



## “THE SKYCHASER”

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### WING TIPS

**HOT NEWS: REDCAP - Civil Air Patrol Locates Man Missing in central South Dakota.** On Monday, 20 May, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, Tyndall AFB, Florida notified the South Dakota Wing that the Hand County Sheriff’s Office in Miller, in coordination with the state Office of Emergency Management requested assistance in the search for a man missing in central South Dakota. Mr. Leroy Nye, an elderly man suffering from dementia, had been reported missing by his family early Sunday morning.

On Monday, 20 May, SD Wing Commander Col. John Seten led a crew in a CAP aircraft from Sioux Falls and carried out an initial search of the area where Mr. Nye was thought to be. Unfortunately, further flight activity had to be cancelled due to deteriorating weather conditions.

Although CAP aircraft from Pierre and Sioux Falls were on standby, bad weather prevented all aerial search operations on Tuesday. On Tuesday, arrangements were made to bring a CAP aircraft from Minnesota Wing specially equipped with hyperspectral imaging sensors. Other technology employed included the South Dakota State interoperable radio system and the Spidertracks<sup>®</sup> aircraft tracking system that allowed search officials to pinpoint aircraft location, altitude, heading, speed and to monitor the search patterns.

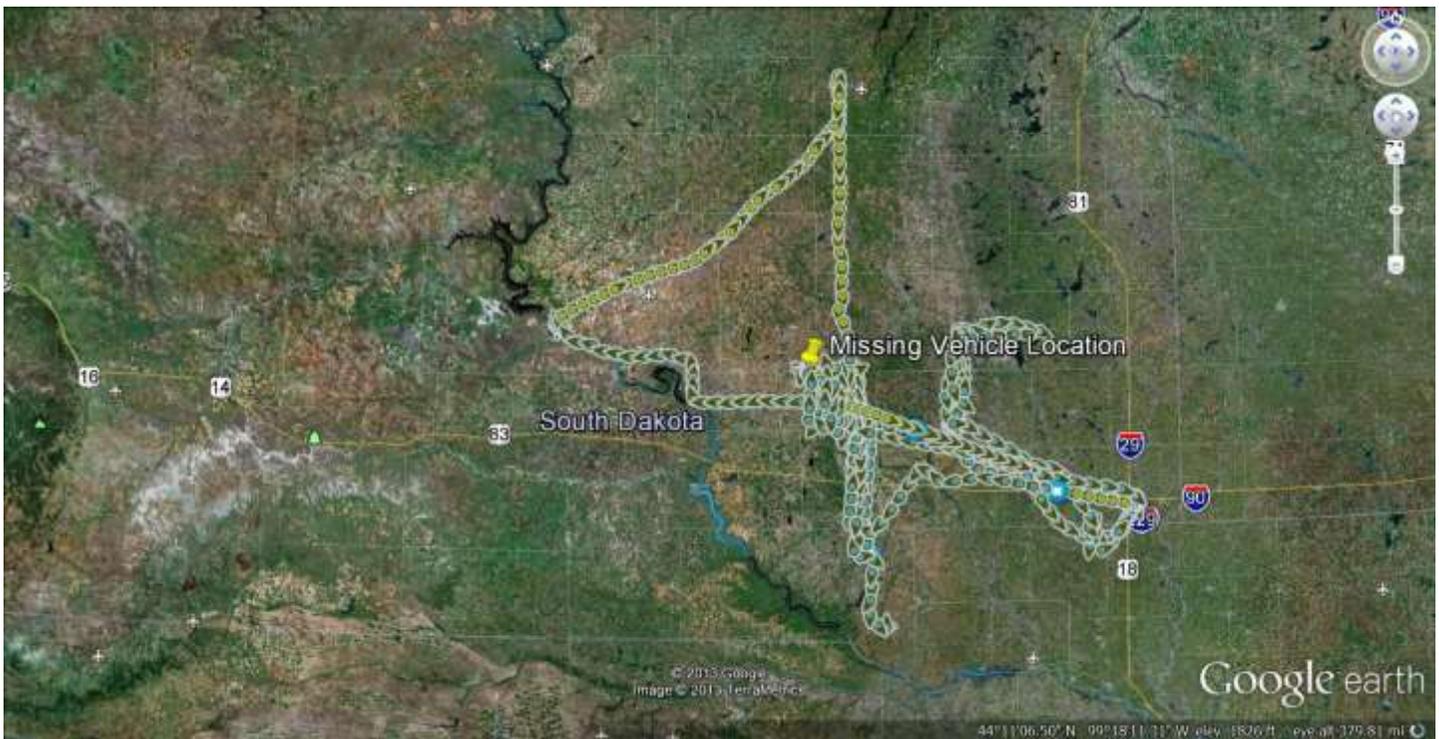
The weather improved early on Wednesday, 22 May and three aircraft conducted numerous flights over the search area, following up on numerous potential leads. Late Wednesday evening weather conditions deteriorated and the Sioux Falls-based CAP aircraft, piloted by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Neil Schmid, radioed that they were going to make a last pass over the area. At approximately 8:50 pm, just as the aircraft turned to return to base the flight crew reported seeing a vehicle. As the aircraft searched overhead the crew spotted a car matching the description of the missing vehicle, northwest of Wessington Springs. The sighting was radioed to Lt. Col. Rick Larson at the mission base who relayed the information to the Hand County Sheriff’s Office. The CAP aircraft continued to circle overhead until law enforcement and medical personnel arrived at the location.

