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WING TIPS

- The latest issue of the quarterly “CAP Vector”, get the word out about CAP initiatives, events and policies is available at: www.capmembers.com/cap_national_hq/capvector/. Also, the digital version of the *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer* is at www.capvolunteernow.com/cap_volunteer/. In addition to the cover story about Civil Air Patrol’s partnership with the Soaring Society of America, there is a feature about CAP’s selection for a Public Benefit Flying Award for its response to Hurricane Sandy. There is also an article about Col. Mary Feik, who will receive the Katharine Wright Trophy. CAP’s Surrogate RPA program is also featured in the October issue, as well as the organization’s traditional year-end involvement in Red Ribbon Week and Wreaths Across America. Check out the video on page 24 about a CAP member who played a key role in the carrier launch/landing of the Navy’s unmanned X-47B aircraft. Another video on page 39 shows CAP cadets participating in a glider academy in Georgia.

- Google Alert - *Civil Air Patrol plane makes emergency landing on State Highway 395 in Yakima*, posted by Colin Campbell, September 13, 2013, [Edited]: A Civil Air Patrol plane made an emergency landing on U.S. Highway 395 north of Pasco, Washington on 13 September, according to the Associated Press, citing an official from the Federal Aviation Administration. An FAA spokesman said that the pilot of the Cessna-182 declared an emergency due to engine failure. The plane managed to avoid traffic when it touched down on the highway. The pilot and passenger, both members of the Washington [Wing] of the Civil Air Patrol, were reported unhurt and the plane did not hit any vehicles. The plane from the Fairchild Composite Squadron had just departed the Tri-Cities Airport en route to its base in Spokane after a day of CAP aircrew training exercises, according to a CAP news release. After reaching an altitude of 5,500 feet, the pilot radioed to local air traffic control that the aircraft’s engine was having problems. After completing an in-flight emergency checklist, the plane’s engine stopped, and the pilot made an emergency landing on the freeway. One southbound highway lane was partially blocked for a few hours while the CAP responded. The plane, which suffered minor landing gear damage, was towed several miles to a parking lot off the highway exit at Eltopia. CAP personnel plan to remove the wings, put the plane on a trailer and bring it to the Tri-Cities Airport, so they can investigate the engine failure.

Source: <http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2013/09/civil-air-patrol-plane-makes-emergency-landing-on-sr-395-in-yakima/>

Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestnews/1501368-8/small-plane-lands-on-central-washington-highway>

Source: <http://www.nbcrightnow.com/story/23431760/air-craft-makes-emergency-landing-on-highway-395-friday>

Source: <http://www.kvewtv.com/article/2013/sep/15/civil-air-patrol-crews-investigate-plane-engine-fa/>

- On 13 September, SDWG member Maj. Nancy McKenney, a SD Red Cross volunteer from the Oahe Chapter, deployed to Northern Colorado Friday to assist with emergency assistance to families impacted by the flash flooding. Massive mandatory evacuations have led to several shelters opening, including a mega shelter for evacuees in Lyon County. Initially, the Red Cross expects a priority for feeding and sheltering operations. It is anticipated that several support functions will open in the near future. Additional Red Cross volunteers from the Black Hills Area Chapter are on stand-by.

Source: www.kotatv.com/story/23427056/sd-red-cross-volunteer-deploys-to-colorado-to-assist-flood-evacuees

- The date for next year's North Central Region Joint Flight Academy is 11-19 July 2014. The NCR Joint Flight Academy is held in Mankato, Minnesota and is comprised of a Glider and a Power School. There will be two power student and two glider student slots per wing. The application process is now underway.

Cadets must submit their application to the Director of Cadet Programs no later than 31 December. Cadets must submit a CAPF-31 with correct and current information, to include cadet's email address and an email address of their parent(s) or legal guardian. The parent's email address can be added under where the cadet would provide their email address on the form. All CAPF-31s must be signed by parent(s) or legal guardian, Squadron Commander, and Wing Commander.

