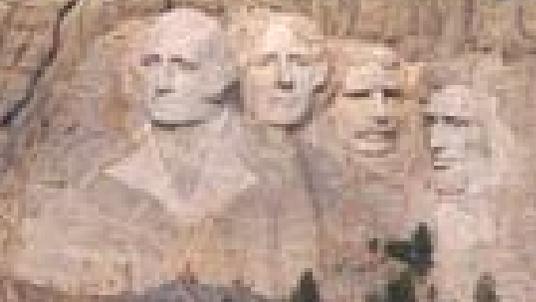




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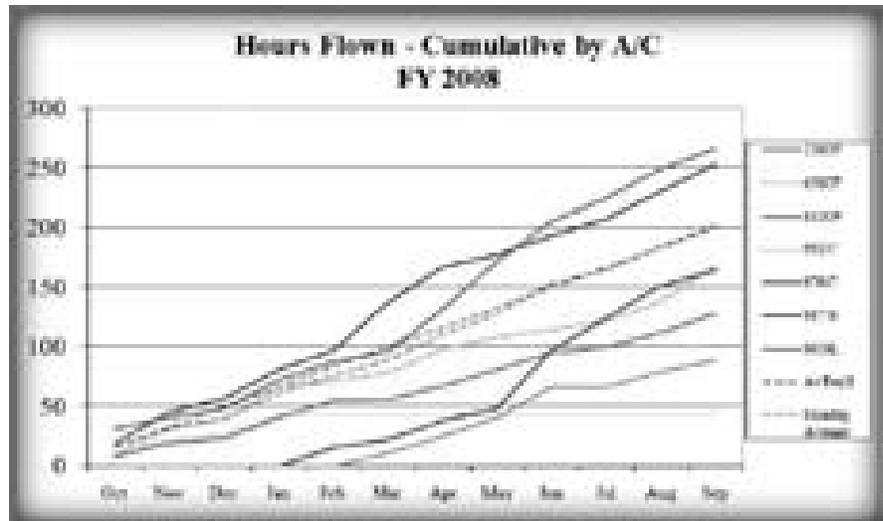


# Commander's Comments

*By Col. Mike Beason, South Dakota Wing Commander*

## CAP Year in Review for Fiscal Year 2008

It's been another GREAT year for SD Wing of the Civil Air Patrol...one that will lead us into the new year with new training and missions. During the year from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 our variety of missions changed and we moved ahead in other areas such as the Wing Banker program, where the wing accounts for squadron funds and issues checks as needed. We also received another new aircraft during the year without losing one, putting us permanently at 6 aircraft for the first time ever.



During the year we continued to fly a large number hours: We flew 1111 hours in our SD aircraft, or an average of 202 hours per aircraft. This put us in fifteenth place nationwide in terms of flying hours per aircraft. Out total hours did drop from the previous year. I

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attribute this to the higher cost of flying (fuel costs) and the fact that we flew no fire missions and a lower number of animal missions for SDSU during the year.

Because of our hours and safety record, we were recognized within our region by being selected to receive an additional seventh aircraft. At the end of the year we began training two pilots the third new “glass cockpit” Cessna 182 was delivered at the Cessna factory in Kansas on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Our aircrews and ground teams performed a variety of missions for CAP, the USAF, the state of South Dakota, and we increased our own personal training. I have listed some of the primary missions below. In total, we participated in 82 different missions during the year. Thanks to all ground and aircrew members who put in countless hours supporting these missions.

### **Missions**

- Support to the National Guard: We flew 76 hours surveying the Air National Guard’s (ANG) low level jet routes last summer. This mission



normally requires a slower aircraft than an F-16, so our CAP aircraft work well for these missions. Additionally, in a new mission, CAP flew 10 hours as targets for the ANG F-16s, training their pilots for a vital national air defense role. We also supported the Army National Guard’s annual exercise in the Black Hills, providing 13 hours of photo support to the exercise.

- SARs: South Dakota had 7 actual SAR missions last year. Most of these were based on satellite ELT hits from AFRCC. With the changeover this February to the monitoring of 406 MHz ELTs only, these will likely diminish in numbers. CAP flew only 8.6 hours on these missions last year.