Mission Pilot, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Neil Schmid commented: “My crew did an outstanding job due to their training, dedication to the mission and attention to detail.” The South Dakota crew included 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Kurt Johnson, Observer, and Capt. Karla West, Mission Scanner.

Hand County Sheriff Doug DeBoer and Mr. Nehemia Volquardsen, Emergency Manager for Hand County, were the overall incident commanders during the search. Volquardsen commented “The use of CAP aircraft was a significant asset in the search. Without them the search would have gone on longer and been much more manpower intensive as the area where the vehicle and missing person were found could not be seen from the road.” The South Dakota Wing incident command team included Wing Commander Col. John Seten, Wing Vice-Commander Lt. Col. Rick Larson and Maj. Nick Gengler, Wing Director of Operations.

Col. Seten praised the cooperation throughout North Central Region and thanked everyone for their response. We appreciate North Central Region commander Col. Todd’s assistance and from the CAP Wings under his leadership. It really helped to have the assets we needed a phone call away! Col. Seten added, “I am intensely proud of all those who responded or supported the effort.”

In all, over 20 personnel assisted with the three-day mission from five different locations. Four aircraft flew 19 sorties, for 41.8 hours in support of the effort, covering parts of 12 counties in South Dakota.



FLIGHT PATHS OF THE CAP AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH FOR MR. NYE

**HOT NEWS:** SDWG underwent a joint CAP-USAF Command Inspection (CI) from 4-6 May. All areas were rated “Successful” and Cadet Programs was rated as “Highly Successful.” There were many “Commendable” remarks throughout the report.

- Google Alert – Civil Air Patrol: CAP’s rich and colorful register of region, group and squadron patches over its seven decades of existence is the subject of a book compiled by Senior Member Roger LaShomb of National Headquarters’ National Patron Squadron. “Civil Air Patrol Patches Past and Present, 2011” consists of 115 spiral-bound pages on quality paper featuring full-color photos of more than 600 patches, of which 490 are from regions, groups and squadrons. The sections are listed alphabetically by wing and then numerically by unit. All 52 wings are represented. He continues to seek out more CAP patches, noting in the introduction that

his compendium's contents "is a far cry from the true number of CAP patches that are out there" and that "my hopes are to get several hundred more patches and produce another version of this book." He's also interested in buying or trading for such CAP items as pins, letterheads and certificates. Copies of the book are available from LaShomb for \$23 and a new or used region, group, squadron or activity (encampment, drill team and the like) patch. Without the patch, the cost is \$28. Both prices – payable by check or money order -- include postage and insurance. Orders should go to: Roger LaShomb, 1592 County Route 38, Norfolk, NY 13667. LaShomb can also be contacted at [flashor2@twcny.rr.com](mailto:flashor2@twcny.rr.com)

Source: [www.capvolunteernow.com/news/?member\\_collects\\_publishes\\_photos\\_of\\_600\\_cap\\_patches&show=news&newsID=12879](http://www.capvolunteernow.com/news/?member_collects_publishes_photos_of_600_cap_patches&show=news&newsID=12879)

- Google Alert – Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System, By Maj. Frank Howard, 8 May 2013: TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - On February 22 through the 24 the 181st Intelligence Wing (IW) and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) partnered for the first time for search and rescue exercise "Restless Tomahawk" at Hulman Field in Terre Haute, Ind. During this exercise, CAP and local first responders supported by Air Guardsmen from the 181st IW, worked side-by-side, refining critical team building skills in joint command settings. Traditionally the 181st IW provides logistical and facilities support to the CAP. This year the 181st IW volunteered to provide weather updates as well as incident awareness and assessments to ground, air and command and control teams to increase safety and operational effectiveness.

