



“THE SKYCHASER”

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WING TIPS

In recognition of Veterans Day this 11th of November, SDWG wishes to honor its members who are veterans of military service. To that end please see the last two pages of this eNewsletter which lists SDWG members who so ably served in our nation's armed forces and so ably continue to serve our country in the Civil Air Patrol as members of our Wing. Ladies and Gentlemen Veterans – Thank You!

HOT NEWS: A fluke, early-autumn blizzard began in the west river area on 3 October with heavy rain that quickly turned to snow. By the next day, as much as four feet of snow had fallen which, combined with 70-mph winds, created monster drifts that paralyzed much of the western half of the state, surprised hunters out in the Black Hills during elk hunting season and caught livestock still in their summer grazing land.

On Monday, 7 October, the state's Department of Game, Fish and Parks requested SDWG conduct an air search for hunters that might have been stranded in the Black Hills, an area with some of the heaviest snowfall. CAP aircraft from Rapid City, Spearfish and Sioux Falls responded and flew several sorties over the search area. This mission stood down the next day as there were no reports of stranded hunters.

Also on 7 October, the state's Department of Public Safety requested CAP conduct an aerial survey of dead livestock along state highways, highway right-of-ways and I-90. This mission was carried out in the counties of Harding, Butte, Lawrence, Pennington, Custer, Fall River, Shannon, Bennett, Jackson, Haakon, Meade, Perkins, Corson, Ziebach, and Dewey. Three CAP aircraft flew numerous sorties along the search routes. Numerous photos with GPS data were forwarded to DPS personnel so that they could direct crews to the sites to remove the carcasses. This mission continued through Wednesday, 10 October.

On Wednesday, 10 October a new mission was received. The Office of Emergency Management in Pennington County request that CAP conduct an aerial survey to pinpoint the locations of dead livestock obstructing county roads and in roadway right-of-ways. One CAP aircraft conducted this survey mission. Pennington County OEM officials were very pleased with the GPS-tagged photos. This mission continued through Friday, 11 October.

Another mission was received on Friday, 11 October, this time from the Office of Emergency Management in Meade County. They too requested CAP conduct an aerial survey to pinpoint the locations of dead livestock obstructing county roads, in roadway right-of-ways and along the county's major waterways. One CAP aircraft conducted this survey mission. Meade County OEM officials were also pleased with the GPS-tagged photos. This mission continued through Saturday, 12 October.

The initial Incident Commander was Wing Commander Col. John Seten. When it became clear an additional aircraft was needed out west Col. Seten opted to fly one of the Sioux Falls based CAP aircraft to the area. He therefore transferred incident command authority to Wing Vice-Commander Lt. Col. Rick Larson, himself an experienced Incident Commander who remained Incident Commander throughout the missions.

In the six very busy days of state and county missions (7-12 October) SDWG utilized three aircraft (one each from the CAP units in Spearfish, Rapid City and Sioux Falls). These aircraft carried out 23 sorties accounting for 74 hours of flying time. 19 highly skilled SDWG personnel answered the call to perform the missions. 11 aircrew members and nine ground support staff contributed approximately 300 man hours of their own, unpaid time to accomplish the tasks. Nearly 400 high-quality photos with GPS location data were provided to Emergency Management personnel.

After he finally had a moment to catch his breath, Lt. Col. Larson commented: "The operations responding to state and county assistance requests in South Dakota's west river areas shows the versatility and value of CAP personnel and assets. The incredible CAP volunteer power combined with training and technology allows valuable timely information to flow for decision support and assessment. It really makes a difference in response time and plans when emergency managers have usable data."

All four of the missions conducted by South Dakota Wing received widespread coverage in local and state print and broadcast media as well as coverage in national media such as CNN and the Associated Press wire service. In addition, many laudatory comments from state and county officials have been expressed about the speed and professionalism of SDWG's response to their requests for assistance. Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing is proud to have been able to support the state in a time of emergency.

