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WING TIPS



- **JUNE IS GENERAL AVIATION MONTH:** Governor Daugaard has proclaimed June as “General Aviation Appreciation” month in South Dakota. “General aviation plays a critical role with its citizens, businesses, farms and ranches, and is important to the state’s economy,” says Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist. Given South Dakota’s geography this service is also important for providing access to medical services, disaster relief and aerial forest fighting. Aviation in South Dakota includes the airline industry, education institutions, aviation organizations and Ellsworth Air Force Base and a Civil Air Patrol Wing. South Dakota’s 70 public-use airports serve 2,262 certified pilots and 1,350 registered general aviation aircraft.

The official proclamation cites the importance of general aviation to businesses and communities in the state. In the photo Gov. Daugaard signs a proclamation declaring June as “General Aviation Appreciation” month in South Dakota” with the South Dakota Department of Transportation Aeronautics Commission. Pictured left to right are: Skip VanDerhule, Gov. Daugaard, Richard Pearson and Arnie Hauge. Commissioners not pictured are Chris Funk, Travis Lantis, Eric Odenbach, and Chad Hatch. Photo courtesy of SD Office of Air, Rail & Transit.

- **FAA APPROVES NEW EMERGENCY LOCATOR:** The FAA approved the ELT-1000, a new emergency locator transmitter for aviation. The unit can transmit GPS location data within 100 meters to search-and-rescue workers in less than a minute. The ELT-1000 is a value-priced upgrade to standard 121.5 MHz transmitters, which are no longer monitored by the Cospas-Sarsat system. The 406 MHz transmitter produces a much more accurate position, typically 3 kms as compared with 15-20 kms for 121.5 MHz ELTs. When coupled to the aircraft navigation system the ELT-1000's accuracy improves to approximately 100 meters.

Source: News of the Force: Monday, June 16, 2014 - Page 2 and <http://www.acrartex.com/products/catalog/elts-general-aviation/elt1000/>

- **BIG SIOUX FLOODING SURVEY MISSION:** A week of severe weather during the middle of the month produced torrential rain that resulted in wide-spread flooding in the East River area. The state Office of Emergency Management requested the Civil Air Patrol's South Dakota Wing conduct an aerial photographic survey on 19 June along the Big Sioux River from Sioux Falls to where it meets the Missouri River. Later in the day the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requested that the photos of the flooding be sent to them. What began as state tasking changed into a federal disaster relief mission. A Cessna-182T from the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron was assigned the mission. The aircraft departed Sioux Falls Regional Airport at approximately 9:00am for the 2 hour sortie. Capt. Neil Schmid served as the SDWG Incident Commander for the mission. The CAP aircrew consisted of Captain Matt Meert (Mission Pilot), Captain Karla West (Mission Scanner) and 1st Lieutenant. Robert Hinkhouse (Mission Observer). Over 250 photos were taken showing the flow and the spread of the flood waters and the damage caused. The photos were uploaded for federal and state emergency management officials' analysis and assessment. Photo used with permission of FEMA.



- **REDCAP:** Around 1800Z, while engaged in training activity, the aircrew staging base in Rapid City transitioned to a mission base for a real-world search and rescue mission. Butte County's Office of Emergency Management requested SDWG assistance in locating a woman missing since Wednesday. Around Noon Central Time on Saturday, 21 June, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center in Florida activated the South Dakota Wing to assist in the search. According to media reports, the women and her friend were swept away by a flash flood late Tuesday. The subject's friend was found around Noon Wednesday and was hospitalized in Spearfish.

A Cessna-182T aircraft from Rushmore Composite Squadron (Rapid City) flew two sorties spending some 4.5 hours over the search area before diverting to Spearfish due to poor weather. The aircrew consisted of Capt. Josh Hall (Mission Pilot), Lt. Lisa Swanson (Mission Scanner) and Maj. John Hall (Mission Observer). Capt. Bill Collister, from Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, drove to the mission base in Rapid City and acted as a Mission Staff Assistant. Lt. Col. Dave Jeffries, Rushmore Composite Squadron (Rapid City) served as Communications Officer at the mission base.

Capt. David Small from Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron went to Butte County's Incident Command Post and served as Liaison Officer. The ICP, a Quonset hut, was about ½ mile east and 2 miles north of Hwy 85 in rolling hills near the junction with County Road 168. ICP photos with permission of Butte County Sheriff.



