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Dear Mr. Bracken

On behalf of the entire Fightin' Fifty-Fifth, the Open House staff, and Team Offutt, I want to extend my personal thanks for your hard work and dedication to the 2016 "Defenders of Freedom" Open House. Our local community was very impressed with the professionalism and service displayed by your organization.

This year's event featured the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet demonstration team, U.S. SOCOM Para-Commandos parachute demonstration team, World War II warbird flights, top-rated civilian aerobatic performances, and numerous static displays. The Offutt Open House remains the largest joint service air show in the Midwest with an estimated attendance of over 110,000 for our 2-day event. We thank you for giving us a chance to showcase the tremendous air power that is protecting our nation today as well as displaying our rich heritage.

In addition to our ongoing operational demands, the tremendous teamwork by base and community personnel made it possible for this year's open house to be a resounding success. Thank you for being a part of the 2016 "Defenders of Freedom" Open House.

Sincerely

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Thanks!

The Sun Never Sets on the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth