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WING ROUNDUP

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Civil Air Patrol provides Disaster Relief for evacuees of South Dakota wildfires

By: 2d Lt Michael Odle

BLACK HILLS, SD – The historic city of Deadwood reopened after four days of a mandatory evacuation ordered by Lawrence County Emergency Management Personnel. Soon after the town reopened, a slow but steady stream of cars started creeping down Highway 85 and in that flow were several Civil Air Patrol members transporting evacuees from the Young Center Shelter in Spearfish. Transportation Logistics were just one of the many items the members of the South Dakota Wing Civil Air Patrol were tasked with from, June 30 through July 5.

The Grizzly Gulch Fire, as it has been termed, started around 2 p.m. on June 29 with an unknown origin. On June 30, the fire had been updated to a priority one fire, taking precedence over all other fires in the nation. Three major cities in western South Dakota were evacuated and several major roads, including Highway 385 to Mount Rushmore were closed. Over 20,000 people were displaced, and many were sent to the evacuation shelter at the Young Center on the campus of Black Hills State University.

"Kristy McCormick, please call home," read a note on a message board at the Young Center facility. Another asked employees of Deadwood businesses to call their employers. "Let me know you're OK," the note said.

The Young Center facility had been serving as an American Red Cross, South Dakota National Guard and Civil Air Patrol Command Post for evacuees in the Grizzly Gulch Fire. The fire had consumed over 10,000 acres and forced the evacuation of thousands of people. Waiting, wondering and worrying were all common threads of the thousands of people who had been displaced by the fire. But very visible to all the evacuees was that of the South Dakota Wing Civil Air Patrol in their distinct BDU's with ultra-blue tape.

"When I heard they needed my help, I was on my way!" - C/Captain Jason McCord, Big Sioux Composite Squadron

Mobilized immediately and coordinating with American Red Cross and National Guard officials, the Civil Air Patrol cadets and officers provided needed logistical and administrative support. "The first major task was compiling a list of evacuees, their temporary phone numbers and whereabouts so that concerned individuals could contact them," explained Mission Information Officer 2d Lt Michael Odle. Calls were pouring in and phones were needed to be manned on a 24-hour basis; the Civil Air Patrol stepped up to the plate. Not only manning American Red Cross phones, but the National Guard phone lines as well. Other duties involved gathering supplies for the American Red

Cross workers and picking up much needed fans as temperatures soared into the high 90's.

Additionally, Civil Air Patrol members arranged with the local golf course to utilize golf carts so elderly and disabled evacuees could be transported from the shelter to the dining facility and their assigned dorm rooms on the university campus (see Fires on page 2).

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FIRES:

91-year-old Elma Alexander was transported from Wenona Cook

Hall, her temporary residence to the Pangburn Dining Hall, half way across campus. "I'm grateful for their assistance, there is no way a little old lady like me could have made it," she explained. "I was worried about how to get around, but they have been more than helpful." Alexander is generally confined to a wheelchair and was evacuated from her Lead apartment on June 30.

Civil Air Patrol members also transported evacuees out of the danger areas and transported water and meals to National Guard helicopter crews. Several helicopter crews utilized a local CAP Squadron to rest and regroup "It's perfect, we are situated right here on the airport grounds, and we (CAP) have set-up an area for the pilots to rest and get fed," stated Major Daryl Hayes, Wing Director of Emergency Services.

Civil Air Patrol members from all over the state joined in the efforts, some as far away as seven hours, departing minutes after being called. One such person was Cadet/Captain Jason McCord from Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings. "When I heard they needed my help, I was on my way! I was told that my travel gas may not be paid for. Oh well!" The need to assist was the feeling of many, as a mission number was assigned, but no reimbursement for expenses was provided. Members came from Lookout Mountain (Spearfish), Crazy Horse (Custer), Rushmore (Rapid City), Big Sioux (Brookings) and Sioux Falls Composite Squadron's.