BUTTE COUNTY INCIDENT COMMAND POST FOR MISSING PERSON SEARCH



THIS TERRAIN VIEW HIGHLIGHTS THE REMOTENESS OF THE AREA AND DIFFICULTY OF THE SEARCH. THE MISSING PERSON; SHORT, SLENDER, WEARING DARK CLOTHING, AND EXPECTED TO BE LYING DOWN WAS BELIEVED SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE SEARCH AREA. IN THE TOP CENTER OF THE PHOTO A SDWG CESSNA-172 (158CP) FLIES OVER THE SEARCH AREA AT ABOUT 1,000 FEET AND TRAVELLING AT ABOUT 120 MPH.

- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS**: SDWG flew aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife on the 5th, 10th and 23rd of June in support of the Department of Game, Fish & Parks and the South Dakota State University. GF&P surveyed deer, goats, mountain lions, and elk while SDSU surveyed elk and bobcats. The surveys resulted in 11.4 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills. The CAP pilot for the flights on the 5th and 10th June surveys was Lt. Col. Gary Hewett. The pilot for the flight on the 23rd was Maj. Craig Goodrich. They were accompanied by Mr. Brandon Tycz from SDSU.

- **SOUTH DAKOTA WING STATEWIDE SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE**: On Saturday, 21 June the South Dakota Wing held its second statewide search and rescue exercise (SAREX) for 2014. This “Split SAREX” took place in the East River area at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron in Sioux Falls which served as a staging base for aircraft and ground search and rescue teams. In addition, the overall Incident Command Post was also at the squadron headquarters. Captain Neil Schmid, as the Incident Commander, assisted by a mission base staff, controlled the exercise across the state. In the West River area a staging base for several aircraft and aircrews was set up at the Rushmore Composite Squadron in Rapid City, and a staging base for vehicles and ground search team members was set up at Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron in Spearfish.

The search and rescue scenarios involved air and ground searches for two private aircraft overdue at their destinations, for an elderly fisherman missing in Newton Hills State Park, and for an aerial photo survey of flooding conditions near Lake Vermillion.

The overall purpose of the activity was threefold: to train mission base staff in organizing and controlling an emergency services mission, to train mission aircrews in the techniques of aerial observation and photography, and to train ground teams in the techniques and skills needed for search and rescue.



SAREX COMMAND STAFF: (L-R) SM MELANIE SCHUPPAN; COL. MARY DONLEY; CAPT. NEIL SCHMIDT; CHAP. (LT. COL.) GARY RAE; C/MAJ. ELIZABETH FOY; C/TSGT BLAKE HAYDEN (COL. DONLEY, LT. COL. RAE AND C/MAJ FOY ARE ON THE WING STAFF, THE OTHER THREE ARE WITH THE SIOUX FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON)

- **REMAINS OF PERSONNEL FROM 1952 CRASH RECOVERED**: The Pentagon announced on 18 June that Defense Department forensic scientists have identified the remains of 17 U.S. military personnel, including 12 airmen, who died in the crash of a C-124 transport aircraft in Alaska, west of Mount Gannett, in 1952. The C-124 went down on Nov. 22, 1952, while en route to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, from McChord AFB, Wash. 11 crewmembers and 41 passengers were on board. In June 2012, the crash site was discovered and recovery operations began that same month. According to a DOD news release, their remains will be returned to their families for burial with full military honors. Future attempts to recover the still-missing personnel are possible.

Source: Air Force Magazine Online for Thursday, 19 June 2014.

- **SUPPORT TO SOUTH DAKOTA RED CROSS**: On 23 June, the Red Cross requested assistance at the shelter set up in Wessington Springs for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the recent tornado. Members of the SD Army National Guard and volunteers assisting in the clean-up also use the shelter. On the 26th Col. Mary Donley and Capt. Joseph Oye helped out. On the 27th Col. Donley and Maj. Todd Epp helped out. Previously helping at the shelter were Lt. Col. David and Maj. Joyce Jeffries and Maj. Nancy McKenney.