The Wing expresses its deep appreciation to everyone who responded to the call for assistance. In addition, the Wing expresses its sincere thanks to the member's families and to the member's employers. Their support was crucial to the successful accomplishment of the missions.

MORE HOT NEWS: CAP News Release - Oct. 23, 2013. Civil Air Patrol's noncommissioned officer corps is poised to become a larger and far more significant and dynamic facet of the all-volunteer organization's operations and missions. Under a plan approved and signed by Air Force Manpower and Reserve Affairs Assistant Secretary Daniel Ginsberg, CAP's NCO program is being restructured to align with the U.S. Air Force's structure for NCOs. Until now, only former active-duty NCOs were allowed to join CAP's NCO corps, and then only at the ranks they held in the military. No upgrade training was available for promotion within the NCO ranks. Under the restructured program that will change. The newly approved corps structure will mirror the Air Force NCO force structure, with an established process to promote and develop NCOs. In addition, NCOs will be eligible for any CAP position, including pilots, at all organizational levels – squadron, group, wing, region or national – except for those reserved for officers, such as unit commander. For now, eligibility for the NCO corps is limited to those who now hold or have previously held the military grades of E-5 through E-9 – staff sergeant, technical sergeant, master sergeant, senior master sergeant and chief master sergeant – in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. Along with making the organization more appealing to past and present military NCOs, the restructured program is also designed to provide CAP commanders at all levels with greater access to the professional military skills, training and experience that the NCOs can readily provide. CAP members without military backgrounds are also expected to benefit from their NCO colleagues' expertise in military organization, leadership and management. The new CAP senior member NCO insignia will

use the same NCO chevron system as the Air Force; however, in the center of the insignia instead of a white star there will be the letters C-A-P and a propeller.

STILL MORE HOT NEWS: The search and rescue training exercise (SAREX) held Saturday, 26 October, was a success! This SAREX was unusual in two major ways. First, it was a “distributed” SAREX meaning that it took place across the state and involved four South Dakota Wing units simultaneously. Second it was a “virtual” SAREX, conducted through computer interface and communications modes including radio and video teleconferencing. Spidertracks and SPOT provided graphic displays in real-time of locational data of aircraft and ground teams respectively. This virtual aspect is in contrast to an exercise where everyone gathers at one spot to conduct the training. The overall purpose of the exercise was to train mission support staff in organizing, planning and controlling an emergency services mission, to train mission aircrews in the techniques of aerial observation, and to train ground search teams in search and rescue skills. Specific tasks were assigned to the individual units by the Incident Commander, Col. John Seten based on their capabilities.

The training scenarios involved CAP aircraft searching for overdue light aircraft, an aerial survey/photography of flooding around Lake Madison, and an aerial search for a missing boater at Lake Vermillion. Ground mission scenarios included searching for a simulated aircraft crash site, and survey/photography of potential flood zones around the Farm Island Recreation Area near Lake Sharpe. Aircraft emergency beacon simulators were used to replicate an aircraft crash site which allowed the aircrews and ground team to use their radio-direction-finding equipment to pinpoint the location. Also tested was the capability of an aircrew to vector a ground search team to a specific area.

The SAREX was well covered in the state’s news media and two Sioux Falls television stations sent a reporter to the mission base to interview personnel and film the activity. KELO-TV ran a nice segment on the SAREX on their 10pm news broadcast that night.



SAREX MISSION BASE COMMAND STAFF



CAP SAREX AIRCRAFT ON THE TARMAC AT SIOUX FALLS

YET MORE HOT NEWS: On 29 October, the state’s Office of Emergency Management requested SDWG conduct an aerial survey of livestock carcasses in the waterways of Butte and Meade Counties that were killed in the early October blizzard. The new mission was to pinpoint the locations of large groups of animal carcasses lying in waterways that are marked on the South Dakota official highway map. Local officials familiar with the livestock industry were to accompany the aircrews to assist in this task.