Applicants for the NCR Joint Flight Academy Glider School must be a minimum of 14 years of age before the first day of the NCR Joint Flight Academy. Applicants for the NCR Joint Flight Academy Power School must be a minimum of 16 years of age before the first day of the NCR Joint Flight Academy. All applicants must have successfully completed an encampment prior to the NCR Joint Flight Academy.

When all applications have been received by the 31 December deadline with all information and signatures, the Director of Cadet Programs of each wing will review the applications of all cadets. If the applications are complete, the Wing Director of Cadet Programs will then interview each cadet applicant.



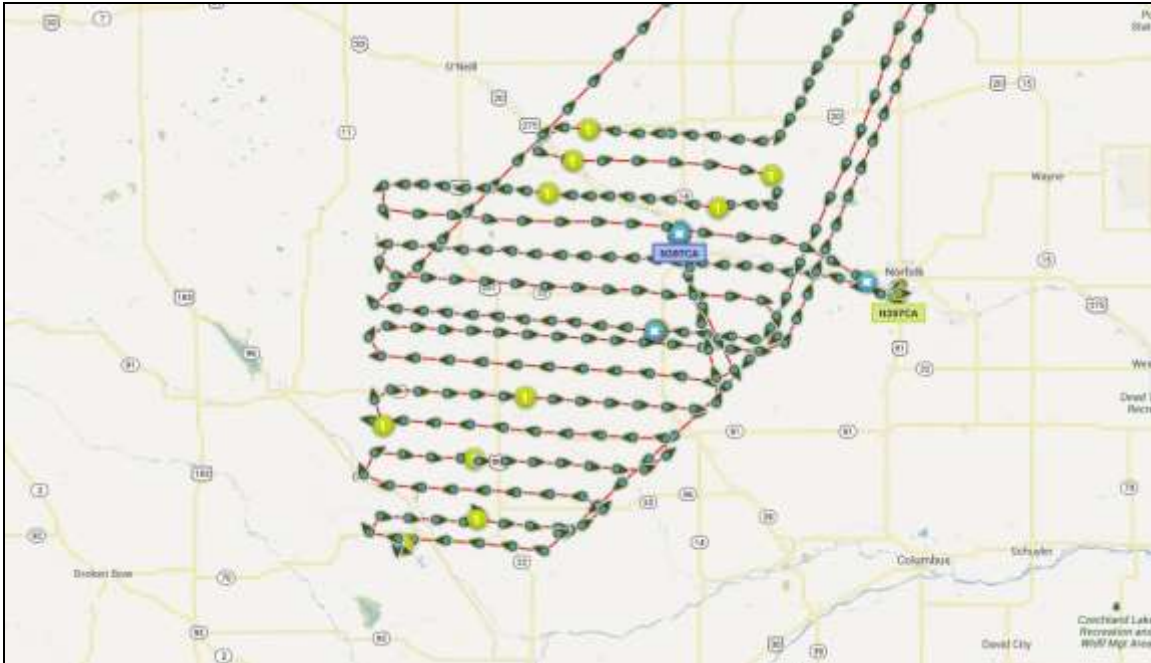
On 8 September, Maj. Justin Johnson, Capt. Joseph Oye, and Col. John Seten who represented Sioux Falls Fire and Rescue, conducted a class at the South Dakota Department of Public Safety's 2013 Southeast District Fall Fire School held at the Hurley Fire Department. The purpose of the fire school was to promote safety and to integrate the efforts of local, state, and federal agencies in structural/wildland firefighting practices. They taught "Large Area Search: Managing the Lost Person Incident". The class was designed to teach the essential knowledge and skills necessary to perform as

the initial Incident Commander on a lost person incident with primary focus on the search element of SAR. The class was designed to prepare the students for the management responsibilities and leadership skills required during a SAR mission, and explained the tasks and procedures needed to effectively manage operations from the initial response through the expansion phases of the search to the final demobilization of all resources. As part of the MLPI class, Ms. Sandy Vernlund of the Brookings County K9 search and rescue taught about how their dogs can be used in a search and what to do and not to do if the dogs are to be successful. After the class Col. Seten commented, "There were fire department members from 20 southeast South Dakota counties present at the Fire School and I'm sure we opened a lot of eyes as to what CAP is all about. I'm also sure we taught them a little about conducting a search."