- **WESSINGTON SPRINGS TORNADO DAMAGE SURVEY:** Also on 19 June, the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management and FEMA tasked SDWG to conduct an aerial photo survey over the path of the EF-2 tornado (127 mph winds) that struck Wessington Springs in Jerauld County on the 18th. Both organizations requested photos showing the entire town to see the path of destruction as well as close-up photos to see the damage. A Cessna-182T from the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron was assigned the mission. The aircraft departed Sioux Falls Regional Airport at approximately 2:45pm for sortie lasting about 2.5 hours. Special care and coordination had to be taken during the flight as South

Dakota National Guard aircraft were also active in the area. Wing Commander Col. Seten served as the SDWG point-of-contact for the mission. The CAP aircrew consisted of Captain Neil Schmid (Mission Pilot), Major Todd Epp (Mission Scanner) and 1st Lieutenant. Robert Hinkhouse (Mission Observer). The mission photos were uploaded for federal and state emergency management officials' analysis and assessment. According to the 20 June Argus Leader, at least 25 homes were left uninhabitable, three businesses were destroyed and seven businesses suffered severe damage. In the photo, Mission Observer Lt. Rob Hinkhouse and Mission Pilot Capt. Neil Schmidt, both of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, enter coordinates into the G1000 equipped "glass cockpit" Cessna-182T prior to flying a sortie for the state of South Dakota and FEMA to take photos of tornado damage in Wessington Springs. Photos used with permission of FEMA.



OVERVIEW OF THE PATH OF THE TORNADO THROUGH WESSINGTON SPRINGS (YELLOW BOX ADDED BY MAJ. KIPP)



CLOSE-UP VIEW OF THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE WESSINGTON SPRINGS TORNADO



- **SPACE WALL OF HONOR UNVEILED:** After 60 Years, the U.S. “Home of Space” unveiled the first names carved on the Space Wall of Honor and inducted the first class of space pioneers. Air Force officials and dignitaries dedicated the Gen. Bernard Schriever Wall of Honor at Los Angeles AFB, CA. On 19 June, Lt. Gen. Samuel Greaves, commander of the USAF Space and Missile Systems Center, along with Mr. Thomas Taverney, chairman of the Air Force Association’s General Schriever Chapter, unveiled the wall. The 2014 inductees are: Karel Jan Bossart, rocket designer; Ivan Alexander Getting, instrumental in the creation of the Global Positioning System; retired Brig. Gen. William King; retired Col. Frederic C.E. Oder; Simon Ramo; and retired Maj.

Gen. Osmond Jay Ritland. During the Space and Missile Center’s 60th Anniversary, space pioneers were recognized for their contributions to the U.S. space effort. In the photo, Air Force officials and dignitaries dedicated the Gen. Bernard A. Schriever Wall of Honor, shown here, and unveiled the wall’s 2014 inductees during a ceremony at Los Angeles AFB, Calif., June 19, 2014. Air Force photo by Joe Juarez.

Source: Air Force Magazine Online for Thursday, 26 June 2014.

- **KEY NHQ APPOINTMENTS:** Col. Larry Myrick, special advisor to Maj. Gen. Carr, has been selected as the new national vice commander. He will assume the position and be promoted to CAP Brigadier General during the National Convention in Las Vegas in August. Middle East Region Commander Col. Larry Ragland has been selected as the new national chief of staff and CAP Lt. Col. Jayson Altieri of the North Carolina Wing,

an active-duty U.S. Army colonel and commander of the 110th Aviation Brigade at Fort Rucker, Alabama, has been selected as the new vice chairman of the CAP Board of Governors.



Col. Myrick



Col. Ragland



Lt. Col Altieri

- **NEW CAP UNIFORM MANUAL:** CAPM 39-1, 26 Jun 14, *CAP Uniforms*, is posted on the publications page at: http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/M391_E6F33EAAEC28A.pdf. Questions concerning wear instructions should be directed to the Knowledgebase, <http://capnhq.custhelp.com>. Requests for changes to policy must be submitted through the chain of command to the National Uniform Committee. Col. Richard L. Griffith, chair of the National Uniform Committee can be reached at r.griffith@inwg.cap.gov. The OPR for this manual is Ms Susan Parker at sparker@capnhq.gov.

- **SPAATZ ASSOCIATION AEROSPACE LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS:** Applications for Aerospace Leadership Scholarships will be accepted from 1 August - 31 October 2014. \$2,500 flight scholarships are available to cadets who: are at least 15 years old; have earned the Mitchell award; have earned Solo wings in a powered aircraft; and have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in high school. Four or more scholarships will be awarded at the 2015 TSA Mid-Winter Dinner in February 2015. Apply online at www.spaatz.org/.

