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**LINCOLN, Neb.** – The U.S. Air Force has recognized two Nebraska Air National Guard units with organizational awards for sustained outstanding performance over a two year period of time.

The 155th Air Refueling Wing won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, which is awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force to numbered units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The wing has received this award on 13 previous occasions in its 74-year history.

Headquarters, Nebraska Air National Guard won the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, which is awarded to Air Force organizations that are entities within larger organizations, such as the Joint Force Headquarters of a state's National Guard. This is Nebraska's fourth such award.

"These awards are national recognition of what we in Nebraska already know, which is that the men and women of our National Guard are the best in the nation," said Governor Pete Ricketts. "They consistently go beyond the call of duty to serve our state and country."

Both awards cover the period of time from Jan. 1, 2018 to Dec. 31, 2019, where nearly 500 Nebraska Airmen deployed in support of federal missions overseas or activated in response to natural disasters across the United States, including historic flooding in Nebraska, or both.

Overall, the Nebraska Air National Guard has consistently maintained 100% of its authorized personnel strength and demonstrated high levels of operational readiness.