public Schools is to accept all students unconditionally and maximize their potential. The philosophy of the Gretna Public School System is to provide an equal educational process in relation to the characteristics and needs of the individual student and the community this school serves. The purpose of the school are to challenge the student to discover, develop, and supply knowledge in a changing, complex society and to extend learning experiences designed to motivate individual creativeness and develop a positive self image. Thus, the Gretna Public School System will seek to accomplish these purposes through the commitment and involvement of every person in the community.

#### Mission

The mission of Gretna Community Schools is to accept all students unconditionally and maximize their potential.

#### Website

www.gpsne.org





### Gretna Elementary Schools

### **Aspen Creek Elementary**

10325 S. 188th St., Omaha (402) 332-5617

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801 South St., Gretna (402) 332-3341

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### **Gretna Middle Schools**

### Aspen Creek Middle School

18414 Summit Dr., Omaha (402) 332-3866

#### **Gretna Middle School**

11705 S. 216th St., Gretna (402) 332-3048

### **Gretna High School**

### **Gretna High School**

11335 S. 204th St., Gretna (402) 332-3936

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### Papillion La Vista Community Schools

Papillion La Vista Community Schools is proud to serve over 11,600 students with a total operating budget of more than \$134M.

Previously referred to as the mission and belief statements, Papillion La Vista Community Schools' new purpose and direction was developed from input through the Vision 2020 process. This process included community members, students, teachers, parents and business leaders.

### **Purpose**

Papillion La Vista Community Schools' purpose is to prepare every student for a successful transition into the next phase of his/her life.

#### Direction

Papillion La Vista Community Schools' direction is to prepare every student for success through superior educational programs delivered by highly effective educators, who use innovative, research-based strategies in a safe and supportive environment in collaboration with family and community members.

#### Values & Beliefs

Excellence
Commitment
Teamwork
Continuous Improvement
Respect
Hard Work

#### Website

www.plcschools.org

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### Papillion La Vista Elementary Schools

#### **Bell Elementary**

7909 Reed St., Papillion (402) 898-0408

### **Carriage Hill Elementary**

400 Cedardale Rd., Papillion (402) 898-0449

### **G. Stanley Hall Elementary**

7600 S. 72nd St., La Vista (402) 898-0455

### **Hickory Hill Elementary**

1307 Rodgers Dr., Papillion (402) 898-0469

### La Vista West Elementary

7821 Terry Dr., La Vista (402) 898-0463

#### **Parkview Heights Elementary**

7609 S. 89th St., La Vista (402) 898-0433

#### Patriot Elementary

1701 Hardwood Dr., Papillion (402) 898-0405

#### **Portal Elementary**

9920 Brentwood Dr., La Vista (402) 898-0425

#### **Prairie Queen Elementary**

10520 S. 123rd Ave., Papillion (402) 514-3650

### **Rumsey Station Elementary**

110 Eagle Ridge Dr., Papillion (402) 898-0475

#### **Tara Heights Elementary**

700 Tara Rd., Papillion (402) 898-0445

#### **Trumble Park Elementary**

500 Valley Rd., Papillion (402) 898-0466

### **Walnut Creek Elementary**

720 Fenwick St., Papillion (402) 898-9630

### Papillion La Vista Middle Schools

#### La Vista Middle School

7900 Edgewood Blvd., La Vista (402) 898-0436

#### **Liberty Middle School**

10820 Wittmus Dr., Papillion (402) 514-3600

#### **Papillion Middle School**

423 S. Washington St., Papillion (402) 898-0424

### Papillion La Vista High Schools

#### Papillion La Vista High School

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#### Papillion La Vista South High School

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### **Plattsmouth Community Schools**

The first Plattsmouth school supported by public funds was established in 1857, by Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Gorrell, while the first public Board of Education was elected in 1868.

Since that time, the District has experienced numerous changes relative to early childhood, elementary, middle school, and high school programs. Since 1999, PK-12 enrollment has increased from 1670 students to approximately 1700 students.

In 2010, over \$600,000 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds were used for construction of a 10,000 square foot addition to expand our elementary school. Nearly \$1.5 million of Build America Bonds (BABs) were used for several projects including installation of an elevator at our early childhood center to make it more handicap-accessible.

BABs were also used to purchase the former A & M Green Power John Deere building located adjacent to the high school. The building was converted to the Plattsmouth Academic Curriculum and Equipment (PACE) Complex. It will allow us to expand our vocational education programs for students, as well our General Educational Development (GED) program.

District leaders also demonstrated foresight and used BABs for the purchase of seven

acres of vacant land adjacent to the PACE Complex. The District is exploring future construction of a proposed middle school. As growth continues in Plattsmouth, enrollment is likely to increase and necessitate expansion in the coming years. Here are a few items that may be of interest to potential students, their families, and the community.

### District

Accreditation through NCA AdvancED. Healthy Schools Programs in all buildings. A rural community and schools along Highway 75 that are within 10 minutes of Bellevue and 20 minutes of Omaha.

### **Elementary**

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#### Website

www.pcsd.org

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### **Plattsmouth Elementary Schools**

### First Baptist School

814 Main St., Plattsmouth (402) 296-5948

#### **Head Start**

902 Main St., Plattsmouth (402) 296-2965

### **Plattsmouth Elementary**

1724 8th Ave., Plattsmouth (402) 296-4173

### St John the Baptist School

500 18th St., Plattsmouth (402) 296-6230

### Plattsmouth Middle School

### Plattsmouth Middle School

1724 8th Ave., Plattsmouth (402) 296-3174

### Plattsmouth High School

### **Plattsmouth High School**

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### **Plattsmouth College**

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### **Ralston Schools**

Located in the south-central portion of the Omaha metropolitan area, Ralston Public Schools includes the city of Ralston and parts of southwest suburban Omaha. Our district serves approximately 3,400 students between pre-Kindergarten and 12th grade every year through six elementary buildings, one middle school, one high school, and one alternative center.

Ralston employs more than 270 full-time teachers and maintains a teacher-to-student ratio of approximately 22 to 1. Our teaching staff consists of a combination of new and veteran educators who have an average of 10 years of experience in the district.

All schools within our district are accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education and AdvancED. We have clearly defined outcomes for student achievement, a comprehensive plan for training our staff in new instructional approaches, and a rigorous assessment system that is easy for parents to understand.

#### Mission Statement

Cultivating resilient citizens prepared for the diverse demands of the future.

#### Website

www.ralstonschools.org

(Ralston schools not shown on map.)



### Ralston Elementary Schools

### **Blumfield Elementary**

10310 Mockingbird Dr., Omaha (402) 331-0891

### Karen Western Elementary

6224 H St., Omaha (402) 731-7477

#### **Meadows Elementary**

9225 Berry St., Omaha (402) 339-6655

### **Mockingbird Elementary**

5100 S. 93rd St., Omaha (402) 331-6954

### Seymour Elementary

4900 S. 79th St., Ralston (402) 331-0540

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8071 Ralston Ave., Ralston (402) 331-6475

### **Ralston Middle School**

#### Ralston Middle School

8202 Lakeview St., Ralston (402) 331-4701

### **Ralston High School**

### **Ralston High School**

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From our superintendent to the Board of Education to our staff and community members, we work together to provide a rigorous and relevant academic curriculum and extracurricular programs to prepare our students to meet the goals and challenges that lie ahead.

#### Mission

The mission of Springfield Platteview Community Schools is to ensure that all students acquire the college and career ready skills and behaviors necessary for each student to success now and into his/her future.