- **REGIONAL GLIDER ACADEMY GRADUATION:** Graduation ceremonies at Mattoon, IL, June 2014. Certified Glider Flight Instructor 1st Lt. Marty Larson and Lt. Col. Gary Hewett attended two glider academies at Mattoon, in southeastern Illinois, from 14-27 June. The Illinois Wing sponsored a triple academy for hot air balloons, powered aircraft, and gliders; and Great Lakes Region sponsored a glider academy. 22 cadet student glider pilots attended the Johnson Flight Academy, and 16 cadet student glider pilots attended the Region Glider Academy. The overall syllabus for the academies was: Balloon (Familiarization with hot air balloon flight); Basic Glider (Introduction to gliders); Intermediate Glider (Additional maneuvers and solo flight); Advanced Glider (Advanced Maneuvers) and Powered Aircraft (basic powered flight). South Dakota Wing provided a tow plane used in both glider events. In the two weeks of training, CFGIs from several states used aerotows for launching gliders for a total of 771 flights.



GRADUATION CEREMONY OF CADETS AT CIVIL AIR PATROL'S JOHNSON FLIGHT ACADEMY IN MATOON, IL.



LEFT: THE TRADITIONAL WATER BATH FOR GRADUATES

RIGHT CFG LT. LARSON CLIPS THE "TAIL FEATHERS" OF SOLO STUDENT CADET ROBERT BOSH, A TRADITIONAL CEREMONY

- COLONEL LES SNYDER MEMORIAL:** The daughter-in-law of former South Dakota Wing Commander Col. Lester W. Snyder, Jr. (Lt. Col. USAF (Ret)) who passed away 12 May stopped in the Wing office on 1 July to drop off numerous checks for a total of \$500.00 in memory of her father-in-law. The wing also received a \$25.00 donation as well. The wing will send an "informal" thank you to each contributor. This was a huge blessing to the wing in memory of a great man. Attached is also a "thank you note" from his family.



WE WANT TO THANK YOU
 FOR THE WONDERFUL FLOWERS
 IN HONORING AND REMEMBERING
 LESTER W. SNYDER.

HIS LOVE OF COUNTRY, FLYING
 AND THE CIVIL AIR PATROL
 WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED.
 — MUCH APPRECIATED
 — GOD BLESS AMERICA

THE DAVIS AND SNYDER FAMILIES

We want you to
 know that your kindness
 at this time is more
 deeply appreciated than
 any words of thanks
 can express

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. John Seten, CAP

I am pleased to announce the following command and staff appointments. Please join me in congratulating:

- Capt. Bill Collister will be assuming command of the Lookout Mountain squadron this weekend
- Capt. Jerry Gabert is the new Wing Director of Communications
- Capt. Collister will be the Wing Assistant Director of Communications

I'd like to welcome Capt. Collister as commander of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron. I'm confident the squadron is in good hands. In addition, I'd like to thank Capt. Small for his years of dedication as squadron commander. The squadron is one of our most active in the wing and participates in nearly every activity that the wing has. The squadron has produced a Spaatz cadet under the command of Capt Small which is highly commendable and has received other well deserved awards in the past four few years. I expect many more good things to come in the future for the Lookout Mountain Squadron.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058, BROOKINGS)

(Items submitted by Capt. Hofer, photo by Maj. Gengler)



- **TOPS IN CAP CYBER-SECURITY**: Mr. Ron Mielke, President of the Air Force Association in South Dakota, and Mr. Ed Revell, President of AFA's Sioux Falls "Dacotah Chapter" presented the Civil Air Patrol Champion Award on 26 June, to the squadron's cyber-security team. Although we came in 7th out of 864 teams in the All-Service Division we were 1st of the 320 CAP teams that took part in CyberPatriot-VI, the national high school level cyber-security competition. Members of the team, led by C/Capt Joshua Klosterman, were C/MSgt Chris Dinnel, C/MSgt Laura Rudnik, C/AB Josiah Jorenby (not shown) and C/Amn Zebadiah Nelson. The team was coached by then C/2nd Lt Tyler Gross and mentored by then 1st Lt. Shannon Hofer (not shown).