Most missions had teams on the ground to find and silence the ELTs. Ground teams recorded 660 miles during these missions.

- SAR training: We had 17 different SAR/HLS (Homeland Security) training missions around the state during the year. In addition to the CAP specific training, we also did joint training with county emergency managers and dog handling teams. We flew 208 hours and drove 17,787 miles during these

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missions. There were a total of 87 air sorties and 126 ground sorties.

- Disaster missions: We were asked by the state several times this year to fly in support of local disasters. We flew several flights to photograph and document damages resulting from flooding in and around Belle Fourche, Rapid City and southwest of Sioux Falls. We also photographed storm damage in Day County.

- SDSU missions: An ongoing mission we've done for about 9 years is flying animal tracking flights for SDSU wildlife studies. These flights are paid for from university funds, to include grants from various federal and state agencies. The types of animals being tracked now include lions, grouse, fox, turkey, elk, and pine martens. We flew 252 hours for the state in this mission last year.

- ROTC flights: Another mission we do that is connected with SDSU is flying orientation flights for Air Force ROTC cadets at SDSU. Col. George Colombe flies most of these and logged 14 hours last year.

- In a new mission funded by the USAF, CAP was asked to fly cadets in the high school JrROTC programs. With one high school in SD having the program, Douglas H.S., we flew 9 cadets during the three rides that were funded.

- Cadet flights: Our CAP cadets also get orientation flights. In the past year we flew 49 flights for cadets. We also gave 21 cadets glider flights this year in Hot Springs and Philip. There were 26 tow flights by our Cessna 182 in support of the glider flights.

- Cadet flight training: We had five cadets receive flight training this year, up significantly from previous years. They totaled 50 hours of training in our aircraft. None have received their private license yet, but three continue to work towards it.

- Another new mission is flying teachers to give them an orientation to flying and encourage them to talk about it in their classroom. The teachers join CAP as an Aerospace Education member. We flew 12 flights in support of this program during the year, flying teachers from around the state.

- In a quick summary of other flying, we flew:

- 20 flights/27 hours of USAF funded pilot check rides
- 6 flights/8 hours of state funded pilot check rides
- 77 flights/107 hours of state funded aircrew training for SAR missions
- 50 flights/69 hours of cadet training at Nebraska's National Flight Academy
- 75 flights/98 hours of member funded proficiency flying

### Events

- Encampment: The annual encampment for cadets was held in Devils Lake, ND last summer. Twenty-five cadets and 10 adult members from SD Wing attended this leadership encampment for a 10 day period. Notably, 13 cadets attended this as their first encampment.

- Wing Conference: Over one hundred CAP members converged in Sioux Falls in March for the annual wing conference. The one day conference consisted of meetings, training, awards and a banquet. The guest speaker for the banquet was Marli Erickson from Bank West, who spoke of events at the Twin Towers on 9-11 as it happened to members of her firm.

- Wreaths Across America: This national level project drew several squadrons to participate this year. Custer and Sioux Falls placed wreaths on graves of veterans in the national Veterans Cemetery in Hot Springs and the Hills of Rest cemetery in Sioux Falls.

- EAA Air Venture Race: As one of the premier kickoff events to Oshkosh, the EAA holds an annual race for aircraft in several categories. In a first for South Dakota, the event started in Mitchell last summer. Our CAP members were asked to provide support for parking aircraft and vehicles. We had a great turnout by CAP members across the state. The community there supported the race well prompting organizers to promise to return it to SD in the future.

Thanks to all who put in many long volunteer hours to support the missions of CAP. Your dedication to your communities is appreciated by many. ★

# **South Dakota Wing Announces New Chaplain**

*1st Lt. Lori Anderson  
Public Affairs Officer  
South Dakota Wing*

Rapid City, SD—The South Dakota Wing announces a new SD Wing Chaplain. Major Hyle Anderson, chaplain in Aberdeen will assume the new position as Wing Chaplain. The former Chaplain, Dan Foster, is moving to Valentine, Nebraska and will be leaving the Wing.

Major Anderson was the former Squadron Chaplain in Bemidji, Minnesota, and moved to Aberdeen in 2007 and continued in membership in Civil Air Patrol in Aberdeen. He served in the United States Air Force from 1971-1975 at Offutt Air Force Base as a computer operator.