"We've had members here for 144 hours straight, with very few hours of sleep a night. We finally had to institute a mandatory 2-hour break away from the site. Our people just didn't want to stop! That's dedication!" explained Lt Odle. Cadets and seniors worked throughout the day and late into the

evening. Beds weren't far away as CAP members slept on cots in the National Guard Army on the university campus. National Guard cooks provided three meals for all service workers and evacuees.

Captain Nick Krebs, South Dakota Army National Guard Shelter Commander, expressed his appreciation for the assistance rendered by the South Dakota Civil Air Patrol. He noted that the services and support of their operations made life for his men and women easier and overall operations smoother. The American Red Cross also expressed the same feeling, as they offered to pick-up all expenses for a job well done.

CAP Racecar to visit Rapid City August 16 - 24

By 2d Lt Michael R. Odle

RAPID CITY, SD – The Civil Air Patrol has landed along with their NASCAR No. 46 Civil Air Patrol Chevrolet, which will make its debut in South Dakota at the Central States Fair in Rapid City, August 16 – August 24. Also landing, as a special treat for the kids, are a NASCAR racecar simulator and a Cessna 172 flight simulator. The CAP Race/Flight Simulator offers a wonderful opportunity for fans, prospective supporters and members an interactive experience of racing and flying.

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the auxiliary of the United States Air Force, signed a multi-year agreement as the primary sponsor of the NASCAR Busch Series No. 46 Lewis Motorsports Chevrolet in January.

By signing on as the primary sponsor, Civil Air Patrol hopes to increase awareness of their three

primary missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs, and Aerospace Education.

The Civil Air Patrol was founded in December 1941, one week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by over 150,000 citizens concerned about the defense of America's coastline. Flying under the jurisdiction of the Army Air Forces, Civil Air Patrol pilots flew over one-half million hours, were credited with sinking two enemy submarines, and rescued hundreds of crash survivors during World War II. On July 1, 1946, President Truman established Civil Air Patrol as a federally chartered benevolent civilian corporation. Congress passed Public Law 557 on May 26, 1948, which made Civil Air Patrol the official auxiliary of the new United States Air Force. Civil Air Patrol was charged with three primary missions: Emergency Services, Cadet Programs and Aerospace Education.

In September of 1999, Lewis Motorsports began as a venture between a father, Ashton Lewis, Sr., and his two sons, Ashton Lewis, Jr. and Charlie Lewis. Lewis Motorsports made their debut in 2000 by running a limited NASCAR Busch Series, Grand National Division schedule. In 2001, Lewis Motorsports ran a full NASCAR Busch Series schedule in an effort to gain valuable seat time for driver Ashton Lewis, Jr. and a young and eager crew -posting nine top-10 qualifying efforts (second at Richmond, Virginia, sixth at Rockingham, fifth at Las Vegas, eighth at Atlanta, sixth at Nashville, ninth at Pikes Peak, 10th at Kentucky, 10th at Kansas and 10th at Lowe's), three top-five finishes (Kentucky and Lowe's), three top-10, seven top-15 finishes and 14 top-20 finishes.



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South Dakota LtCol reaches pinochle and joins eleven others

By: CMSgt Brittany Borg



LtCol Glen Jensen, South Dakota Chief of Staff, is Civil Air Patrol's newest recipient of the Gill Robb Wilson Award – The Gill Robb Wilson Award is the highest achievement given to an officer in the Civil Air Patrol. The award is bestowed on its recipient in honor of the founder and first executive officer of the Civil Air Patrol. Since its inception in 1964, the Wilson Award has been presented only to the most dedicated Civil Air Patrol members.

“Only the most dedicated Civil Air Patrol Members”

**LtCol Glen Jensen
SDWG Chief of Staff**

It is an award above and beyond the basic and even advanced parts of the senior member training program. To earn the award, a member must complete all levels of the Senior Training program, attend Squadron Leadership School, Region Staff College, and must attend the National Staff College as well as serve in a command position for no less than three years.

LtCol Glen Jensen has joined the ranks of these senior members who have worked extensively to earn this award; they have extensive knowledge on all aspects of Civil Air Patrol. South Dakota is small, yet blessed to currently have 12 officers that have earned the Gill Robb Wilson Award. They are: LTC Mario Candia, LTC Christopher Forman, LTC Duaine Forman, LTC Richard Forman, Col Alden House, LTC James Howe, LTC Michael Marek, LTC BT Marking, LTC Gary Rae, LTC Lois Schmidt, and Col Lester Snyder and now LTC Glen Jensen.