After detailed preparation, on 31 October three CAP aircraft and crews; one from Sioux Falls, one from Rapid City and one from Spearfish responded. It was initially anticipated that the mission could last into the weekend. However, due to outstanding pilotage and the expertise of the mission scanners and mission observers the task was completed in a single day. Five sorties were flown for a total of 19.1 hours aloft.

After completing the aerial survey the GPS-tagged photos were uploaded for SDOEM analysis and evaluation. Should SDOEM request additional photos, CAP aircrews are standing by to conduct further survey flights. The flight crews consisted of: Pilots - Capt. Joe Oye, 1st Lt. Jason Erickson, Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, Mission Observer - Capt. Gary Dettman, and Mission Scanners - Capt. Karla West, Capt. Pat Nowlin, 1st Lt Lisa Swanson.

Col. John Seten was the Incident Commander for the survey mission on 31 October. 1st Lt. Neil Schmid, SFCS, served as IC-Under-Instruction and Lt. Col. Rick Larson served as IC Instructor. A “virtual” Mission Base was formed to provide command and control and communications support to the aircraft. Col. Mike Beason was to serve as the Incident Commander in the event SDOEM requested additional survey flights on 1 November. As it turned out none were required and the mission was stood down.

SDWG expresses its thanks and appreciation to all its volunteer personnel, aircrews and mission base staff, who left real-world lives in mid-week to handle this mission for the state.



SPIDERTRACKS OVERLAY (RED) OF FLIGHT ROUTES OF SDWG AIRCRAFT ON WATERWAYS SURVEY IN BUTTE/MEADE COUNTIES PROVIDED BY 1ST LT NEIL SCHMID

- From Julie DeBardelaben, Deputy Director, Public Affairs, NHQ: Maj. Gen. Chuck Carr launched a blog which he will use to discuss major CAP events as well as his vision for CAP. The blog is posted at: www.capmembers.com/national_commanders_blog/.
- From Col. Regena Aye, Director, North Central Region Staff College: We would be excited to have members attend the Region Staff College being held at Kansas Wing HQ in Salina from 27 December 2013-1 January 2014. Members who have completed Level III are encouraged to consider attending so they can

complete a requirement for Level IV. Members who are interested in serving on staff should also contact me about opportunities that are available. Staff members will report on the 26th. Cost for this activity is \$100. See the attached flyer for information on billeting/messing.

- November 11th is Veterans Day. Sioux Falls Veterans Day activities will be on Monday, 11 November with a ceremony at Lincoln High School at 1030. A Veterans Administration Service of Remembrance Memorial will be held at the VA Medical Center at 1330. The Sioux Falls chapter of the VFW will hold a Veterans Day Banquet at 1730 at the post.

- Happy 238th Birthday to the U.S. Marine Corps, established on 10 November 1775. *Semper Fi*

- CAP is one of 15 non-profit aviation organizations nominated for the 2013 Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Pilot's Choice grant program. The organizations, selected from hundreds of nominees, will benefit from grants of up to \$10,000. CAP is currently in FOURTH place out the FIVE organizations in the Senior Finalists category, so we REALLY need your vote and the vote of any of your family and friends in order to move CAP to the TOP! Voting closes November 1, 2013 and the winning organizations will be announced in November. Please vote for CAP to receive a Lightspeed grant to support CAP's Aerospace Education programs at <http://www.lightspeedaviationfoundation.org/content.cfm/Voting/Get-to-know-the-2013-finalists/Civil-Air-Patrol>

- CAP's K-6 Aerospace Connections in Education (ACE) Program annually reaches 18-20,000 youth and their teachers in classrooms nationwide. This program gives youth an early introduction to CAP's aerospace and cadet programs, thus preparing the next generation of CAP cadets and adult members. The ACE "uniform" is a t-shirt that promotes a sense of team pride, especially when observed by peers. These shirts are supported by donations from Lightspeed Aviation, Air Force Association, and FLIR Thermal Imaging Systems, Inc., but, due to CAP's financial constraints, we need additional donations from our members. Each \$4 donation supports one student. Won't you consider making a donation by November 15th of any amount to help continue to provide the ACE uniform to these students? To make any size donation from \$4 to \$4,000, you can click on the link in the email that you received from NHQ to donate using PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account, credit card instructions are at that same link. You will receive an e-mail receipt for your tax deductible donation. If you prefer to send a check, a receipt will be mailed to you after receiving your check made payable to CAP ACE and mailed to: Civil Air Patrol National HQ ATTN: ACE 105 South Hansell Street Montgomery, AL 36112.