Major Anderson has been married for 40 years, has 2 grown children and 8 grand children. He looks forward to serving the South Dakota Wing of Civil Air Patrol and looks forward to meeting the Wing members and other squadrons.

Major Anderson can be reached by email at: [pastorhylea@stpaulsaberdeen.org](mailto:pastorhylea@stpaulsaberdeen.org)  
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# **South Dakota Wing Adds New Aircraft to Fleet**

*1st Lt. Lori Anderson, Public Affairs Officer  
South Dakota Wing*

Rapid City, SD—The South Dakota Wing of Civil Air Patrol announces a new addition to their current fleet of aircraft in the state of South Dakota

The 2008 Cessna 182 Nav III -is equipped with a Garmin G1000 and was transported from Independence Kansas to South Dakota on October 4th.

The Wing which is uses aircraft for Search and Rescue Missions, working with the State in damage assessments, fire control in the Black Hills region and other various missions, has received increased requests in assistance recent years. With the new aircraft, the Wing can be available for more missions across the State.

CAP was used by Custer County officials last weekend in the search for a missing hunter from Onida. They were able to locate the hunter's vehicle from the air, reducing the size of the search area tremendously.

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# Sioux Falls Civil Air Patrol Access Storm Damage

*1st Lt. Lori Anderson, Sioux Falls Squadron Public Affairs Officer  
South Dakota Wing*

Sioux Falls, SD—After a night filled with storms and heavy rain, State and local agencies wanted to check the damage for various counties in South Dakota. And what better place to see it then from the air. Minnehaha County Emergency Manager Lynn DeYoung and Greg Harmon of the National Weather Service, partnered once again with the local Civil Air Patrol to help them take a look at the surrounding communities and assess what the results were in last night's storms.

Civil Air Patrol, known locally for its search and rescue missions, also provides disaster site surveying from the air, not only show what damage is there, but also to help predict what may happen if future storms occur in



areas already flooded.

Pilot Captain Jordan Hall, of Civil Air Patrol, said after the flight he couldn't believe the amount of flooding and property damage that occurred especially

within the Parkston area. "Some creeks had already reached their maximum and have definitely caused some real damage" Capt. Hall said.

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# Squadron Provides Support for Guard Event

*1st Lt. Lori Anderson  
Public Affairs Officer, South Dakota Wing*

SOUTH DAKOTA—The Sioux Falls Composite Squadron did its part Dec. 6 at a ceremony honoring deploying airmen from the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron of South Dakota Air National Guard during an activation ceremony at Joe Foss Field Airport in Sioux Falls.

Dignitaries in attendance included Gov. Mike Rounds, a former Civil Air Patrol cadet; National Guard Maj. Gen. Steven Doohen, South Dakota adjutant general; U.S. Sen. John Thune; and Sioux Falls Mayor Dave Munson, all of whom commended the troops for their service during the ceremony.

The squadron's Color Guard presented the colors at the opening of the ceremony. Other squadron members greeted guests and family members and assisted others inside the airport hangar.

"The CAP members did a great job and lend a special touch to the event", said Lt. Col. Reid Christopher, wing executive officer of public affairs for the 114th Fighter Wing.

The Sioux Falls squadron members also had a chance to visit with Rounds regarding his support of CAP and his experiences as a cadet. They also spoke with Doohen, a longtime CAP supporter.

The Color Guard has performed at numerous ceremonies and events throughout the Sioux Falls community, including the Lions International

Conference, the Sales and Marketing International Conference, the Sanford Health Veterans Day Observance, the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Mayor's Fourth of July Parade.

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**CAP members with State Adjutant Major General Steve Doohen.**



**Sioux Falls Composite Squadron members with Gov. Mike Rounds, a former CAP cadet himself, after the activation ceremony for the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron of the South Dakota Air National Guard.**



# Squadron Assists with Holiday Parade

*1st Lt. Lori Anderson, Public Affairs Officer*

**Sunday, November 30, 2008**

SIOUX FALLS, SD—Members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron and members of the Brookings Composite Squadron, helped to ensure the safety of parade viewers and participants of the Avera Holiday Parade of Lights held in downtown Sioux Falls on Friday, November 29th.