(L TO R) MR. REVELL, C/SRA ZEBADIAH NELSON, C/CAPT JOSHUA KLOSTERMAN, C/MSGT CHRIS DINNELL, COACH C/2ND LT TYLER GROSS, MR. MIELKE. PHOTO BY MAJ. GENGLER.

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items submitted by Capt. Moad and Lt. K. Bierwirth, photo submitted by Capt. Moad)



- **GROUND SEARCH ALERT**: On 6 June, the squadron was put on alert for possible assistance in the search for a juvenile missing in the Custer area. The squadron's ground search teams were on stand-by but, as it thankfully turned out, were not needed and were stood down.

The juvenile was located around 2300L. Agencies that took part in the search were the Custer County office of Emergency Management, Custer County Sheriff's Department, Custer County Search & Rescue, and the Pennington County Search & Rescue who had brought a tracker dog with them. The American Red Cross assisted with canteen services.

- **ALL PINE TREES LOOK ALIKE**: First Lieutenants Vicki and Kris Bierwirth and C/TSgt Thomas Dillon attended the ground search and rescue team training portion of the Split SAREXS that was held by Lt. Col. Miles in Spearfish. Boy-o-boy did we learn lots! It very educational and we got a taste of what a mission would be like and what happens if you mess up on your pace count...all the pine trees look the same!

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)

(Items submitted by Capt. David Small, Lt. Col. Hopewell, photos by Lt. Caneva, clip-art by Maj. Kipp)

- **CHANGE OF COMMAND**: Well over 30 CAP members and family attended the "Change of Command Party" where Capt. Bill Collister officially took the reins of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on Saturday, 28 June 2014. It was a casual event on a beautiful summer evening for friends and family to relax and enjoy friendship. Members from the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, Rushmore Composite Squadron, Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron and the Air Force Reserve were present. Capt. Collister started his CAP career in the early 1970s as a cadet, advancing through the ranks into the cadet officer grades. He's been very active in South Dakota and Wyoming wings over the years and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in CAP. There is no question our vibrant, active squadron is in his capable hands. A brief ceremony occurred with Lt. Col. DeWeese presenting outgoing Commander, Capt David Small with an award of appreciation.



LEFT PHOTO: CAPT. SMALL (RIGHT) CONGRATULATES NEW SQUADRON COMMANDER CAPT. BILL COLLISTER
 RIGHT PHOTO: CAPT. COLLISTER, CAPT. SMALL WITH AWARD, LT. COL. DEWEESE

- **MICKELSON TRAIL MARATHON**: Meandering through the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota along a former mining railroad is the Mickelson Trail. Every June, runners far and wide congregate for a marathon and half-marathon, with the finish line in Deadwood. On 1 June, cadets and seniors from the squadron staffed a drink and snack station along the trail, 20 miles into the marathon course (which also was the 8 mile mark of the half-marathon.) Cadets there were C/CMSgt Brad Blansett, C/CMSgt Connor Caneva, C/CMSgt Jared Doyle, C/MSgt Justin Harris, C/TSgt Ryan Harris, C/SSgt Austin Rouscher, and C/SSgt Keyvin Rouscher. Capt. Gary Dettman, Capt. Bill Collister, and 2nd Lt. Brandon Caneva, and SM Tom Irvin made up the seniors contingent.

Some of the time the marathoner runners came by the snack station in ones and twos but at other times, the CAP crew experienced frenetic periods of handing our sports beverages and snacks to packs of (by then) hot and tired "runner zombies."

Rain that day mitigated some of the sun's heat, but did not help the condition of the dirt service road that took the squadron van to the hydration station. Consequently, on the way out the van became mired in mud up to the running boards. Two private vehicles belonging to senior members had 4-wheel-drive and were able to navigate

the exit path. Alas, 4WD was probably not an available option when the van was purchased, as it had to remain there a couple of days more until extricated; heavy duty all-terrain tires notwithstanding.

Many expressions of thanks were given in passing by marathoners to the “uniformed agents of refreshment”. A couple of well-intended but exhausted competitors had particular gratitude as they ran out of every bit of energy they thought they had and asked the seniors present for a ride to the finish line. And so, the “Rescue” part of SAR took on some mildly unconventional facets for squadron members that day. You’ll recall that at last year’s Mickelson Trail Marathon squadron members were involved in a real-world aid and evacuation of a collapsed and seriously dehydrated runner.