This item is on eBay - an Ashton Lewis signed Civil Air Patrol diecast car. For the 2002-2003 NASCAR racing seasons CAP sponsored car #46 driven by Ashton Lewis Jr. in the Busch Grand National series. He racked up a total of seventeen top-10 finishes while under CAP sponsorship. Note the unusual motto on the top of the box - "Eyes of the Home Skies". It is offered for the magnificent sum of \$5 + \$10 shipping.

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. John Seten, CAP, SDWG/CC

- I've appointed Lt. Col. Deryl Miles of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron as the Wing Emergency Services Officer. Deryl has a lot of experience in CAP and also working with FEMA. I'm confident he will do well in his new role.
- We have been approved to fly USAF funded orientation flights starting today. We have \$1700 to spend on fuel. Let's take to the air and aggressively get some O-Flights done before we hibernate for winter. If you don't have an aircraft, make arrangements with the closest flying squadron and either move your cadets to them or have them fly to you. First come, first served.



AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Lt. Col. Rodney "Buck" DeWeese, CAP, SDWG/AE

We still have over \$3000.00 of SD/DOT funding for Aerospace Education and Rocketry, or anything else we can approve to improve AE for cadets. We plan to provide \$100.00 each for AEX participation and Rocketry (\$200.00 total) to each unit that submits a CAPF-108 to Wing. Anything outside those 2 events will require Wing approval.

The plan is to have each unit buy into the AEX or Model Rocketry programs to get credit and money. \$100 for each program but you must send in receipts with a CAPF-108 to Wing. Even if units have already completed either/or, I will honor past receipts for 2013. Units who want to travel to other units to share the AE event will be given gas money up to \$100 as well. Again, a CAPF-108 and receipt is needed. Spearfish and Custer may want to join RAP for example.

The AEX fiscal year started 1 October. Get signed up ASAP. AEX is great, it's free and the cadets love it. Sign up instructions are in your CAPP-15, AEO Handbook.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058, BROOKINGS)

(Items submitted by: 2nd Lt. Rust)

- The Big Sioux Composite Squadron is currently working on their second consecutive year bringing the Wreaths Across America Project to Brookings. Last year Big Sioux collected sponsorships for 256 wreaths and this year our goal is 512. So far Big Sioux has 120 wreath sponsorships and should easily meet or exceed last year's number. We will once again place wreaths on graves and memorials in Brookings and surrounding communities on 14 December.

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items and photos submitted by: 2nd Lt. Bierwirth)

- This month we had guest speakers Mr. Rick March and Mr. Jeff Frisco from Custer County Search and Rescue. They taught us the signs and symptoms of hypothermia. We then watched a very informative video on ice-on- water rescue and what to do if we fall through the ice. During the hands-on portion they demonstrated how to make snowshoes out of pine branches, and survival bracelets and lanyards.



**MR. JEFF FRISCO (LEFT) AND MR. RICK MARCH (RIGHT) PRESENT THEIR HYPOTHERMIA CLASS TO THE SQUADRON
MR. FRISCO DEMONSTRATES HOW TO MAKE A SNOWSHOE OUT OF PINE BRANCHES**



After their visit we decided to have a challenge and see what survival items we could pack into a quart size baggie and what could we use these items for. The outcome was very creative and we all got new ideas on how to use different items.

In the photo, Cadet Staff Sergeant Kyle Stiffarm works to find a way to fit all of the survival items into his baggie.

- Capt. Moad assisted the South Dakota Red Cross in setting up shelters in Lead and Deadwood during the early October blizzard in the west river area.