- Each year the South Dakota Air National Guard (SDANG) requests South Dakota Wing conduct a Low-Level Route Survey (LLRS) of certain military training air routes and aerial Military Operations Areas (MOA). These CAP flights are flown by a Mission Pilot, a Mission Observer, and a Mission Scanner along the routes at

1,000 feet. The surveys' purpose is to locate and identify uncharted obstructions, usually antenna towers, and noise sensitive areas (such as stock pens), which would be avoided by SDANG pilots flying in these areas.

SFCS undertook the final LLRS for Fiscal Year 2013 for the SDANG in September. The southern half of the O'Neill MOA was flown in the G1000-equipped Cessna-182 on 15 September. The flight crew was: Mission Pilot, Capt. Matt Meert; Mission Observer, 1st Lt. Jerry Gabert; and Mission Scanner, 1st Lt. Vinnie Brown. The northern half of the O'Neill MOA was flown in the squadron's Cessna-172 on 26 August.



THE "SPIDER TRACKS" MAPPING PHOTO SHOWS THE ACCURACY OF GPS NAVIGATION UNITS WITHIN OUR CAP AIRCRAFT
Text and tracking photo submitted by 1st Lt. Schmid, SFCS

Whenever CAP flies a LLRS a command post is set up for command, control and communications support for the aircraft. SDWG Vice-Commander Lt. Col. Rick Larson serves as the LLRS Incident Commander.

1st Lt. Vinnie Brown writes: While returning to Sioux Falls from a LLRS mission we encountered a cloud bank and decided to fly above it, about 7,200ft. As we broke above the clouds, I looked west and saw the sun setting and decided it would be a good time to get more familiar with our squadron's Nikon D90 camera. Sunsets are good challenges of contrast, lighting and color, especially if you're learning to use the manual settings on the camera. This photo was taken just north of Yankton at about 6:30 pm.



Text and sunset photo submitted by 1st Lt. Brown, SFCS

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. John Seten, CAP, SDWG/CC

- Congratulations to the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron from Spearfish for earning the Quality Cadet Unit Award for 2012-2013. Great Job!
- SDWG will be offering two \$1000 flight scholarships for Fiscal Year 2014 which begins on 1 October. They can be used for either powered or glider training in corporate aircraft and may be used at any CAP flight academy. The application deadline will be 15 October so please get this info out ASAP to your cadets. On the CAPF-95 we do not need Section C filled out but if the squadron commander wishes to require it they can. *The application deadline will be 15 October* so please get this info out ASAP to your cadets. Send the completed applications to me. I would hate for them to miss out on the opportunity to receive a flight scholarship because they knew nothing of it. The Flight Scholarship criteria sheet is attached as the last page of this newsletter. Please direct questions about this program to me.
- On Wednesday, 11 September SDWG Commander, Col. John Seten, gave a presentation on CAP to the South Dakota Emergency Management Association Annual Conference at Cedar Shores Resort near Oacoma. Assisted by Wing Vice-Commander, Lt. Col. Rick Larsen, and SDWG Director of Operations, Maj. Nick Gengler they hosted two one-hour breakout sessions with a total audience of about 60 people. Following a background briefing on CAP a discussion was held on what SDWG can and probably can't do. There was much interest so don't be surprised if someone from your area contacts you wanting more information about our capabilities. We have likely picked up a consumer that wishes to have all of the roads in their county flown and have every culvert located and marked on a map for future flood mitigation issues. This is well within the scope of what we can do. Don't be afraid to get out in your communities and meet your local emergency managers, sheriffs, fire chiefs etc. and tell our story. You never know what will happen.