The annual event attracts approximately 60,000 people to the downtown area for a 10 block parade on Phillips Avenue.

The Downtown Sioux Falls Business Association contacted the Sioux Falls Squadron for assistance in a variety of tasks to ensure the safety of the parade attendees. The squadrons used the National Incident Management System while providing parade route safety, parking lot and building security.

Volunteer Event Manager, Guy Varnes stated “We couldn’t of done it without the Civil Air Patrol assisting us”. The CAP members were seen throughout the parade route assisting the public with directions, parking, and assisting other volunteers with their assignments, and fostered goodwill by handing out candy to attendees.

Sioux Falls Squadron Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Rick Larson, said “We look



*CAP photo by 1st Lt. Jerry Foy*

forward to working with the parade organizers, and playing an active role in our community.”

The Sioux Falls Squadron participates in numerous other local events such as the 4th of July Parade, Annual Salute to the Troops, airshows and the Lighthouse Music Festival. This year the squadron was honored by the Mayor at the City Council Meeting for its outstanding efforts in community involvement.

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# Civil Air Patrol Cadets and Adult Members Fly Gliders at Philip

*Lt. Lori Anderson, SD Wing Public Affairs Officer*

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) has brought a new twist to the aviation experience of CAP cadets in South Dakota--glider flights. In addition to orientation flights for cadets in airplanes, now glider rides are available. Fifteen cadets from across the state experienced glider flights recently at the Philip airport in a Blanik L-13. The two-seat glider is launched with a 200-foot rope attached to a tow plane, a CAP Cessna C-182. The tow plane typically climbs with the glider to about 3,000 feet above the ground, where the glider pilot releases the glider from the tow rope. The free flight orientation rides in a glider are really flights in an airplane without an engine--the Blanik has a 52-foot wing span, with a gross weight of over 1,100 pounds. Flights ranged from 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the updrafts--thermals.

Coordination for the event at Philip was done by Lee Vaughan, the commander of the Philip CAP squadron. Leo Becht from Spearfish was the pilot of the tow plane and the glider was piloted by Gary Hewett, a certificated glider flight instructor from the CAP squadron in Rapid City. Greg Klein of the Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD, also flew a Schweizer 2-37 Motorglider to the event and gave rides to cadets.

In addition to the glider flights, CAP cadets experimented



with model rockets. Some of the rockets reached 1,000 feet or more above the surface.

CAP schedules the Aerospace Education event annually to promote one of the three missions of Civil Air Patrol; namely, Search and Rescue, Cadet Program, and Aerospace Education.

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# U.S. Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing Holds Successful Homeland Security Exercise

*Article by Lt. Col. Rick Larson  
Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Commander*

Sioux Falls, SD—State, local, and Federal response agencies and 25 personnel teamed with more than 70 members of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing this past weekend for a large-scale Homeland Security and Search and Rescue exercise. Based at Sioux Falls Joe Foss Field for the weekend SD Wing members flew more than 19 missions in a day and a half, completed 20 ground team sorties, and captured more than 900 images during the event.

The USAF funded exercise, known as "Prairie Eyes 08," was planned in conjunction with members of the South Dakota Air National Guard, Transportation Security

Administration, American Red Cross, SD Highway Patrol, Sioux Falls Police, and Fire Rescue. The National Weather Service was also involved, providing weather support for the mission and used CAP resources to conduct flood reconnaissance



**One of over 900 photographs taken on CAP missions this weekend. CAP photo.**



**Civil Air Patrol aircraft from across the SD Wing stand ready at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls with Encore FBO in the background. Photo by Capt. Rick Goeringer.**

missions. Co-Project Officers Lt. Col. Rick Larson and Lt. Col. Jerry Betzler coordinated the agencies for a month preceding the mission.

Numerous routes were flown, and both air and ground teams tackled multiple scenarios, leading to increased qualifications for the members. "We even had a chance to check out some new technology during the exercise," stated CAP Operations Officer, Capt. John Seten, who along with Lt. Col.