These outstanding individuals have completed all the requirements, and have been awarded the Gill Robb Wilson award. Working with any of these officers would be a privilege and a learning experience for anyone.

Civil Air Patrol has landed on a POV near you! By: 2d Lt Michael Odle

WING HEADQUARTERS – Members of the South Dakota Wing Civil Air Patrol will soon be able to be identified by their privately owned vehicles . . . actually by the plates on their vehicles. The special request to the South Dakota Division of Motor Vehicles for authorization of a distinct license plate was sent and soon all active members of the Wing and retired Civil Air Patrol members with 20 or more years of service can obtain a Civil Air Patrol distinct license plate.

“The idea is to publicize and promote the Civil Air Patrol and two, recognize our members for their invaluable service to city, state and nation,” explains 2d Lt Michael Odle, Wing Public Affairs Officer.

Lt Odle has been working on the project for the last four months with the help from the Division of Motor Vehicles, Wing staff and Mary Nell Crowe, National Headquarters Marketing and Public Affairs.

The South Dakota plates are done in the patriotic colors of red, white and blue with the Shrine of Democracy, Mount Rushmore, centered in the lower portion of the plate and a distinct Civil Air Patrol emblem on the left side, identical to the one on the Civil Air Patrol #46 NASCAR.

The reason for the similarity with the Civil Air Patrol #46 NASCAR and the license plates is trying to build brand identity with Civil Air Patrol. People should be able to link the car, the plates and Civil Air Patrol together with the emblem. It's a great marketing tool.

“I'm excited that our members can show pride and belonging to this fine organization with a customized license plate,” commented Col Mary F. Donley, South Dakota Wing Commander. “Everyone reads license plates! She added, “just hopefully not the police.”

Anticipated cost of the plates for each member will be around \$10 - \$20. The plates will be available by mid- to late-August. Keep an eye on your mail, as every member will be sent an order form. A portion of the license plate fees will be returned to the South Dakota Wing and will go to further Public Affairs programs.

Next time you are driving through South Dakota, keep your eyes peeled, you never know whom your driving behind. Actually, you will if it's a member of the South Dakota Wing Civil Air Patrol.



Welcome Aboard



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As a reminder the scheduled SAREX for
 Milbank/Sioux Falls has been re-scheduled for
Yankton, SD on August 10.

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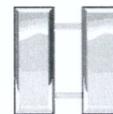
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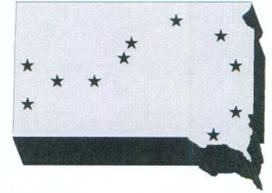


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CONGRATULATIONS!

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MONTHLY WING BULLETIN



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Internal newsletter transformation has begun

The *South Dakota Wing Roundup*, the official newsletter for the South Dakota wing is undergoing a major transformation. Contract negotiations have been completed between CAP and Denison Brothers out of Idaho. In August, Public Affairs will unveil a brand new and exciting format. Because of this change, there has been an interruption in the *Wing Roundups'* normal publication period for January, February and March.

What changes are you going to see? Each month squadrons will receive several copies of the *Wing Bulletin* which will highlight date sensitive information. In magazine publication months, *ALL* members will receive the *Wing Roundup* magazine. This magazine will consist of 25- to 30- color accented pages.

Exciting new columns will be added, including; squadron clips, a photo mat, CADET CAP'ERS, mission reCAPs, letters to the editor, a calendar, safety tips, and directorate sections.

We are please to bring to the wing a higher level of professionalism in our internal communication. The public affairs directorate strives to keep our members and our community connected. We are excited to deliver to you this quality publication.

With the increase size of the publication, now more than ever, the *Wing Roundup* will need news writers and photographers. If you are interested in covering stories at your squadron please contact your squadron's Public Affairs officer or wing Public Affairs.

