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## Three SDWG Cadets Attending CLA in DC

By Maj. Bruce Kipp

Three South Dakota cadets selected for the Civil Air Patrol's Civil Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. have won \$500 scholarships to help them attend the event.

The South Dakota CLA participants and scholarship recipients are: Cadet Colonel William Small, a member of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron in Spearfish; Cadet Captain Joshua Busch, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron in Rapid City; and Cadet Captain Elizabeth Foy, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron.

The CLA fosters cadet officers' civic growth by increasing their leadership skills, sense of civic responsibility and overall interest in the democratic process. In the one-week program, cadets participate in behind-the-scenes tours and

Department, the Pentagon, the CIA, the FBI and more. The week culminates with Legislative Day, when cadets meet with their state's elected leaders on Capitol Hill.

Colonel John Seten, commander of the South Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, announced the awards Sunday. The three South Dakota cadets will attend the CLA from 23 February to 2 March 2013.

Cadet participants are selected by the CAP National Headquarters from among a pool of applicants to attend this once-a-year program.

The CLA is not the average field trip to Washington. CLA is an academically focused activity that includes seminars, readings, and group projects. To help compensate for the cadets' absences from school, the academy includes a final project. Each cadet demonstrates their understanding of the political

process, as well as the leadership qualities and techniques that are vital to the success of America's experiment in self-government.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the CAP Civic Leadership Academy on their National Admission List of Contacts &

### Attend "SD CAP Day" 19 Feb. 2013 in Pierre!

South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard has declared Tuesday 19 February 2013 as "S.D. Civil Air Patrol Day." The SDWG is providing a light lunch for legislators, staff, lobbyists, and others in the chambers behind the state House and Senate from 1000 to 1400. It is an opportunity to tell the CAP story to our governmental leaders. All Cadets and Senior Members are invited to attend. Contact Col. John Seten at [sdwingcc@gmail.com](mailto:sdwingcc@gmail.com) for more information.

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### Notice!

*Cadets or Seniors interested in applying for C/CC, C/CD, C/XO, CD or XO for the 2013 Joint Dakota Encampment must apply by 14 February 2013 to Lt. Col. Randy Borton at [dodcguard@aol.com](mailto:dodcguard@aol.com).*

## Around the wing

### No volunteer form

The volunteer agreement form that members needed to sign each year in order to participate in state missions is a thing of the past. Major Nick Gengler, SDWG director of operations, made the announcement earlier this year.

### Free ics 300 & 400 courses in march

Wing members have the opportunity to take the FEMA ICS 300 and 400 courses over a long weekend in Sioux Falls 28 February through 3 March 2013. Lieutenant Colonel Rick Larson, SDWG vice commander, has made it possible for members to take the courses free through the S.D. Air National Guard's training.

#### TO REGISTER:

Step 1= Click link to create a FEMA personal ID account on [FEMA SID site](https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid) <<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>>

Step 2= Register for course(s) desired using your FEMA Student ID

#### [CLICK HERE for ICS 300 Registration](http://shb-sms1.teex.tamus.edu/olrexpress30/site/OLR?WSLOAD=OLRstart&WSCONTEXT=N&CTCD=FP&A9CD=MGT904&A0NB=71&WSPARMLIST=CTCD&A9CD&A0NB) (28 Feb.-1 Mar.)

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Classes are held at the SDANG Civil

*1st Lt. Neil Schmid, KELO-TV reporter Stephanie Gregory, KDLT-TV reporter Laura Monteverdi and Capt. Matt Meert pose after successful media flights in Sioux Falls before the SAREX.*



**Successful Split SAREX:** The 12-13 Jan. 2013 Sioux Falls/Rapid City events attracted loads of media attention and members. It also provided ground team and mission base training. *Photo by Capt. Jerry Foy*

## Maj. Miles Assists in Sandy Aftermath

By Capt. David Small, Jr.

Major Deryl Miles of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron has been in New Jersey since 9 November 2012 assisting with the continuing Hurricane Sandy cleanup.

Miles, an information specialist, has been assigned by FEMA to the Planning Section, Situation Unit, Joint Field Office. This Joint Field Office assists Federal related operations in support of the state of New Jersey.

Major Miles is responsible for generating Critical Information Reports, SITREP information collection and verification of information. Miles has designed a report for the state coordinating officer and senior FEMA staff acting on a request for high-level information from many distributed programs. He works closely with the planning section chief to ensure that all pertinent data is included in these key reports.

As the above illustrates, Maj. Miles is working in a very complex incident command situation. Though he operates at a higher level than most CAP members generally do, the ICS training

success. Major Miles is expected to return to Spearfish in March. We look forward to his insights and stories upon his return to South Dakota.

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## WHO IS YOUR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER?

By Ch. Lt. Col. Gary Rae

The December 2012 release of CAPR 265-1, Chaplain Corp Activities states, “Commanders will endeavor to make character development instruction available during cadet meetings for no less than 1 hour per month. Commanders may temporarily lead the character development session but should strive to recruit a chaplain or character development instructor as soon as possible”.