#### Website

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13210 Glenn St., Omaha (402) 895-9602

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#### Platteview Springfield Middle School

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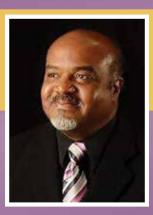


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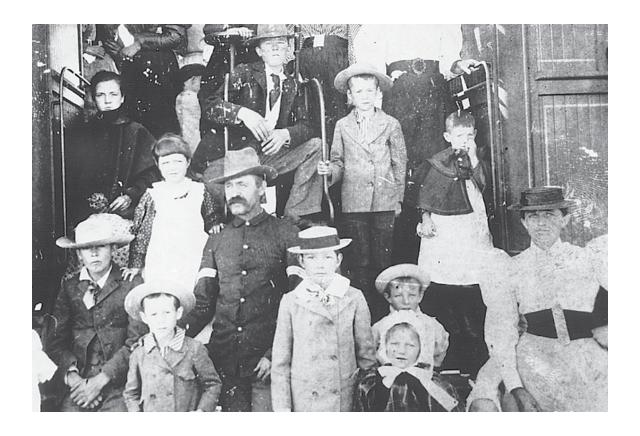
For more than a century, Offutt AFB has played a key role in American military history. From its beginnings as Fort Crook in the late 1800s, Offutt has adapted to the defense needs of the United States. The historical significance of Offutt is a source of pride for military and community members alike.

Offutt's great heritage began with the construction of Fort Crook between 1894 and 1896, some 10 miles south of Omaha and two miles west of the Missouri River. The fort's namesake was Maj. Gen. George Crook, a renowned Indian fighter and Civil War hero. Many of the original buildings constructed on the post before 1900, including the confinement facility and

various enlisted and officers quarters, are still in use today.

The 61st Balloon Company became the first air unit to command the post on Sept. 10, 1918. In the spring of 1921, the plowing, leveling and seeding of 260 acres of land at Fort Crook created an airfield suitable for frequent takeoffs and landings, and a refueling point for military and air mail aircraft on cross-country flights.

The airfield portion of Fort Crook was designated Offutt Field on May 10, 1924, in honor of 1st Lt. Jarvis J. Offutt. Killed while flying with the Royal Air Force in France; Lt. Offutt was Omaha's first World War I air casualty.



## **OFFUTT HISTORY**

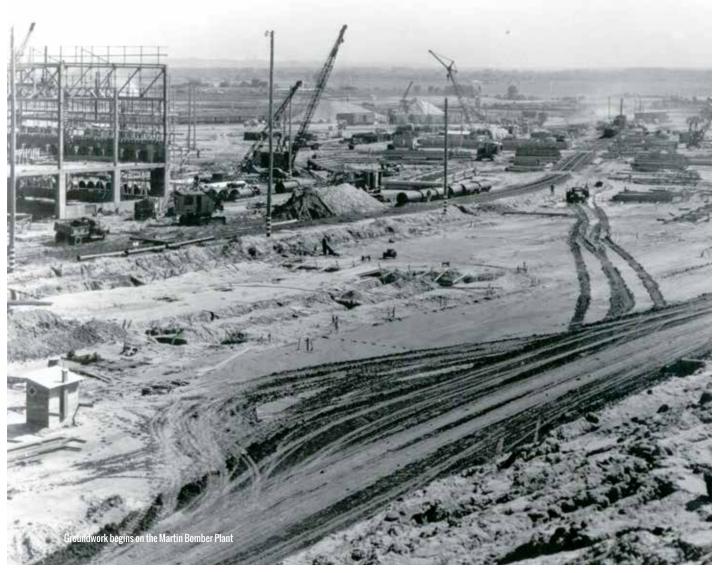
#### World War II and the Martin Bomber Plant

In 1940, as American involvement in World War II loomed, the Army Air Corps chose Fort Crook as the site for a new bomber plant. The plant's construction included two mile-long concrete runways, six large hangars and a huge 1.7-million sq. ft. aircraft-assembly building.

The Glenn L. Martin Company began producing bombers here in January 1942, with the plant reaching full-scale production June 8, 1942. A total of 531 B-29 Superfortresses and 1,585 B-26 Marauders were built at the Martin-Nebraska bomber

plant before the end of World War II. These aircraft included the Enola Gay and Bock's Car, the two B-29s that dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Production ended on Sept. 18, 1945, when the last B-29 rolled out of the assembly building.

In June 1946, the Army Air Force re-designated Fort Crook and the Martin-Nebraska facilities as Offutt Field. Just 18 months later, on Jan. 13, 1948, Offutt Field transferred to the new Department of the Air Force and became Offutt Air Force Base. Later that same year, on Sept. 26, the 3902nd Air Base Wing became the host unit at Offutt.



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### **OFFUTT HISTORY**

#### **Strategic Air Command**

At one minute past midnight, Nov. 9, 1948, Offutt gained international prominence when it became the host base for Headquarters Strategic Air Command. Air Force Secretary Stuart Symington chose to locate the headquarters for the Air Force's crucial long-range atomic strike force at Offutt primarily because the base was centrally located on the North American continent, placing it well beyond the existing range of potentially hostile bombers or missiles.

The old frontier fort underwent startling changes in the Cold War years that followed. Operations at Offutt included the basing of alert air refueling tankers in the late 1950s and 1960s and support for intercontinental ballistic missile sites in Nebraska and Iowa in the 1960s.

Further enhancing Offutt's role as a center of military importance, were establishment of the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff here in 1960, posting the Looking Glass airborne command post here in 1961, activation of Air Force Global Weather Central in 1969, and arrival of the National Emergency Airborne Command Post mission in 1977.

Offutt's population and facilities grew dramatically to keep pace with increased operational demands. Several new dormitories and more than 2,000 family housing units — built in the late 1950s and 1960s quickly replaced the old quarters of Fort Crook.

Headquarters SAC moved from the Martin-Nebraska complex to Building 500 in 1957, and new base facilities in the 1960s and 1970s included a hospital, main exchange, commissary and library.

Increased defense spending in the 1980s brought additional operational improvements, including the wing's special operations building, the Bennie L. Davis Aircraft Maintenance Complex, and a new underground command center for SAC.

#### **USSTRATCOM** and the 55th Wing

On Sept. 1, 1991, the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing became the 55th Wing to better reflect its diverse mission. Shortly thereafter Offutt again faced monumental changes in 1992 when the easing of world tensions allowed the United States to reorganize its Air Force. The Strategic Air Command was disestablished June 1, 1992, and a new, unified command called U.S. Strategic Command was established.

With this historic change, the operational control of Offutt became the responsibility of Air Combat Command, another of the Air Force's new commands. In 2002, the Department of Defense announced the merger of U.S. Strategic Command with U.S. Space Command. The new U.S. Strategic Command is a global integrator charged with the missions of space operations; information operations; integrated missile defense; global command and control; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; global strike; and strategic deterrence.

The 55th Wing continues to lead the fight by providing dominant intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; electronic attack; command and control; and precision awareness to national leadership and warfighters across the spectrum of conflict – any time, any place. It is the largest wing in ACC and has been continuously deployed to the Middle East for more than 22 years going back to the onset of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The 55th Wing commemorated a combat airpower milestone in January 2007. It reached 6,000 continuous days of deployed service in the Southwest Asia area of responsibility. Deployed since the onset of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the men and women of the 55th Wing are continuing that service on a daily basis in the Global War on Terror.

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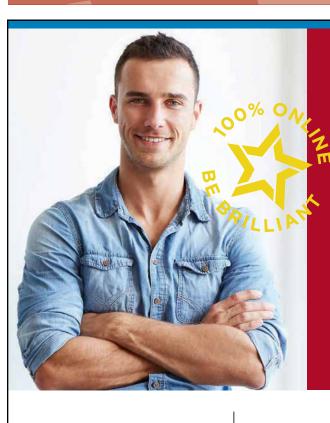


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