Restless Tomahawk is a yearly CAP exercise designed to train the CAP, 181 IW and other city and county first responders to successfully work together in the air, on the ground and in the command center to conduct search and rescue operations. This year's multi-agency exercise included five CAP aircraft, multiple ground vehicles and canine search and rescue.

During the exercise the efforts of all organizations resulted in the recovery of a lost civilian pilot and a missing hunter. The aerial teams used airborne search grids while ground teams utilized signal direction finding equipment to search for and home in on the missing individuals. According to Master Sgt Hrovat, 181st IW members used the Geospatial Information Interoperability Exploitation Portable go kit (GIIEP) to provide "open source information to gather, plot and assess open source and search team data to provide CAP commanders a single-source common operating picture."

Overall around 140 people participated in Restless Tomahawk from agencies such as the Riley and Vigo County Emergency Management Agency, the Wabash Valley Chapter of the Red Cross, the Riley and Seelyville Fire Departments, Vigo County Search & Rescue, the Hamilton Center and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). According to Col Donald Bonte 181st IW Commander, "it is these multi-agency exercises that allow the Wing to hone our domestic operations skills and enable the Racers to better serve the Wabash Valley and State in times of crisis."

Source: [www.dvidshub.net/news/106554/racers-train-search-and-rescue-operations](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/106554/racers-train-search-and-rescue-operations)

- Google Alert - Aviation laws take flight in Centennial, by Deborah Grigsby, ourCentennialNews, 15 May 2013, [Edited]: Three new aviation-related bills were signed into law by Gov. John Hickenlooper. The bill-signing took place May 13 in the Denverjet Center lobby at Centennial Airport. One bill, SB 13-060, creates a special license plate for the Civil Air Patrol. "This is just a small way to recognize the tremendous work this organization does," House Rep. Frank McNulty said. **Hickenlooper signed the license plate bill into law on the tail of a Civil Air Patrol plane, much to the delight of uniformed CAP members in attendance.**

Source: [www.ourcoloradonews.com/centennial/news/aviation-laws-take-flight-in-centennial/article\\_b42e6eaa-bd8f-11e2-be10-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.ourcoloradonews.com/centennial/news/aviation-laws-take-flight-in-centennial/article_b42e6eaa-bd8f-11e2-be10-001a4bcf887a.html)

- Google Alert – U.S. Civil Air Patrol flying over Canada, By: Grant Hamilton, Friday, May 24, 2013. Planes from American air bases are flying over Canadian airspace on what's being called the first-ever patrols of their type. The planes - Cessna 182s operated by the Civil Air Patrol - take off and land in the United States, but are surveying water levels in Canada, as authorities assess flooding potentials over the Souris River basin.

Source: [www.brandonsun.com/local/us-civil-air-patrol-flying-over-canada-208804331.html?thx=y](http://www.brandonsun.com/local/us-civil-air-patrol-flying-over-canada-208804331.html?thx=y)

- No injuries reported in [CAP aircraft] emergency landing, The-Dispatch.com, May 20, 2013, [Edited]: Three people were not injured after the airplane they were flying in underwent an emergency landing Saturday morning. Members of the Civil Air Patrol were flying the single-engine Cessna from Winston-Salem, NC south to the Davidson County Airport in Lexington when the engine stalled and they couldn't restart it. The pilot located a field at Clodfelter and Long Perryman roads. Part of the plane's wing touched Clodfelter Road. The emergency landing caused minimal impact to traffic. The Davidson County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. Highway Patrol assisted Midway firefighters at the scene.

Source: [www.the-dispatch.com/article/20130520/NEWS/13052998](http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20130520/NEWS/13052998)



**Building CAP's Future, One Brick at a Time:** The Civil Air Patrol Office of Development is pleased to announce the "Civil Air Patrol Memorial Brick Park" located at CAP National Headquarters, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The purpose of the Park is to provide a permanent home for recognition of CAP members, units and non-CAP members who made a significant contribution to the mission and organization of CAP. The Park will be focused around the L-19 "Bird Dog" aircraft on the pedestal in front of the National Headquarters building. Specific recognition will be accomplished through the placement of memorial bricks and brick pavers, replacing red lava rock currently at the base of the display. The memorials will come in two sizes, a 4" x 8" red brick with a maximum 3 lines of text (\$100.00) or the 8" x 8" red paver with up to 6 lines of text (\$200.00). Orders for the Brick Memorials may be placed through the Development Office, by completing our [Enrollment form](#). For additional information, please contact Skip Dotherow, at 334-953-7748, Ext 225 or [jdotherow@capnhq.gov](mailto:jdotherow@capnhq.gov).

- The South Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol now has a Twitter feed. It is @SDWingCAP. This is another information source to our members and beyond about SDWG activities and news. Also, the address follows numerous military, aviation, emergency services, weather and other feeds related to CAP, so it is also a good source of related information on events and activities beyond our Wing. We will also use it for direct messaging as well. In addition, the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron has a Twitter feed - @sfscap. You'll need to request to follow and the squadron commander will approve your request once verified as a CAP member.

## STAFF NOTES



### **WING COMMANDER**

Col. John Seten, CAP, SDWG/CC

This year's national conference will focus on CAP's critical role in national defense. Early registration rates for both the hotel and the conference end on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> so register for both now before rates go up. Those who register early for the conference will receive a rate of \$99 and the chance to win one of two iPads. Click here to register: [2013 Annual Conference](#).

This year CAP is also having a special reception Thursday night for all first time Annual Conference attendees. This will give our first time attendees the opportunity to meet and talk with the National Commander, Vice Commander, Chief Operating Officer and others on the National Staff. CAP's leaders look forward to using this time to express their appreciation for our members' service and dedication to our organization.

### **HOTEL**

The Sheraton Denver Downtown is offering a special CAP room rate of \$139. This is below the government rate and will only be offered until July 12 or until the rooms are sold out whichever occurs first. Click here

to [book your room today!](#) The hotel is located on a mile-long pedestrian promenade of bistros, microbreweries, shopping and entertainment.

## **WORKSHOPS & LEARNING LABS**

With eight pre-conference workshops and over 40 learning labs, there are sessions to for everyone's professional development needs. Preview the pre-conference workshop schedule and descriptions [clicking here](#) and learning lab descriptions by [clicking here](#).

## **CADET DAY**

There will be a special Cadet Day program on Saturday, August 17. It is a must for cadets wanting to have fun, meet inspirational people like Colonel Mary Feik and gain more knowledge about the cadet program. The cadet registration fee is only \$35 for this one-day event, which includes lunch. If you are a cadet registered for the full conference, this event is included with your registration. For more info or to register, [click here](#).

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## **DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS**

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, CAP, SDWG/DCP

Upcoming information - please disseminate to all your cadet and senior members.

### **CADET LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - June 7-9, 2013**

All cadets are invited to this from the very new cadet to your top cadet. Cadets wanting to assist as instructors should contact C/Capt. Elizabeth Foy ([emfscooter@sio.midco.net](mailto:emfscooter@sio.midco.net)). The event will be in Pierre at the Mickelson Building. Bivouacking is at Bible Community Church in Pierre. Be sure to bring your sleeping bags, toiletries, etc. as if you were on a SAREX. There are showers and a kitchen at the church. Classes will be available for the Cadet Airman, Cadet NCO, and Cadet Officer. Uniform info – you should at least have Class B or civilian clothing (in good taste if have no uniform as yet). No cost. Bring spending money.

### **TRAINING LEADERS OF CADETS (TLC) - JUNE 7-9, 2013**

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler is leading this course. Seniors - this is a course to help you learn how to lead cadets in the cadet program. This will start at 0800 on June 8 at the Mickelson Building in Pierre. Come prepared to learn, participate and share ideas with each other. Plan to be done by noon on Sunday. No cost. Bivouacking available at Bible Community Church or you can stay in a motel - on your own. Three people have expressed interest in this program so far - the more the merrier. Per regulations - two senior members from each squadron must have received this course. It is also a requirement for your Unit SUIs that this has been completed.

### **CORPERATE LEARNING COURSE (CLC) - JUNE 8, 2013**

Col. Mary Donley will lead this course - several people have expressed interest in this course as well. It will be at the Mickelson Building in Pierre. The course will begin at 8 AM and try to end in the 6-7 PM time frame. Contact Col. Donley if you have people interested in this course.

### **JOINT DAKOTA ES ENCAMPMENT - JULY 12-21, 2013**

Senior & cadet members - this is for you, come learn emergency services training - you have the opportunity to become a Ground Team Member either Level 1-2-3 whichever you are needing in this training or Ground Team Leader - and more. Cost is \$140.00 for senior and cadet members. There are still staff positions available for senior and cadet members. Contact Lt. Col. Randy Borton at [docdguard@aol.com](mailto:docdguard@aol.com) (Encampment Commander) - contact C/Capt. Foy for cadet staff positions still available ([emfscooter@sio.midco.net](mailto:emfscooter@sio.midco.net)). This will probably be the last year that we will be able to host an encampment that has leadership or emergency services training due to the new regulations for encampment. This year we are still able to have the diversified encampment but will most likely change to a regulated encampment that all states will need to follow without exception. Send your

applications in now - senior and cadet - to Lt. Col. Randy Borton ([docdguard@aol.com](mailto:docdguard@aol.com)). Check out information on the encampment website (Cap Joint Dakota Encampment). We're currently setting up a website to register for the encampment. Once it's up, the link will be posted. Otherwise, email your application to Lt. Col. Borton at the above email address.

**NATIONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT DAY - DATE TBD - SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER, 2013**

Currently looking to Brookings to host this weekend. There will be a noted speaker to talk with the cadets, and activities, DDR, character development class, and more. It'll be a fun weekend.

Hope this information helps commanders and members to know of upcoming training and activities. Let's get the cadets out to these activities. Seniors there is training for you in June and July particularly - possibly also at other activities. Let's see a great turn-out for all of this training and make SD the best CAP it can be!!!

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**AEROSPACE EDUCATION**

Maj. Rodney "Buck" DeWeese, CAP, SDWG/AE

The clock is ticking! We have a total of 18 SD CAP members attending! There is room for more, but all late applications must be sent directly to the Tea EAA org. CAP will still honor the \$100 scholarship for all CAP members and EAA an additional \$50 for cadets only. But don't dawdle. Seats are now limited!

I have attached a copy of the flyer handed/sent out earlier. ALL ATTENDEES MUST FILL OUT THIS APPLICATION!!! Fax, scan or mail it to the TEA EAA listed on the App. ASAP! This covers a litany of things....Insurance.. Emergency Contact.. Room Assignment.. T-shirt size.. and Temporary EAA Membership to get the discounted tickets to Oshkosh. It's going to be a GREAT TRIP! Take advantage NOW!

[Editor:]The flyer is attached as the last page of this newsletter

**SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS**

**BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058, BROOKINGS)**

(No items submitted for this issue)

**CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)**

(Items and photo submitted by: SM Kris Bierwirth)



On 30 May the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron hosted a pot-luck dinner for members, family & friends to update everyone on the squadron's activities and to thank families and friends for their continued support.

Promotions and awards were presented to squadron members during the pot-luck. See the Kudos section below for specifics.

- The Crazy Horse Squadron is 100% compliant for the Introduction to Safety course and is 86.6% safety compliant for May

## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)**

(Items and photos submitted by: Capt. Small)

- On 2 May, in a change of command ceremony Maj. Deryl Miles, Deputy Squadron Commander and Deputy Commander of Cadets appointed C/Col. William Small as the new Cadet Commander of the squadron. C/Col. Small's primary task will be to groom the future cadet leaders and officers of the squadron so that we can continue to have one of the strongest cadet programs in the entire state. Please join me in thanking C/Capt. Samuel Earl for 15 months of leadership of the cadet corps of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron. Our squadron has the third highest number of cadets in the entire wing - despite being from a city of only 6,000.



Cadets from the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron posted the colors for the 47th annual meeting of the South Dakota Federation of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) in Deadwood on Monday, 13 May.

The cadet color guard consisted of C/Capt. Samuel Earl with C/Col. William Small, C/Capt. David Small and C/SMSGt. Connor Caneva.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and end of the posting of colors the cadets were thanked by a standing ovation from the crowd of about 200.

- On 18 May nine members of the squadron conducted emergency training, both in the classroom and in the field. Maj. Deryl Miles conducted the exercise which simulated a missing aircraft a ground team searching for the beacon. Four senior members and five cadets worked together to use direction finding gear along with shooting azimuths and reading maps to successfully locate the training beacon and simulated victim who had to be carried out on a litter. En route to the crash site members faced inclement weather including heavy thunderstorms and marble sized hail. Operational Risk Management was considered at every step. The mission with the simulated victim retrieved intact with no injuries to the rescue team.



## **PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)**

(Item submitted by: Lt. Col. Gatje)

- The squadron has officially completed its move across the parking lot. The “old” terminal building in Pierre is to be torn down this summer. The Pierre Squadron had long had its offices in the basement of that terminal building. Part of the requirements for funding of the new terminal building was that the old one be destroyed. The squadron moved to another building on the airport, just across the parking lot from the old location. This facility is about 10% the size of the old one so a major reduction in supplies and equipment had to

be made. A new multi-year lease with the city has been signed. The new terminal building has been completed and is operational about 3 blocks north of the old site.

## **RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)**

(Items submitted by: Maj. Goodrich, Capt. Small and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Black. Black photo courtesy of Black Hills & Sturgis Harley-Davidson)

- Recently, Maj. Craig Goodrich had the opportunity to give orientation rides to a group of students from American Horse Middle School, from Bennett County. On Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>, Maj Goodrich participated in a program called the “Hardrocker Aeronautics RISE Program” (HARP). HARP uses aviation to advance students’ understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) concepts, demonstrate the relevance of STEM education, and cultivate interest in STEM careers. The program provides workshops to middle and high school students who attend South Dakota schools. Students learn about the fundamental scientific principles in aviation; are introduced to career opportunities in the aeronautics/aerospace fields; participate in interactive and fun science and technology lab activities; and finally take part in the exhilarating experience of flying in a small single-engine aircraft, directly observing how the presented content is applied in the “real world.”

Maj. Goodrich was asked to be part of this program and fly with these kids. Normally the pilot would be paid as the STEM project is paid for by the US Department of Education GEAR-UP funds. However, as a FedEx pilot, Maj. Goodrich is contractually not allowed to have outside sources of income due to flying. Instead, the HARP program is donating the wages he would have made to the Rushmore Composite Squadron.

Maj. Goodrich said, “This was a true win-win for the program and me. I enjoyed flying with these kids. They whooped and hollered with joy throughout the flight. They were very excited about being in an airplane.” Most of the kids come from low-income families and none of them had ever been in any kind of aircraft before.



Rushmore squadron’s 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Morgan “Dani” Black won the title of “Miss Sturgis” in January and will compete for the title of “Miss South Dakota” in June. As the titleholder, she will spend 2013 promoting her platform of “Ready for Anything: Emergency Preparedness in the Home and Community.” Civil Air Patrol often comes up often in her platform work because the emergency training she received when she first joined is what interested her in the topic. She’ll focus on getting people to think about what they would do in an emergency situation. Part of her goal is also to encourage them to join or support groups such as CAP. You can follow her as Miss Sturgis at <http://misssturgis2013.blogspot.com> and

‘like’ my platform at <http://www.facebook.com/ReadyforAnythingSD>

- When One Door Closes - Wednesday, members of the Rushmore Composite and Spearfish squadrons gathered at the Rapid City Regional Airport to welcome the touring Texas Flying Legends warbirds. The group was stopping in Rapid City to do a photo shoot over the Black Hills between their flyover at the Air Force Academy's graduation ceremony and an appearance in North Dakota. Unfortunately, because of the weather, the vintage planes did not arrive. However, the squadron members got the opportunity to visit with the aviation veterans and other notable individuals who had also come to welcome the planes and their crews. The Cadets had a chance to talk with Col Kevin Kennedy, who is the current base commander at Ellsworth AFB. They also had a chance to get to know Les Snyder, the Wing Commander in South Dakota around 1974. He was a B-29 radar navigator in the Pacific during WWII. He was in the weather plane that preceded Maj. Chuck Sweeney flying "Bockscar" to Nagasaki to drop the second atomic bomb in WWII. Mr. Snyder retired from the USAF as Lt. Col. and became a professor at School of Mines. Despite missing out on the vintage planes, it was a good time for all. A total of eleven senior members and eleven cadets were present. When it was announced that the planes would probably not make it that evening, most of the CAP members went to Pizza Ranch.