WING DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS

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

South Dakota Wing held a National Character Development Day/Drug Demand Reduction Day as well as a Training Leaders of Cadets (for seniors) 13-15 September 2013. This was a very highly successful and fun weekend for all. 15 seniors and 16 cadets were in attendance as participants or observers this weekend.

Capt. Sharon Moad (Crazy Horse Composite Squadron Commander) gave a talk on "End of Life" which was related to her own personal family experience with methamphetamine - its use - its dangers - and how it affects everyone - in this case how it affected three generations - her daughter, granddaughter, and great grandson and ended in the death of that 4 month old great grandson. She shared pictures of the changes that took place in her daughter while using methamphetamine and shared how her daughter's life affected her granddaughter's life and eventually her great-grandson's life. This had a profound effect on those viewing the pictures as well as what she had to say on the drug. Cadets had many questions after her talk. Thank you Capt. Moad for sharing this difficult but educational experience with others.

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler (SDWG Drug Demand Reduction Administrator) held a DDR activity for cadets while sharing how drinking or using drugs while driving can result in death or serious injury to others as well as to the driver. Resources used included the Fatal Vision goggles while driving remote cars around a set of pylons; Tic-Tac-Toe ball toss and dart board toss wearing the drug goggles. Not many successes in these activities.

Maj. Deryl Miles also assisted with the activity by putting cadets through the walk-the-line activity while wearing the Fatal Vision goggles and having them do different intoxication testing as done by police officers.

Submitted by: Capt. David Small, Senior Advisor to the SDWG Cadet Advisory Council

On 14 September, the South Dakota Wing Cadet Advisory Council had its first meeting of the new CAP Fiscal Year. The meeting was held in conjunction with National Character Day activities at Ellsworth AFB. Members of the SDWG CAC for the year starting 1 October 2013 are:

Representing the South Dakota Wing to the North Central Region:

Primary: C/Capt Brandon West, Assistant: C/2d Lt Silas Busch

CAC Chair:

Primary: C/2d Lt Silas Busch

Assistant: C/2d Lt Sullivan Busch

Recorder: C/2d Lt. Nicole Schneider

Pierre Composite Squadron (SD-038):

Primary: C/A1C Hannah Becker

Assistant: C/A1C Brady Roseland

Rushmore Composite Squadron (SD-031):

Primary: C/Amn Blake Berry

Assistant: C/Amn Anthony Pruitt

Crazy Horse Composite Squadron (SD-068):

Primary: C/SSgt Jason Parry

Assistant: C/SSgt Kyle Stiffarm

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron (SD-050):

Primary: Open

Assistant: C/2d Lt. Nicole Schneider

Big Sioux Composite Squadron (SD-058):

Primary: C/2d Lt Sullivan Busch

Assistant: C/CMSgt Camille Lynn

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron (SD-063):

Primary: C/CMSgt Jared Doyle

Assistant: C/SSgt Justin Harris

Cadet Advisor: C/Col William Small

Some of the items proposed were: have SDWG offer a marksmanship medal; host an Aerospace Education Day at Ellsworth AFB; have SDWG offer a statewide Cadet Leadership School; explore ways of improving cross-squadron communications; and determine if cadets can get rides in USAF aircraft.

The CAC elected to select three items for further action: marksmanship medal; Cadet Leadership School; and better cross-squadron communications.

Submitted by: Capt. David Small



Over the weekend of 14/15 September, Capt. David Small taught a "Training Leaders of Cadets" (TLC) course under the supervision of Lt. Col. Buechler. This course, specifically designed for senior members who work directly with cadets was held at Rushmore Composite Squadron on Ellsworth AFB in conjunction with National Character Day program for the cadets. Nine senior members completed the class.