Wing Public Affairs are proud to offer this magazine as a tool for distributing information and resources to the public and the South Dakota wing. Please take advantage of this medium as an ongoing effort to create and maintain a strong upward spiral of success of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. Thank you all for your help in achieving our mission and for Public Affairs. We hope you find it useful!



Colonel Rex Galsgow, North Central Region Commander (right) and Colonel Mary F. Donley, South Dakota Wing Commander (left) pose with Region Cadet of the Year C/Capt Tim Newcomb and Air Force Torch Award winner Captain Debra Newcomb of Sioux Falls.

Wing recognizes best and brightest

SIoux FALLS, SD – The South Dakota Wing held its annual conference and awards banquet at the Sioux Falls Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center on March 21 – 23, 2003. **See award winners on page 2.**

South Dakota Civil Air Patrol honors best and brightest

The conference started out by an address from Wing Commander Colonel Mary F. Donley thanking her dedicated team, "we continue to serve South Dakotans in a variety of missions. This leadership in not only proud of our effeteness, but also the safety with which you carry out your missions."

A proclamation by Sioux Falls Mayor Jerry Munson was followed by a proclamation from South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds. Governor Rounds cited Civil Air Patrol as "selflessly donating your time, money and resources for the betterment of South Dakotans."

South Dakota presented a series of annual awards Saturday evening, recognizing achievement by individuals and units during 2002. Colonel Rex Glasgow, North Central Region Commander assisted by Colonel Mary Donley presented the awards.

Receiving both the wing and North Central Region Cadet of the Year was Cadet 1st Lieutenant Timothy J. Newcomb, from Sioux Falls.

1st Lieutenant Michael Odle, from Lookout

Mountain Composite Squadron was awarded with both the wing and North Central Region Senior Member of the Year.

Squadron of the Year went to Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron; Squadron of Merit went to Crazy Horse Composite Squadron; Cadet NCO of the Year was C/SMSgt Kristin Chase; Cadet of the

Year's Torch Mentor went to Captain Debra Newcomb (Mother of Cadet of the Year);

Meritorious Service Awards were given to: LtCol (Chap) Gary Rae and 1st Lt Michael Odle.

Commanders' Commendation Awards to wing members: Captain Cindy Merchant, Captain Bebra Newcomb, C/Capt Jason McCord, C/1st Lt Peter Coats, C/2nd Lt Tiffany McKenney, C/2nd Lt Griffin, C/SrA Nicholas Gengler and C/A1C Lawernce Schaub, Loren Schaub and Cody Silvernagel,

A Unit Citation Award was presented to both Crazy Horse and Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron. Look for the August issue of the Wing magazine for great

pictures and in-depth stories.

Counter Drug Operation May 3

A counter Drug Exercise will be conducted in Aberdeen on May 3. Sign-in will be at 0930 and general briefing at 1000. There will be 3 mission sorties, one in the morning and two in the afternoon.

You get CD participation credit for travel time, so let LTC Barbalace know the total CD time. Those who stay over in an Aberdeen motel are automatically credited 24 hours.

Motel -- Super 8 East 605-229-5005. There are NO reservations, just first come, first served. Located about 1 mile west of airport on Highway 12.

Location -- Quest Aviation 605-225-8008. Pilot Lounge (upstairs).

Contact LTC Dick Forman, 605-333-0656

Thunderbirds to visit South Dakota

The Thunderbirds are scheduled to be in Sioux Falls on Thursday June 20 with a performance on June 21. Lt Hineman

will need to have a number of cadets and seniors that would like to go and see them. Squadron Commanders, please get these numbers to Lt Hineman as soon as possible.

The goal is to have a list of people who would like to see the Thunderbirds by the end of April and no later than the first Thursday of May. If you have any questions please let Lt Hineman know. Contact Lt Hineman at flyboy47367@hotmail.com for further inquiries.

New Private Pilot

Cadet Major Josh Grundt (Rushmore Squadron) completed his private pilot check ride on Tuesday, April 8. Cadet Grundt attended a CAP flight encampment last summer and continued his training flights with Capt TJ Nicolai in the Rapid City CAP aircraft.

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