- **AIRCRAFT “SAVE” AT SPF:** Hurricanes don’t happen too often in the Black Hills. However, on Thursday evening, 26 June 2014, in Spearfish, SD, weather conditions rivaled the monsters usually seen at lower latitudes. A line of thunderstorms produced winds clocked at peak 69 mph at the Spearfish airport;

with sustained velocities not much less than that (winds of 80 mph west of town in the same weather event).

The squadron was in the midst of its regular meeting while howling winds rattling the squadron building. At one point C/CMSgt Connor Caneva stepped out onto the small porch to peer at the angry skies and noticed an airplane on the ramp, 100 yards away, moving backwards toward a row of parked cars. The large, twin-engine Cessna-421 had been parked across the direction of the wind. The force of the wind weather-vented the plane, putting the nose into the wind, and caused it to jump the wooden wheel chocks. The Cessna then began to be blown backward. The forecast apparently under-predicted the storm’s intensity, and the plane wasn’t tied down.

Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese and C/CMSgt Rosby joined Cadet Caneva in running over to the scene. Their combined efforts managed to bring the aircraft to a halt just short of the parked cars. They re-chocked the aircraft’s wheels so it would not move, then the cadets also took some clothesline type cord and braided into a strong rope to help secure the aircraft from the high wind. After the aircraft had been secured the airport manager was called and the information passed along.

Though the Cessna-421 “rescue” was unexpected and not associated with a specific mission as such, the CAP members were happy to participate in this “save,” that prevented airplane and automobile owners from untold inconveniences and expenses.

- **COLOR GUARD AT STATE GOP CONVENTION:** The squadron's color guard presented the colors at the banquet at the South Dakota GOP State Convention on 20 June. Held at Rapid City's Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn, the convention was attended by over 400 delegates and guests including Gov. Daugaard and Sen. Thune. The color guard was made up of C/2nd Lt Jared Doyle, C/CMSgt Connor Caneva, C/CMSgt Brad Blansett and C/SSgt Austin Rauscher. Present but not in the color guard were; Capt. David Small, 1st Lt Tom Irvin, 2nd Lt Angie Blansett, and C/Col William Small.



FROM FRONT TO REAR, AND LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE CADETS DOYLE, CANEVA, BLANSETT AND RAUSHER



- **GRASSMEN TO THE RESCUE:** The squadron sends a big "Thank You" to Cadet Staff Sergeants Austin and Keyvin Rauscher for providing lawn and yard service at the squadron this summer. A couple of senior members had been scratching their heads trying to figure out how the lawn mysteriously got mowed. The Rauschers quietly took the initiative to help keep our squadron looking good while the grass grows fast - and it is much appreciated!

- The blues worn by C/SrA Peter Iverson during his recent promotion ceremony are the same blues worn by his father, Jon Iverson, during his ROTC tenure and as a junior officer in the USAF some years ago.

PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)

(Item and photos submitted by Lt. Col. Gatje)

- **AMERICAN LEGION AND OAHE DAYS PARADE:** The squadron participated in two parades recently in the Capitol City. The first was on 20 June during Oahe Days, Pierre's summer Community Celebration that includes activities such as airboat rides, a car show, art show, mountain bike race, a Cardboard Boat Regatta and numerous entertainment events as well as a large and well-attended parade. CAP was one of the first units in the Oahe Days Parade. A large number of other groups followed. The second parade, the next day, was to honor the veterans of the American Legion during their statewide convention held in Pierre. Participating in the parades were senior members Lt. Col. Myra Christensen, Lt. Col. Tam Gatje, and 1st Lt. Jon Becker. Cadets included C/TSgt Hannah Becker, Cadet Margot Pearson and C/Amn Brant Malfero. Major Lee Vaughan brought the CAP squadron aircraft mockup from Philip for use in the parade. This was constructed earlier by members of the Pierre and Philip Squadrons and has been used in parades and other activities a number of times.



RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)

(Items submitted by Lt. Kuecker and Lt. Col. Hewett, photos by Lt. Col. Hewett)

- **WELCOME ABOARD:** Our squadron has a new senior member: John Duffield. We are pleased you have chosen to join CAP and proud that you are serving in our squadron.