- Red ribbons were handed out to the Custer County Schools and to residents of Custer County to promote Red Ribbon week.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)

(Items submitted by: Capt. Small, Lt. Col. Hopewell, photos from Google)



Thanks to Wing Logistics Officer Capt. Jerry Foy for finally arranging for the disposal of our squadron's old Vietnam-era trailer. The "trailer-that-would-not-die" was parked at Capt. Goeringer's house in Deadwood for over five years as the squadron tried to get authorization to get rid of it because it had the old "pintle" type hitch which isn't as safe as the ball hitch and it had old, oversize military type tires which are expensive and hard to replace. Several times the process was started to dispose of the trailer but fell through for a myriad of reasons. We really appreciate Capt. Foy's persistence and his expertise to finally see the process through to completion.

- Charlie Summers was a special guest at the Lookout Mountain Squadron meeting in Spearfish, Thursday 31 October 2013. He regaled the seniors and cadets present with accounts of his extensive and variety-filled aviation experiences, such as punching out of his critically disabled F-100 while on a combat mission over Vietnam. Parachute landing in enemy territory, scarcely able to move because of a broken back and ribs. Hiding in the weeds and being shot at by an enemy soldier, who could hear him but not see him. His wingman making a low pass with afterburner on at about 10 feet, scaring (at least) the gunman back into his hole in the ground.

At age 78, Charlie is a dynamic but modest personality, physically trim and fit to still run half-marathons. His passion for and love of flying was evident in his stories and answers to questions. Enthusiastic voice, and both hands at once, conveyed descriptions of combat flight maneuvers to the audience.

He began flying as a crop-duster passenger, got his private and commercial tickets in a J3 Cub, and went on to fly F-100 Super Sabres in the Air Force. Charlie attributes his being selected for F-100 training to his somewhat diminutive stature (“vertically challenged,” as he put it). Turns out, the taller guys were diverted to the bigger cockpits in bombers, transports, and tankers because their lanky legs would have lost their kneecaps, if they had been forced to rocket out of the small F-100 cockpits. Major Summers has a patch on his leather flying jacket attesting to his having flown more than 100 missions over North Vietnam. Later in his 24-year Air Force career, he transitioned to the F-4 Phantom, and in such he was a Wing Commander in Korea.



Flying didn’t stop for Charlie when he retired from the Air Force. He is qualified to pilot over 200 types of aircraft. One of these is an armor-plated T-28, for meteorological research under the auspices of SD School of Mines, specifically in thunderstorms. Pilots generally avoid flying anywhere near thunderstorms. Charlie intentionally flew his sensor-laden T-28 into the heart of them. Hail got very loud. Lightning strikes made his cockpit glow brightly.

Exciting as all these scenarios have been, Charlie’s favorite aircraft is the glider, of which he has 3. The challenge, he said, is the reason for that preference. Designated Pilot Examiner for the FAA is a role Charlie still does actively. With a twinkle in his eye and a smile tugging at the corners of his mouth, he told the cadets that he is “really mean” when he puts that hat on and gets into a cockpit with a candidate. The cadets and seniors thoroughly enjoyed meeting a pilot of such versatility and breadth of experience and endeavors.

PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)

(Item submitted by Lt. Col. Gatje)

- Pierre appoints new Cadet Commander. C/SMSgt. Joseph Meyer was appointed Cadet Commander of the Pierre Composite Squadron. Cadet Meyer had previously served with the Lake County Squadron in Illinois before transferring to Pierre. The change of command ceremony was held at Squadron Headquarters with cadets and seniors attending.

RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)

(Items submitted by 1st Lt. Black)

- Welcome to four new members: Cadet Malia Goodrich, Cadet Nicholas Kochutin, C/TSgt Travis Tenold (transferring from Montana) and Capt. Joshua Hall (Prior CAP Member in Pennsylvania, IP, and MP).