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CAP members 2nd Lt. Shawn Anderson, Lt. Col. Gary Rae, Capt. Matt Meert, and Capt. John Seten during the mission briefing. *Photo by Capt. Rick Goeringer.*



Lt. Walt Marty (right) briefs the assembled teams along with Lt. Col. Mike Marek (left) and Lt. Col. Rick Larson (middle). *Photo by Capt. Rick Goeringer.*

## Homeland Security Exercise

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Leo Becht of Spearfish, operated from the Incident Commanders position.

A representative of Fortified DataCom presented the Z-5 NOMAD Incident Command System, which provides field level satellite and connectivity solutions to responders. The NOMAD was put to task, and used in several scenarios. The unified effort also used the SD State Radio network for communications interoperability.

One of the many joint efforts of the event was a tasking with “Project Lifesaver,” an initiative to track those who have “gone missing” using a tracking beacon bracelet. This scenario involved Sioux Falls Police, Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office and a local Police Explorer group. CAP aircraft carried a special receiver to home in on the simulated person, and ground teams tracked the beacon.

Local media took the opportunity to become more familiar with the USAF Auxiliary and partner agencies. According to SD Wing PAO 2nd Lt. Shawn Anderson, the result was most favorable coverage on 4 local television outlets and an “A” section story in the regional newspaper. A news-talk format radio station also conducted a 15 minute interview with CAP officials in advance of the drill. Volunteer members of the Sioux Empire Red Cross set up shop, flew simulated damage assessment missions and kept all participants refreshed

and fed during the highly successful exercise.

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# Civil Air Patrol in Sioux Falls for Conference and Awards

The South Dakota Wing of Civil Air Patrol (CAP) observed its annual Wing Conference this past Saturday, March 29th, 2008. Members of the nine squadrons in the Wing converged on Sioux Falls for an

intensive day of training and meetings, which culminated in an evening Awards Ceremony.

Marli Erickson, of Rapid City, was the guest speaker of the evening. Ms. Erickson shared the story of Rick Rescorla who was

Vice President of Security for Morgan Stanley at its headquarters in the World Trade Center in New York. Rescorla's persistence with evacuation training and his leadership on September 11, 2001 saved the lives of 2,700

workers. It was also his unwillingness to leave anyone behind that found him still in the building when it collapsed.

Colonel Mike Beason, SD Wing Commander, was on hand to present a variety of awards to CAP members and squadrons. Among the top awards were the Cadet of the Year which went to 1st Lieutenant Nicholas Gengler of Brookings, Adult Officer of the Year which went to Captain Rick Goeringer of Spearfish, and Cadet NCO of the Year which went to Cadet/Senior Master Sergeant Hanna Krueger of Brookings. The squadron awards included the Squadron of Merit award for the Rushmore Composite Squadron in Rapid

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AWARD	NOMINEE	UNIT
Commander's Commendation Awards	Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Linda Buechler	Wing
	Lt. Col. Gary King	Aberdeen
	Lt. Col. Cindi Merchant	Wing
	Major (Maj.) Lee Vaughan	Philip
	Captain (Capt.) Michael Johnson	Rapid City
	Capt. John Seten	Wing
	1st Lieutenant (1st Lt.) Walter Marty	Sioux Falls
	1st Lt. Nicholas McFarland	Rapid City
	1st Lt. Nicholas Gengler	Brookings
	2nd Lieutenant (2nd Lt.) Shawn Anderson	Sioux Falls
	2nd Lt. Lori Anderson	Sioux Falls
	2nd Lt. Daniel Thibault	Sioux Falls
	Cadet/Captain (C/Capt.) Libby Marking	Custer
	C/Capt. Ann Ziegler	Spearfish
	C/Chief Master Sergeant Adam Betzler	Sioux Falls
C/Master Sergeant Lisa Cullum	Brookings	