PHOTO OF THE GRADUATES: FRONT ROW, L TO R: SM KRIS BIERWIRTH (CUSTER), SM RACHEL KUECKER (RAPID), 2LT TYLER CAVIN (SIOUX FALLS), 1LT JON BECKER (PIERRE), AND 1LT DANI BLACK (RAPID). BACK ROW, L TO R: MAJ. DERYL MILES (SPF), 1LT BRANDON CANEVA (SPF), 2LT TRAVIS RUST (BROOKINGS), AND CAPT. BILL COLLISTER (SPF/WING)

Submitted by: Lt. Col. Myra Christensen

SDWG conducted a Character Development training weekend for cadets on 13-15 September at the Rushmore Composite Squadron Rapid Headquarters located on Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City. Classes began with a Safety Briefing from Capt. David Small. He then introduced Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, South Dakota Wing Director of Cadet Programs and Wing DDR Coordinator. She presented the cadets with the Air Force Academy's Character Model Handbook - Awareness, Reasoning, Decision, Action.

Featured speakers included:

Col Thomas Goulter, USAF - He spoke on making right/wrong decisions and how they affected your life. He talked about his childhood hardships, decisions he had made and how they had affected him.

FBI Special Agent Jonie Pecora - This presentation pertained to decisions being made on terrorism, being aware of our surroundings and things happening, and then making positive decisions. This was reinforced by a stranger joining our group, sitting for a brief time, mumbling some French and then leaving. A discussion also was held on drug trafficking.

Capt. Rick Goeriger, CAP – Gave a presentation on Ethics.

C/2d Lt Sullivan Busch, CAP - Lead a debate activity.

C/Col William Small – CAP - Gave a presentation on his choice to join CAP and how CAP affected his life in many positive ways.



Shown are some cadets who completed the course with Lt. Col. Buechler. Photo by Lt. Col. Myra Christensen.

Those attending included:

Brookings Composite Squadron - C/2d Lt Sullivan Busch and C/B Zebadiah Nelson, **Crazy Horse Composite Squadron** - C/TSgt Jason Parry and C/SSgt Kyle Stiffarm, **Pierre Composite Squadron** - C/SrA Hannah Becker and C/A1C Brady Roseland, **Rushmore Composite Squadron** - C/Amn Blake Berry, C/2d Lt Sullivan Busch, C/SMSgt Errol Kelly and C/Amn Anthony Pruitt, **Sioux Falls Composite Squadron** - C/Amn Essence Livermont, C/MSgt Matias Kowang and C/B Dylan Purkapile, **Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron**: C/CMSgt Jared Doyle, C/Col William Small and CB Peter Iverson



WING STANDARDIZATION/EVALUATION OFFICER

Maj. Craig Goodrich, CAP, SDWG/DOV

Directives for Pilots:

- Fuel Entry in WMIRS: Please annotate your Sortie in WMIRS with the amount of fuel you put on board for all flights including those that you pay for the fuel. If you're paying for the flight, leave the "Reimbursed To" field blank and there's no need to upload a fuel receipt.
- Fuel Receipt at Rapid City: If you refuel at Westjet FBO in Rapid City, please do not upload your fuel receipt in WMIRS unless you got the receipt from Karen – the lady that normally works weekdays at the desk. We've had issues with other employees not charging the correct amount for fuel. If you get fuel on a weekend or from someone other than Karen, enter the fuel amount in WMIRS and either scan the receipt and then mail to Wing HQ (SouthDakotaWA@gmail.com) or drop it by the Wing HQ office and slip the receipt under the door or put it on Rachel's desk. Once Rachel gets the invoice from the business office at Westjet she will enter the correct amounts in WMIRS and upload the fuel receipt for you.
- Government Shutdown – As of 1 Oct most CAP flights are grounded. Please check your email for any updates/restrictions, or look at this: <https://missions.capnhq.gov/wmirs/downloadfiles/ShutdownMessage.pdf>

Info for Pilots:

- If you haven't seen the new CAP apps yet for the iPad, they're worth checking out. They can be found at: www.goflycap.com/cap-aviation/apps/cap-grid-demo. The "CAP Preflight" app is able to do weight and balance and ORM for you. The Weight and Balance is approved for use by SDWG pilots, is you agree with disclaimers with the app... namely that you as PIC are responsible for the accuracy of your Weight and Balance, even if the program gets it wrong. Foreflight has some very useful new CAP applications, too.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items and photos submitted by: SM Bierwirth)



This month the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron had a change of Cadet Commander. C/2d Lt Gunner Lefebvre relinquished his command to C/MSgt Jason Parry. Gunner is confident that Jason will do an excellent fulfilling the duties bestowed on him

2nd LT Lefebvre will be moving to Florida but assures us he will be joining a CAP squadron near him. We wish him all the best and hope to be able to see him in other CAP activities. He will be greatly missed.