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

(Items submitted by: 1st Lt Erickson, 1st Lt Schmid, photos by Capt. Small, 1st Lt. Brown and 1st Lt. Schmid)

- On 5 October, a nearly sell-out crowd attended “A Night with Heroes” where internationally famous Veteran and Non-Stop-Around-The-World Pilot Dick Rutan told his story. The evening began with a flawless performance by the SFCS Cadet Color Guard...you could hear a pin drop in the Belbas Theater while they presented the Colors. Mr. Rutan described his daunting and dangerous piloting experiences during the Vietnam War in the late 1960’s piloting the F-100 Super Sabre fighter-bomber. In part II of his program, Mr. Rutan described his experiences accomplishing an amazing aeronautical feat. Dick and his team designed, and built the Voyager, the first and only aircraft to fly around the world, nonstop, without refueling! The challenges and obstacles were fascinating and riveting. The airframe weighed only 939 pounds, and the gross weight was nearly 10,000 pounds when loaded with 3.6 tons of aviation fuel. The flight took 9 days 3 minutes and 44 seconds and covered 25,000 miles. The Voyager landed with only 17 gallons of fuel remaining. On December 23, 1986 after circumnavigating the globe Dick landed Voyager at Edwards AFB.



LEFT: THE SFCS COLOR GUARD PRESENTS THE COLORS AT THE NIGHT WITH HEROES AS MR. DICK RUTAN LOOKS ON

RIGHT: THE SFCS CONTINGENT POSES WITH COMBAT VETERAN AND INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS AVIATOR MR. DICK RUTAN



Some of the most dreaded words a unit commander can hear are, “I’m from the IG and I’m here to help.” These words were spoken at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on Saturday, 19 October. As Lt. Col. Don Barbalace, the Wing IG, and three others arrived to conduct a Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI).

At the conclusion of the inspection squadron commander^{1st} Lt. Jason Erickson commented, “I’m happy to report that all aspects of our operation were viewed in a favorable light by the inspectors. As we worked our way through the day I started to realize that they were really there to help our unit to continue to grow and improve. It was a very positive experience.”

Lt. Erickson also expressed “special thanks to my staff that not only run excellent areas of our squadron but gave of their time and talents over the past several weeks preparing for this past Saturday. Thank you for all the time you spent at HQ on Saturday being interviewed and preparing vans, airplanes, and offices for inspections. I’m so proud of all of you and honored to be your Commander.”

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotions



Congratulations to Buck DeWeese and Deryl Miles both of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on their well-deserved promotion to Lieutenant Colonel! Lt. Col. DeWeese currently serves as the Wing Aerospace Officer. Lt. Col. Miles was recently appointed as the Wing Director of Emergency Services. It's a long and arduous path for promotion to this rank and achieving it is a significant achievement. Be sure to congratulate them when you next see them.



Congratulations to Victoria Bierwirth (left) of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on her promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant!



Congratulations to Kris Bierwirth (right) of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on her promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Brianna Lynn and to Chris Dinnel, of Big Sioux Composite Squadron; and to Jason Parry, Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Jason Roblewsky, Sioux Falls Composite Squadron; and to Hannah Becker, Pierre Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Austin Rauscher and to Keyvin Rauscher, both of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Peter Iverson, Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron; to Zebadiah Nelson, Big Sioux Composite Squadron; and Keith Warne, Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and their receipt of the General Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Maj. Craig Goodrich of Rushmore Composite Squadron who attained “Technician” rating in Specialty Track – Inspector General in the Senior Member Professional Development Program! In the photo Wing Inspector General Lt. Col. Barbalace (right) presents the paperwork to Maj. Goodrich. Photo by: Capt. David Small.



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Victoria Bierwirth who attained “Technician” rating in Specialty Track – Finance in the Senior Member Professional Development Program!

★ Congratulations to 1st Lt. Morgan “Dani” Black, Public Affairs Officer of Rushmore Composite Squadron, on being selected as the Executive Director of the Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen Organization. She commented, “I am so fortunate to have this opportunity to work with our state's amazing young women!”