AWARD	NOMINEE	UNIT
Life Saving	Cadet Jesse Bicknell	Yankton

AWARD	NOMINEE	UNIT
Cadet of the Year	1st Lt. Nicholas Gengler	Brookings
Officer of the Year	Capt. Rick Goeringer	Spearfish
Cadet NCO of the Year	C/Senior Master Sergeant Hannah Krueger	Brookings
Squadron of Merit	Rushmore Composite Squadron	Rapid City
Squadron of the Year	Sioux Falls Composite Squadron	Sioux Falls
Logistics of the Year (OTY)	Lt. Col. Myra Christensen	Pierre
Comm OTY	Lt. Walt Marty	Sioux Falls
IT OTY	Capt. Rick Goeringer	Spearfish
Safety OTY	Capt. Mark Huntington	Sioux Falls
Med OTY	Lt. Col. Linda Buechler	Wing
AE OTY	1st Lt. Jordan Hall	Sioux Falls
Gps OTY	Lt. Col. Leo Bocht	Spearfish
Veh Ops OTY	Capt. Teresa Schimeffening	Yankton
Cadet Program OTY	2nd Lt. Daniel Thibault	Sioux Falls
Professional Dev OTY	Maj. Randy Borton	Rapid City
ES OTY	Capt. Dan Gerwing	Brookings
ES Activity POC OTY	Lt. Col. Rick Larson	Sioux Falls
Personnel OTY	Maj. Randy Borton	Rapid City
Finance OTY	Lt. Col. Gary Rae	Sioux Falls
DDR OTY	Lt. Col. Myra Christensen	Pierre
Sq Cndr OTY	Maj. Vicki Marking	Custer

# Cadets to Receive Flight Scholarships

*1st Lt. Lori Anderson  
Public Affairs Officer South Dakota Wing*

Rapid City, SD—Five South Dakota Civil Air Patrol cadets from across the state have received scholarships in order to assist them complete their flight training. The \$800 scholarships were presented to Cadet Colonel Francesca Fogarty and Cadet Lieutenant A.J. Betzler of Sioux Falls, Cadet Technical Sergeant Justin Bierwirth of Custer, along with Cadets Chance Stager and Richard Sautner of Pierre. The Pierre CAP Squadron also received an \$800 grant for general flight training for their cadets.

The award selections were based on individual essays and applications, along with each cadets achievements in the CAP cadet program. Money for the program comes through a partnership with the State of South Dakota Department of Transportation and the South Dakota Aeronautics Commission.

“We’re grateful that we can be a part of the Cadet’s flight experience and help shape the aviation leaders of tomorrow” said South Dakota CAP Wing Commander, Colonel Mike Beason, of Rapid City. “We thank the State Aeronautics Board for making this possible.”

The Cadets will begin their flight training immediately, taking ground school lessons

and mastering their skills in Cessna 172 Skyhawk aircraft.

South Dakota CAP has 10 squadrons across the state, in Sioux Falls, Brookings, Yankton, Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Philip, Rapid City, Custer and Spearfish. Its main missions as the United States Air Force Auxiliary include Emergency Services, the Cadet program and Aerospace Education. More than 200 adult members and 110 cadet members are part of South Dakota Civil Air Patrol.

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AWARD	NOMINEE	UNIT
Cert of Award	Lt. Col. Jerry Betzler	Sioux Falls
	Lt. Col. David Jeffries	Rapid City
	Capt. Mark Hunting	Sioux Falls
	Capt. Marsha Sumpler	Philip
	1st Lt. Tara Borton	Rapid City
	1st Lt. Bryan Sharp	Rapid City
	Cadet Staff Sergeant Nathan Hoscheid	Spearfish
	C/Airman 1st Class (C/A1C.) Brad Pfeiffer	Philip
	Cadet Justin Harmon	Pierre
	C/A1C. Benjamin Jared	Yankton

AWARD	NOMINEE	UNIT
Squadron Safety of the Year	Lewis and Clark Composite Squadron	Yankton

# CAP Provides Event Surveying for Life Light Festival

SIOUX FALLS, SD—The annual Life Light Festival held at Wild Water West attracts hundreds of thousands of people to the event each year. To help ensure the safety of the participants and those attending the event, the volunteers of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol once again are providing aerial surveys each day of the event.

The missions are a joint effort with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department. Requested by Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead, the purpose of the missions are to provide an aerial observation platform for those in charge of safety and security for the event. The flights will also be in communication with command staff and law enforcement personnel at the Life Light location.