- **FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** The third time's a charm. On Monday night, 30 June, the squadron held its fifth Monday of the month Family Fun night at squadron headquarters on Ellsworth AFB. This event was scheduled to happen twice before, but due to snow, wind, rain and the lovely South Dakota weather we have had to postpone it. Hamburgers and drinks were provided by the Squadron. Senior Members brought a side dish, and the cadets brought a dessert. We had a great turnout and had a lot of fun. Dan Kuecker, a former CAP member who now works for the Black Hills Red Cross, gave a quick overview of the Red Cross and how families can prepare for a disaster including a handout with tips on how to prepare and what you might need in your emergency kit. We had numerous door prizes including beach balls for the kids, some dive sticks, a gift card to Black Hills Bagels, and other items for the adults. Unsurprisingly when dealing with teenagers there were no desserts left over at the end of the night and very little food. It was a terrific evening and a good time was had by all. We were all so busy having fun no photos taken! Huge thanks to everyone for the food and preparations. A special thank you to the Voll family for the use of the grill, popcorn machine, and for cooking. Also, thank you to SM Voll and Cadet Voll for their help in setting up and clean up.

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

(Items submitted by Capt. Neil Schmid, photos by Capt. Karla West)



- **EASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA RED CROSS BANQUET:** On Wednesday, 18 June, the squadron color guard presented the colors at the annual Eastern South Dakota Red Cross Banquet held at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls. Newly joined CAP Senior Member Jeff Veire is a Red Cross employee and arranged for our participation. As usual the cadets look sharp and performed flawlessly posting and retiring the colors. Our "Ambassadors of Professionalism" consistently garner many favorable comments wherever they appear. They lead the way in raising public awareness of the squadron in Sioux Falls and the surrounding communities, as well as promoting SDWG and CAP.

- **MARION SUMMER CELEBRATION:** The SFCS Color Guard proudly led the 2014 Marion Summer Celebration and All-School Summer Reunion Parade on Saturday, 28 June. The event is an annual reunion of all classes from the Marion schools and is a two day celebration of fun, food, fireworks and activities for young and old. The parade included members of the Fire Department with their equipment, Legion Motor Cycle riders, floats from local businesses, and classic and vintage cars. Our color guard, is gaining large notice in the community. CAP Maj. Justin Johnson, a local resident, says the school superintendent is impressed with our professionalism and is interested in further community participation with CAP.



- **WELCOME ABOARD:** Our squadron has a new senior member: Jeff Veire. We are pleased you have chosen to join CAP and proud that you are serving in our squadron.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotions



Congratulations to Brandon Caneva of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on his advanced promotion to the rank of Captain! On the strength of his recently acquired A&P license with Inspection Authorization he has been promoted for having a mission related skill. Caneva is active in the squadron as the Deputy Commander of Cadets and the Transportation Officer.



Congratulations to Tom Irvin of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron who, based on his mission related skills as a Commercial Pilot, received advanced promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant!

Cadet Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Nichole Schneider of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Captain and receipt of the milestone Amelia Earhart Award!



Congratulations to Jared Doyle of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron and to Devon Brown of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and receipt of the milestone Billy Mitchell Award! C/2nd Lt Doyle is the first new cadet officer at Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron in the past three years.



Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Jason Parry of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Jaden Roblewsky of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Falls on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!





Congratulations to Keyvin Rauscher of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Steven Diaconu of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Peter Iverson of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Lathen Norling of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Brant Malfero of Pierre Composite Squadron, to Nathaniel Fleet of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, and to Christopher Schuppan of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Lt. Tom Irvin of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron who successfully completed the Aerospace Education Program for Senior Members and in recognition thereof received the Brigadier General Charles E. “Chuck” Yeager Aerospace Education Achievement Award!



A special thanks to SM Christy Voll, of Rushmore Composite Squadron, for the hours of time she has spent at the Wing HQ office helping on various projects (Legislative Day, Wing Conference, etc.).



The Wing Administrator passes on her thanks to thank Capt. John Wallace and all the Squadron TO's for all the work on getting the vans repaired from last year's hail damage. It has taken a lot of effort to get them all done and out of the shops.



Congratulations to C/Capt Silas Busch of Rushmore Composite Squadron who completed IS-100!



Congratulations to C/SSgt Jaden Petersen of Big Sioux Composite Squadron who completed IS-100 and IS-700!



Congratulations to C/Amn Christopher Schuppan of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to C/Amn Daniella Petersen and C/Amn Nathaniel Fleet of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, who completed their General Emergency Services qualification.