★ Congratulations to Capt. Sharon Moad. NHQ has contacted her and would like her to promote her "End of Life" DDR Program nationally.

★ Congratulations to SM Joshua Hall of Rushmore Composite Squadron who re-qualified in Emergency Services as a Mission Scanner!

★ Congratulations to Capt. David Small of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron. The Under Secretary of the US Dept. of Agriculture used one of the livestock mission photos Capt. Small took as part of the USDA blog about the blizzard losses. See it at <http://blogs.usda.gov/2013/10/25/we-cant-wait/>.



Mission: 18-C-3593 - Series: 0001
Date: 10/01/13 - Time: 2257Z
Location: Volunteer
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Object:





Former Navy Lieutenant Commander M. Scott Carpenter, 88, whose flight into space in 1962 as the second American to orbit the Earth died on 10 October in Denver. He was one of the last two surviving astronauts of America's original space program, Project Mercury.

His flight was marred by technical problems and ended with the nation waiting anxiously to see if he had survived a landing far from the target site. For 39 minutes after his capsule dubbed "Aurora-7" splashed down in the Caribbean off Puerto Rico there were fears that he had perished. He was 250 nautical miles from his intended landing point after making three orbits in a nearly five-hour flight. Although radar and radio signals indicated his capsule survived re-entry, it wasn't immediately clear that he was safe. A Navy search plane finally spotted him in a bright orange life raft. He remained in it for three hours aided by two frogmen dropped to assist him, before he was picked up by a helicopter and taken to the aircraft carrier Intrepid.

Malcolm Scott Carpenter was born on May 1, 1925, in Boulder, Colo. His family moved to the New York and later returned to Bolder. He was fond of a rugged outdoor life and became enthralled by the prospect of flying. He became a naval aviation cadet in 1943, but World War II ended before he could obtain his wings. He entered the University of Colorado afterward and received a Navy commission in 1949. He flew patrol planes in the Pacific during the Korean War, and then trained as a test pilot. In April 1959 he was among the seven military pilots chosen as the Mercury astronauts, the beginning of what would become America's quest to carry out President John F. Kennedy's goal to put a man on the Moon.

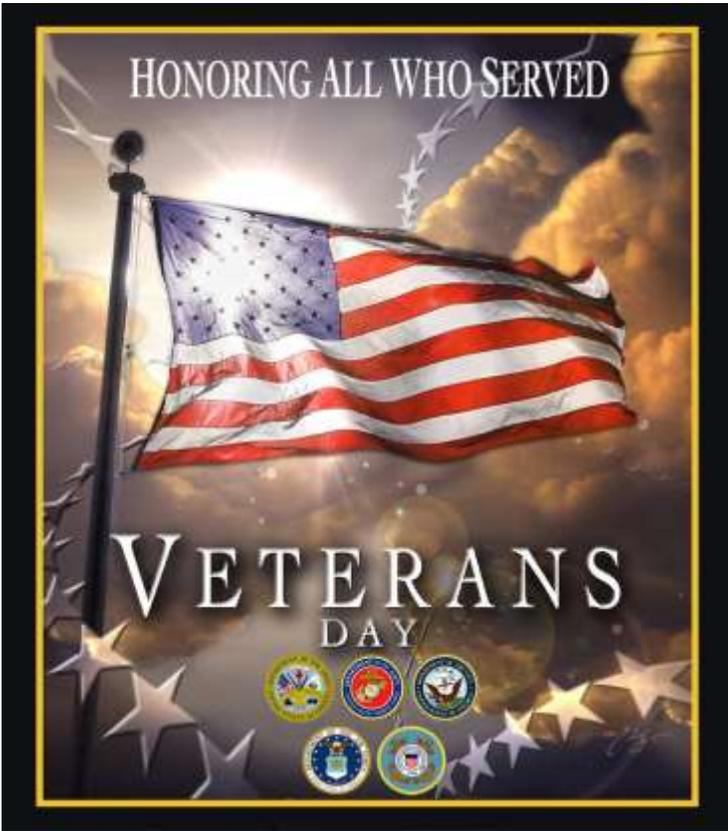


AMERICA'S FIRST ASTRONAUTS, THE "MERCURY 7" - CARPENTER IS IN THE FIRST ROW ON THE RIGHT. ON HIS RIGHT IS JOHN GLENN, FIRST AMERICAN TO ORBIT THE EARTH AND ONLY SURVIVING MEMBER OF THIS BAND OF HEROES