According to Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Commander Lieutenant Colonel Rick Larson, the missions in the CAP Cessna 172 and 182 aircraft will run for 3 to 4 hours each day of the festival. Crews for the missions will include two CAP pilots and a Minnehaha County deputy. "If we spot a problem with traffic flow or any other incident, we can alert the ground crews early on and act quickly to prevent it from getting out of control," added Larson.

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is a nonprofit organization with almost 62,000 members nationwide. The Sioux Falls Squadron has more than 80 members, 2 aircraft, and 2 ground support vehicles. South Dakota has 10 CAP Squadrons throughout the state. It performs 95% of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter drug missions at the request of federal, state, and local agencies. The members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young

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# Sioux Falls Color Guard Presents Flags at Lions Club Convention

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Sioux Falls, SD—Eight members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron presented colors in front of several hundred people at opening ceremony of the Lions Club International Convention held at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls on Friday, June 06, 2008.

Colonel Reed Christopherson from the South Dakota Air National Guard introduced the Color Guard team as each of the cadets carried different flags from various countries and organizations.

The Lions Club is an international organization working on ending preventable blindness and works on various



projects within their communities. The Sioux Falls Lions Club is an active supporter of the local squadron.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, performs over 90% of all inland Search and Rescue Missions in the United States. They also assist local, state, and federal authorities with: Counter Narcotics and Drug Reduction Missions, Law Enforcement Reconnaissance, Disaster Evaluation and Relief Missions, Boarder Patrol Missions, and more.

For more information contact the Sioux Falls Squadron at (605) 367-4870 or go to [www.gocivilairpatrol.com](http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com).

# Wreaths Across America

## Sioux Falls Participates

SIOUX FALLS, SD—Members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron participated in the Annual Wreaths Across America, in Hills of Rest Cemetery, in Sioux Falls.

The squadrons' honor guard performed and presented the colors at the opening ceremony.

Lieutenant Colonel Tim Steppan was the host of the ceremony and spoke about the dedication of our military and the great sacrifices they make for our freedom.

During the event, the wreaths were presented, one for each branch of the military, honoring those who have paid the ultimate price.

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event, honoring veterans during the holidays and to pay tribute to their service.

The Sioux Falls Squadron has participated in the event for the last seven years.

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## CAP Participates in Wreaths Across America

The Crazy Horse Composite Squadron of the SD Wing of Civil Air Patrol participated for the second year in the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program at the Hot Springs National Cemetery. Cadets from Custer and Hot Springs, including C/SSgt. Justin Bierwirth, C/MSgt. Angelica Cachro, C/2nd Lt. Victoria Cachro, and C/SrAmn. Thomas Mossman, along with Major Vicky Marking, 2nd Lt. Duane Martinz, and Sponsor Kris Bierwirth. Their role in the ceremony included distributing the special-made wreaths to the veterans designated to represent the various branches: Cindy Tschetter represented the Army, Bill Barlow represented the Navy, Bob “DOC” Baty represented the Marine Corps, Martin Mahrt represented the Air Force, David Fluck represented the Coast Guard, Keith Blume represented the Merchant Marines, and Virgil Kock represented the POW/MIA.

The ceremony began at 10:00 a.m. with one minute of silence. 2nd Lt. Duane Martinz presented the same WAA emotional speech that was being read across the country that day. In an excerpt specifically addressed to the youth who were present, the script stated, “To our children, we want you to



understand that the freedoms you enjoy today have not been free at all, but have come with a cost that someday you may have to pay yourself. As a nation standing together, we can defeat terrorism, hatred, and injustice. Thanks to our veterans, we have the freedom to do just that.”

Despite chilly weather, each veteran and CAP member stood vigilant at their place until the ceremony’s completion without wavering from their duty. The wreaths were placed by the service representatives one at a time to honor past veterans of each branch. The VFW Rifle Team then presented a rifle salute followed the playing of “Taps” by Ben Hobbs of Pringle.

2nd Lt. Martinz suggested that each person attending stroll around the cemetery, write the name of a fallen veteran, and research their past life to make the experience more personal. Participants and guests remarked that the ceremony was exceptionally moving.

At the conclusion, 2nd Lt. Martinz and Major Marking invited the audience to help distribute additional wreaths that were purchased and donated by various sponsors from Custer and Hot Springs and even from Tucson, Arizona.