MASS KUDOS: The Split SAREX this month resulted in a number of senior members and cadets enhancing their Emergency Services credentials either by recertifying or earning new operations qualifications.

SD-001 – Lt. Col. Mark Huntington qualified as Liaison Officer, Mission Observer and recertified as a Mission Staff Assistant

SD-031 – Lt. Col. Dave Jeffries received Pilot Rating

SD-031 – C/MSgt Errol Kelly qualified as a Ground Team Member Levels 1, 2 and 3

SD-031 – Lt. Col Gary Hewett re-qualified as Check Pilot (Airplane, G-1000, Glider), Check Pilot Examiner (Airplane, Glider, G1000), Glider Pilot, Instructor Pilot (Airplane, Glider), Instrument Pilot, Orientation Pilot (AFROTC, Airplane, Glider), Tow Pilot, VFR Pilot, VFR Pilot (G1000)

SD-050 – C/Capt Samuel Huntington qualified as Ground Team Leader, Ground Team Member Levels 2 & 3

SD-050 – 1st Lt. Robert Hinkhouse qualified as Ground Team Member Levels 1, 2 & 3, and UDF Team

SD-050 – C/CMSgt Nicholas Nash qualified as Ground Team Member Levels 2 & 3

SD-050 – 1sr Lt. Karen Espeland qualified as Ground Team Member Level 3

SD-050 – 1st Lt. Tyler Calvin qualified as Mission Scanner

SD-050 – Capt. Joseph Oye qualified as Mission Staff Assistant

SD-058 – C/CMSgt Chris Dinnel qualified as Ground Team Member Levels 2 & 3, and UDF Team Member

SD-058 – C/2nd Lt Tyler Gross qualified as Ground Team Member Level 3, and UDF Team Member

SD-058 – C/SSgt Jaden Petersen qualified as Ground Team Member Level 3

SD-058 – C/SSgt Jaden Petersen qualified as Mission Radio Operator

SD-058 – C/Capt. Joshua Klosterman qualified as Mission Radio Operator and Mission Staff Assistant

SD-058 – Maj. Nicholas Gengler qualified as Mission Radio Operator

SD-063 – Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese qualified as a Glider Pilot

★ ★ MILITARY TRIBUTE ★ ★

THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS



There were 80 Doolittle Raiders in April 1942, when they carried out one of the most courageous and dangerous military operations in our nation's history.

After Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1942, with the United States reeling, something dramatic was needed to turn the war effort around.

Even though there were no friendly airfields close enough to Japan for the United States to launch a retaliation raid, a daring plan was devised. Sixteen B-25s were modified to take off from the deck of an aircraft carrier. This had never before been tried -- sending such big, heavy bombers from a carrier.

The 16 five-man crews, under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who himself flew the lead plane off the USS Hornet, could not return to the carrier. They would have to hit Japan and then hope to make it to China for landing. But on the day of the raid, the Japanese military caught wind of the plan. The Raiders were told they would have to take off from much farther out in the Pacific Ocean than they had counted on. They were told that because of this they would not have enough fuel to make it to safety. And those men went anyway.

They bombed Tokyo, and then flew as far as they could. Four planes crash-landed; 11 more crews bailed out, and three of the Raiders died. Eight more were captured; three were executed. Another died of starvation in a Japanese prison camp. One crew made it to Russia.

Of the 80 Raiders, 62 survived the war. As 2013 began, there were five living Raiders; then, in February, one passed away at age 96. Now only four out of the original 80 survive: Dick Cole (Doolittle's co-pilot), Robert Hite, Edward Saylor and David Thatcher. All are in their 90s.

Beginning in 1946, the surviving Raiders held a reunion each April, to commemorate the mission. The reunion is in a different city each year. This year at Fort Walton Beach, Florida they decided that there are too few of them for the public reunions to continue. The events in Fort Walton Beach marked the end. It has come full circle; Florida's nearby Eglin Field was where the Raiders trained in secrecy for the Tokyo mission. The men have decided that after this final public reunion they will wait until a later date -- sometime this year -- to get together once more, informally and in absolute privacy. That is when they will open a bottle of 1896 Hennessy Very Special cognac to drink a final farewell toast to their fallen comrades. The year 1896 is not happenstance: that was the year Jimmy Doolittle was born.

This is their 70th Anniversary photo.