Photo L to R: C/2d Lt Gunner Lefebvre, 1st Lt. James Dillon, C/MSgt Jason Parry



“Houston, we have a problem - We ate the astronauts!” 2nd Lt. Victoria Bierwirth led our Aerospace Education training for the month. The theme was "Landing a Mission on Mars".

Our corps of budding interplanetary astronauts had to build a space shuttle out of cardboard, index cards, drinking straws, and paper cups.

Whoever could land the mission shuttle on the “Red Planet” without losing any astronaut crewmembers (marshmallows) won. We aren't sure what they won as the rest of us ate the spare astronauts while waiting for completion of the mission. Squadron Note to NASA: pack lots of marshmallows for the real mars mission crew.

Photo L to R: C/MSgt Jason Parry, Visitor Tony Dillon, C/Amn Thomas Dillon, C/A1C Zach Hollick and C/2d Lt Gunner Lefebvre.

- On the 14th and 15th of September, Capt. Sharon Moad and Senior Member Kris Bierwirth attended the “Training Leaders of Cadets” course. C/MSgt Jason Parry and C/SSgt Kyle Stiffarm attended the meeting of the SDWG Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) held in conjunction with the National Character Day program at Rushmore Composite Squadron on Ellsworth AFB. The training was excellent, the guest speakers were phenomenal! We all came home with some amazing information and eager to try new ideas.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)

(Item/photos submitted by: Capt. Small)

- Under the direction of Maj. Deryl Miles members of the squadron participated in the 9/11 Remembrance and South Dakota Fallen Heroes Banner Flag dedication held at the Center of the Nation Monument in Belle Fourche. This was a solemn ceremony where each of the 35 servicemembers from South Dakota who have died in combat since 9/11 were honored with a participant carrying a US Flag with the fallen servicemember's name on a banner. The flags were carried from inside the museum where they were posted by a picture of the fallen soldier out to the center of the nation monument then back inside. South Dakota's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Larry Zimmerman, a retired Army National Guard command sergeant major, read the names of South Dakotans fallen in national service after the terrorist attacks on American Sept. 11, 2001. Squadron members who carried flags were; Maj. Buck DeWeese, C/Col William Small, C/Capt Samuel Earl, C/CMSgt Jared Doyle, C/SMSgt Isaac Rosby, C/A1C Austin Rauscher and C/A1C Keyvin Rauscher.



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

(Items submitted by: Maj. Kipp and 1st Lt. Schmid, photos by Capt. West and 1st Lt. Brown)



The city of Sioux Falls celebrated POW/MIA Day on 20 Sep. A solemn ceremony was held at the city's Veterans Memorial Park that was well attended by numerous local veterans' groups and members of the public. The squadron's Color Guard led the procession to the dais where they posted the colors. The strong afternoon breeze required the cadets to remain on the dais throughout the hour-long ceremony in order to keep the flags from blowing over, not an easy task. After proclamations from the Governor and the Mayor of Sioux Falls were read a CAP Cessna-182, from the Sioux Falls Squadron, piloted by Capt. Joe Oye, performed a flyover of the ceremony. The guest speaker, Mr. Larry Zimmerman, South Dakota Secretary of Veterans' Affairs gave a speech and afterwards singled out the Color Guard for special praise for their professionalism. At the conclusion of the ceremony a Marine Corps League firing party provided a rifle salute after which the Color Guard retired the colors.