While not a chaplain, a CDI must be a person of character and integrity “who would be recommended by a reputable member of their community”.

With only two Chaplains in the S.D. Wing, and one unit CDI, unit commanders need to seek out persons who could qualify as CDI’s and have them apply for such an appointment by the national chaplain. Commanders who have persons in mind are highly encouraged to contact Lt. Col. Gary W. Rae, wing chaplain.

## Lookout Mountain Cadets Earns Earhart Award

By Capt. David Small, Jr.

Cadet Samuel Earl earned his Amelia Earhart Award on 17 January 2013 after successfully completing the required comprehensive aerospace exam. The Earhart award concludes the “command” phase of a cadet’s program and Earl will now begin the “executive” phase. C/Capt. Earl represents the fewer than five percent of CAP cadets who progress this far in their CAP experience.

C/Capt. Earl has been cadet commander of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron in Spearfish for the past year. He hopes to attend the Cadet Officer School at Maxwell Air Force Base this summer to further his officer training.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

19 February 2013—Civil Air Patrol Day at the State Capitol, Pierre. POC: Col. John Seten at [sdwingcc@gmail.com](mailto:sdwingcc@gmail.com).

9-10 March 2013—WYWG TLC, Cadet Basic and NCO Courses, Armory, Casper, WY. POC: Lt. Col. BJ Carlson, [capcommander@gmail.com](mailto:capcommander@gmail.com).

1400-1600 22 March 2013—Pierre Composite Squadron Change of Command Ceremony, Pierre Chamber of Commerce Building.

22-24 March 2013—Pierre SAREX. Details TBA.

19-21 April 2013—SDWG Conference, Pierre, Kings Inn. Details TBA.

12-21 July 2013—Joint Dakota ES Encampment, Camp Rapid, S.D. Contact. Lt. Col. Randy Borton at [docdguard@aol.com](mailto:docdguard@aol.com) for more information.

## SDWG Conference 19-21 April in Pierre

The South Dakota Wing Conference returns to the center of the state 19-21 April 2013 in Pierre at the Kings Inn. Please register at the Eventbrite site (see right) at [http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5198701456/?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MjkzMTU5Mi90b2RkZXBwQHItYWlsLmNvbS8w&utm\\_source=cb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformal001&utm\\_term=eventpage](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/5198701456/?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MjkzMTU5Mi90b2RkZXBwQHItYWlsLmNvbS8w&utm_source=cb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformal001&utm_term=eventpage)

Cost is \$30 for banquet.

## South Dakota Wing Conference 2013

John Seten  
Friday, April 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM - Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM (CDT)  
Pierre, SD

Ticket Information				
TICKET TYPE	SALES END	PRICE	FEE	QUANTITY
Registration and Banquet	Apr 19, 2013	\$30.00	\$0.00	1






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**Hey, It's Your CAP History Too!** Maj. Todd Epp, SDWG public affairs officer, was part of a national working group that submitted plans for the 75th anniversary of the CAP to NHQ. The plan is currently under review and being finalized. Look for the SDWG to be a test “laboratory” for some of the activities!

## BSCS Cyber Patriot Team Qualifies for National Finals Again



**Back in the Championship Hunt!** Members of the 2013 Big Sioux Composite Squadron's CyberPatriot team that is returning to the final round of the National CyberPatriot V competition. From left to right: C/CMSgt George James Skon, C/SrA Chris E. Dimmel, C/1st Lt. Joshua L. Klosterman, C/A1C Baine M. Towers, C/CMSgt Simon P. Pulscher, C/CSMSgt Sullivan Busch, C/CMSgt Tyler D. Gross, C/SrA Brianna A. Lynn. Not pictured: Cadets Josiah and Destiny [names obscured].

**By Steve Cox, NHQ  
and  
Maj. Todd Epp**

After last year's second place finish, the Big Sioux Composite Squadron's CyberPatriot V team is again in the hunt for a championship.

Civil Air Patrol cadet teams, all finalists from the previous year, will fill three of the 14 slots in the All-Services Division finals of CyberPatriot V, the national high school cyber defense competition, when the organization seeks its third straight overall championship.

When the two days of national finals begin 14 March 2013 at the Gaylord National Harbor Convention Center in Gaylord, Md., CAP will again be represented

winner; the Youngstown (Ohio) ARS Composite Squadron; and the BSCS team.

The BSCS team is again coached by Capt. Shannon Hofer and mentored by 1st Lt. Michael T. Klosterman.

The teams emerged from Round 3 of the national competition, held at various local sites 11-12 January 2013. Three U.S. Marine Corps Junior ROTC teams and two teams each from the Army, Navy and Air Force Junior ROTCs and the Naval Sea Cadets make up the rest of the finalists.

The qualifying teams will receive all-expenses-paid trips to the finals. Winning team members in the championship round receive scholarships and prizes from CyberPatriot sponsors. In all, CAP teams from eight wings and six regions accounted for 10 of the 45 teams that competed in