LEFT: CAP MEMBERS SPENT THE TIME WAITING FOR THE PLANES VISITING WITH THE VETERANS PRESENT.  
 RIGHT: LES SNYDER TOLD THE CADETS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES DURING WWII.



MAJ. GOODRICH GOT ONE!

Whenever there are five Mondays in a month, the squadron uses the fifth Monday as a family fun day. At the end of April, we spent several hours at the new South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks' Outdoor Campus in Rapid City. The evening included presentations from the GF&P staff on wilderness techniques and mountain lions. We all had dinner together, and then moved outside for some fishing in the pond on the campus. The GF&P staff was amazing; they helped everyone with bait and taught those who hadn't fished before what to do. Their pond had lots of fish in it, so nearly everyone caught at least one. We also saw other pond life including turtles and a family of geese. You can learn about the Outdoor Campus and classes they offer at <http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/outdoor-campus/west/default.aspx>. There is also an Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls.

## **SIoux FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-050, SIoux FALLS)**

(Items submitted by: 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Neil Schmid, photos by Capt. West)



When there are five Thursdays in a month, the squadron uses one of them for a fun day and picnic.

The Sioux Falls cadets enjoyed a pick-up game of football in one of the brief periods of sunny weather in May.

Free food was also a big draw for the crowd of hungry teenagers.



In respect for the hardships and sacrifices made by our nation's servicemen and servicewomen several members of the squadron placed small American flags on veterans' graves at the Hills of Rest Memorial Park in Sioux Falls. It was a time of sober reflection for everyone participating that freedom is seldom free and sometimes the cost of the freedom that we enjoy comes very high. It was a privilege for the squadron to honor the men and women to whom we owe so much.

**★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★**

**U.S. Air Force Promotion**



Congratulations to former Cadet Colonel Francesca Fogarty, a Spatz Award winner and former Cadet Commander of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on her promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant upon her graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy

**Senior Member Promotions**



Congratulations to Senior Member Mike Duffy of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on his promotion to Major!



Congratulations to James Dillon of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant

**Cadet Officer Promotions**



Congratulations to Joshua Klosterman of Big Sioux Composite Squadron and to Brandon West of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Captain and receipt of the milestone Earhart Award!



## Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Camille Lynn of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Devon Brown of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron and to Brianna Lynn on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Jason Parry of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on his promotion to Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



## Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Nicholas Nash and Austin Cole of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, BreAnna Dillon of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron and Calvin Skon of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Zachary Frank and Nicholas Rudnik of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, to Keyvin Rauscher and Austin Rauscher of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, and to Jaden Roblewsky of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Trygve Stonefield of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron and to Ayrika Dempsey, Destiny Jorenby and Jaden Petersen of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the General Curry Award!



★ Congratulations to SFCS Capt. Karla west who completed requirements for the Senior Member Professional Development Program Level III. In recognition thereof he received the Grover C. Loening Award.



★ Congratulations to Maj. Bruce Kipp on his appointment as the Director of Public Affairs of the North Central Region. He will continue to serve as the Assistant Public Affairs Officer of SDWG as well.

★ Congratulations to Cadet Kyle Stiffarm on his appointment as Deputy Cadet Commander of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron.

★ Congratulations to Cadet Jason Parry on his appointment as First Sergeant of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron.

★ Congratulations to Cadet Zach Hollick on his appointment as Flight Sergeant of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron.

★ Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Dillon of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron who achieved “Technician” Level in Specialty Track – Communications.

★ Congratulations to Senior Member Kris Bierwirth on her appointment as Deputy Commander for Seniors of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron.

★ Congratulations to Capt. Sharon Moad of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron who achieved “Technician” Level in Specialty Track – Commander and has passed the examination for “Technician” Level in Specialty Track – Communications.

★ Certificates of Appreciation were presented to: SM Kris Bierwirth for her diligent work on administrative items, while continuing her college classes and being trained in a new computer system for her employment; to Capt. Richard Geeting for his financial assistance to the squadron, public promotion of CAP and his continuing safety work with the airport manager; and to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James Dillon for his continued work in all his functions despite personal limitations and for recruiting his family members into CAP.

★ Congratulations to Capt. Jim Hopewell on his appointment as the Public Affairs Officer for the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron. He will be assisted by C/SSgt Justin Harris.