- As the budget year closed the SFCS pilots and cadets flew six Orientation Rides in the final days of the Fiscal Year 2013. This was the first powered aircraft ride for cadet Edwards and for the Kreger brothers and the third for cadet Brown. The Kreger's met legionary rock star Ted Nugent at the Yankton airport, but they are too young to know of him. But 1LT Schmid is old enough!



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE 1ST LT. KURT JOHNSON, CADET MATTHEW EDWARDS, CADET DEVON BROWN, CADET KYLE KREGER, CADET IVAN KREGER, AND 1ST LT. NEIL SCHMID. PHOTO BY SM MICHAEL EDWARDS

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotion



Congratulations to Lisa Swanson of Rushmore Composite Squadron on her promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant!

Cadet Officer Promotion



Congratulations to Silas Busch of Rushmore Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant and on his appointment to the cadet staff as Administrative officer.

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Matias Kowang and to Devon Brown of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Isaac Rosby of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Austin Cole of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Joseph Jagodzinski of the Rushmore Composite Squadron and to Catharine Foy of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Anthony Pruitt of Rushmore Composite Squadron and to Jaden Petersen of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Dylan Purkapile of the Sioux Falls Composite and Bronson Lynn of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the General Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Wing staff member Maj. Rodney “Buck” DeWeese who completed Level IV “Command and Staff” of the Senior Member Professional Development Program and in recognition thereof received the Paul Garber Award!



Congratulations to SM Jamie Nowlin of Rushmore Composite Squadron on completing the requirements for Level I of the Senior Member Professional Development Program and in recognition thereof received the Membership Ribbon!



Congratulations to Capt. David Small of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron who attained "Master" rating in Specialty Track – Cadet Programs!



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Lisa Swanson of the Rushmore Composite Squadron who attained the "Technician" rating in Specialty Track – Finance!

★ Congratulations to 1st Lt. John Arneson of Rushmore Composite Squadron on his appointment as the unit's Drug Demand Reduction Officer!

SDWG'S BRAIN-BUSTING CADET TRIVIA QUESTION



Each month's cadet trivia question is selected from a variety of military-related topics such as uniforms, customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, emergency services, cadet programs, aerospace education, etc. The first cadet to contact me with the correct answer wins the glory of seeing their name in print in next month's issue as the hero who answered the question.

Last Month's Military Trivia Hero: None

This Month's Military Trivia Question:

When is it customary for an officer of any US military service to initiate a salute to an enlisted person of any US military service?

(Hint: This is to salute first, not to return a salute)

- Google Alert – U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, by Don Branum, Air Force Academy Public Affairs, posted 12 September 2013: [Edited] It's a bit easier to spot Cadet 4th Class Sara Fishbein these days: She's the one with a new feather in her cap. The Civil Air Patrol recently named Fishbein, a native of Dayton, Ohio, the top CAP cadet in the nation. Fishbein said, "I found out as soon as I got back from basic cadet training that CAP had coordinated with the Academy and was actually going to let me travel to the event."



Fishbein joined CAP when she was 13 because she believed the Air Force Academy considered CAP experience on applications. She said, "I ended up completely falling in love with the program," she said. "CAP kept me really focused and headed in the right direction." She said highlights of her CAP experience included a trip to Australia for an International Air Cadet Exchange and a para-rescue orientation course at Kirtland Air Force Base, NM. She added, "... I also spent a lot of time in my local squadron and worked through some of the leadership positions there." Those leadership positions prepared Fishbein to take an active role in her Academy squadron. Fishbein keeps in touch with her former squadron-mates, many of whom are active-

duty Airmen now. She said she plans to continue her involvement with CAP. The Air Academy Cadet Squadron meets regularly on base.

Nominees for the cadet of the year award are first selected to compete at the squadron level. Squadron selectees compete through 52 CAP wings, then in one of eight geographic regions. Those eight finalists meet a national review panel.

CAP provides roughly 10 percent of the Academy's cadets, according to the organization's fact sheet.

Source: US Air Force Academy, www.usafa.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123363006

Photo credit: U.S. Air Force photo/Don Branum