PLEASE SEE THE VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE TO THE VETERANS OF SDWG ON THE NEXT PAGE

A SHORT HISTORY OF “VETERANS DAY”



World War I (1914-18) officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in June 1919 in France. However, all combat had ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, a cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first celebration of “Armistice Day”, a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. In May 1938, a congressional Act designated November 11th each year as a legal holiday.

In 1954, after end of World War II (1939-45) and the Korean War (1950-53), the Congress amended the Act of 1938 by changing the word "Armistice" to the word "Veterans." Thus November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless

of the day of the week on which it falls to preserve the historical significance of the date, and to focus attention on the purpose of Veterans Day: to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

South Dakota Wing is pleased, proud and blessed to have so many veterans among our senior members. They bring an unmatched wealth of experience and expertise to our units and to the wing. This Veterans Day be sure to thank them for their service to our nation, their service to our wing and their service to your squadron.

I sincerely apologize if I inadvertently overlooked the name of a veteran in SDWG for this list.

South Dakota Wing's Senior Member Military Veterans

Jon Becker	- SD Air National Guard
Jerry Foy	- SD Air National Guard (Retired)
Rick Larson	- SD Air National Guard (Active Duty)
Ron Mielke	- SD Air National Guard (Retired)
Dan Schneider	- SD Army National Guard
John Seten	- SD Air National Guard/ SD Army National Guard (Retired)
Jeremy Swier	- SD Air National Guard
Stewart Evans	- Army National Guard
Alden House	- Army National Guard
Lester Snyder	- Army National Guard (Retired)
Mike Beason	- Air Force (Retired)
Justin Bierwirth	- Air Force (Active Duty)
Randy Borton	- Air Force (Active Duty)

Tara Borton	- Air Force
Jerry Densmore	- Air Force (Retired)
Joseph Deskin	- Air Force
Gary Dettman	- Air Force
Buck DeWeese	- Air Force
Mike Duffy	- Air Force (Retired)
Jordan Flesner	- Air Force (Active Duty)
Francesca Fogarty	- Air Force (Active Duty)
Craig Goodrich	- Air Force (Retired)
Bruce Hack	- Air Force
Joshua Hall	- Air Force
Gary Hewett	- Air Force (Retired)
Ted Hinesley	- Air Force (Retired)
David Jeffries	- Air Force (Retired)
Mike Johnson	- Air Force
Juraj Kamenar	- Air Force / Army
Rachel Kuecker	- Air Force Reserve
Cindi Merchant	- Air Force
Patrick Nowlin	- Air Force (Active Duty)
Brian Sharp	- Air Force
Jim Spiers	- Air Force
Tim Steppan	- Air Force
Albert Trumble	- Air Force/Army National Guard (Retired)
John Wallace	- Air Force
Ken Winters	- Air Force
Richard Beringer	- Army
James Dillon	- Army
Jerry Gabert	- Army
Richard Geeting	- Army
Rick Goeringer	- Army
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Deryl Miles	- Army
Jim Schimelfening	- Army (Retired)
Teresa Schimelfening	- Army (WAC)
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Vinnie Brown	- Navy
Brandon Caneva	- Navy
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James Hopewell	- Navy
Terry Turner	- Navy (Retired)
Bill Collister	- Marine Corps /Air Force Reserve/ WY Air Guard (Retired)
Ryan Thompson	- Marines
Lee Vaughan	- Marine Corps
David Hahn	- ?
Glen Jensen	- ?
Virgil Lenling	- ?