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WING TIPS

REDCAP (Mission 15-M-0154 ELT/EPIRB): The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall AFB, FL. placed South Dakota Wing on alert late in the evening on Easter Sunday. AFRCC had received multiple reports from aircraft over the Sioux Falls area of an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) active. The aircraft hear the signal when coming in to Sioux Falls, but do not hear it when they are on the ground. The geographic area encompasses the tri-border area of southeast South Dakota, southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa.

A Sioux Falls based Cessna-182/G1000, with an aircrew of Mission Pilot Lt. Jerald Hayden, Capt. Karla West (MO) and SSgt. David Stockinger (MS), took off and began executing an expanding circle search pattern. Shortly after takeoff the aircraft's radio-direction-finding sensor picked up the ELT's signal. Through analysis the aircraft crew determined the signal was coming from vicinity of Larchwood, IA.

In addition to the aircraft, two ground search teams were dispatched: one from Sioux Falls under command of Capt. Karen Espeland with C/Lt Nicholas Nash, C/Capt Nicole Schneider and C/Maj Brandon West; the other from Brookings under command of Lt. Thomas Delany, with SM Josh Hartelt, C/Lt Col Joshua Klosterman and C/Lt Laura Rudnik.

The signal was pinpointed as coming from the Zangger Vintage Airpark which is about two miles east of Larchwood. The airpark manager was contacted and he stated that one of the aircraft there had experienced a hard landing that must have caused the beacon to activate. The airpark manager went to the aircraft and silenced the ELT.

With mission accomplished, the aircraft and ground teams returned to base shortly after midnight Monday morning. Lt. Col. Rick Larson was the Incident Commander.

- **CAP NATIONAL COMMANDER VISITS SIOUX FALLS:** National Commander, Major General Joseph Vazquez, paid a brief visit to Sioux Falls on 12 April to meet with members of SDWG. Accompanying him was his wife, CAP Lieutenant Colonel Leslie Vazquez, Civil Air Patrol's Aviation Industry Liaison. He briefed the attendees on upcoming/proposed organizational changes, operational issues, on closer relations with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the effort to make CAP's data interfaces more user-friendly. At the end he took questions from Wing members. SDWG Commander Col. Seten commented, "What a great opportunity for our members to hear the way ahead from the top, while we give leadership the view from the field. We really appreciate this visit. Maj. Gen. Vazquez assumed command at a formal ceremony at CAP's 2014 National Conference. Prior to his appointment for a three year term as National Commander he served a three-year term as National Vice Commander with the grade of Brigadier General. The National Commander and National Vice Commander are the only two CAP officers who hold general's grade.



MAJ. GEN. VAZQUEZ



GENERAL VAZQUEZ WITH ATTENDEES



GENERAL VAZQUEZ SPEAKS TO THE GROUP

- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew ten aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over eight days in April in support of the state Department of Game, Fish & Parks and South Dakota State University. GF&P surveys deer, goats, mountain lions, and elk while SDSU surveys elk, bobcats and big horn sheep. The result was 31.4 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills. The CAP pilot for six of the sorties was Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, the other four sorties were flown by Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese. Depending on whom the sortie supported he was accompanied by one or more representatives from SDSU or from Game, Fish & Parks.

- **LETTER OF APPRECIATION:** SDWG, and more specifically Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, received a Letter of Appreciation from Mr. Scott Wurzbarger, an Aviation Merit Badge Counselor for Boy Scouts of America. As reported in the Skychaser last month, on 7 March, Mr. Wurzbarger brought five Boy Scouts and two adult leaders to the Rapid City Regional Airport in conjunction with visiting Ellsworth AFB. The Scouts were working on their Aviation Merit Badge. SDWG's Lt. Col. Gary Hewett escorted the group through the flight planning facilities at Westjet Air Center, described and demonstrated the preflight checks of a CAP Cessna-182T aircraft, and escorted them through the aircraft maintenance facility at L&D Aero. He also spoke about the origin of CAP and our missions. The scouts were also going to visit the Rapid City Regional Airport's control tower. This merit badge event is held every year in early March so it is likely the Boy Scouts will want to coordinate this with us again.



- **2015 WING CONFERENCE:** South Dakota Wing held its 2015 Wing Conference on Saturday, 18 April at the Clubhouse Hotel and Suites in Pierre. About 85 officers and cadets from SDWG attended. Distinguished visitors were: North Central Region Commander, Col. Robert Todd; Nebraska Wing Commander Col. Darrell Nelson; Lt. Col. Bonnie Braun, NCR DDR Coordinator; Lt. Col. Don Barbalace, NHQ IG Team; and Capt. Chuck Brudtkuhl, NHQ Communications Team/IAWG Director of Communications.

The first part of the morning was a general session with wing staff officers and squadron commanders making presentations. The highlight of the morning was a skit titled "Daddy's Girl" performed by cadets, under the

supervision of Lt. Col. Buechler, on the consequences of drunk driving. Following the general session the senior member participants split up to attend breakout sessions on a variety of administrative and operational issues. The cadets attended breakout sessions on DDR, AE, and the National Cadet Competition. In addition, the Wing Cadet Advisory Council met. The senior member and cadet breakout sessions lasted until the late afternoon when it was time to begin to prepare for the evening's banquet and awards ceremony.

The guest speaker at the banquet was South Dakota Congresswoman Kristi Noem. Highlights of the banquet were presentation of the CAP Congressional Gold Medal to Wing Chaplain Lt. Col. Gary Rae, the son of WWII CAP veteran John Gibson "Jack" Rae Jr, and presentation of CAP membership credentials to Ms. Noem. In addition, a number of wing, squadron and individual awards were presented (see last page for award recipients).



CHAPLAIN RAE RECEIVES HIS FATHER'S CGM



CONGRESSWOMAN NOEM RECEIVES CAP MEMBERSHIP



**WING VICE COMMANDER LT. COL. RICK LARSON, SOUTH DAKOTA CONGRESSWOMAN KRISTI NOEM,
WING COMMANDER COL. JOHN SETEN**



STAFF NOTES



WING DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Maj. Nicholas Gengler, CAP

The 2015 Joint Dakota Encampment sign up page is now live! Please go to www.sdcap.us/encampment to sign up! Sign up by the end of May before prices go up. Cadets, the forms you will need are on the webpage; CAPF 31, 32, 160, 161, 163. A packing list will soon be uploaded to the website. Please download the forms, and fill them out. Bring them with you to encampment. Please email me with questions at Nick_gengler@hotmail.com. Hope to see you all there!



WING CHIEF OF STAFF

Maj. David Small, Jr., CAP

A FEMA ICS-300 course will be held in Sioux Falls on 14-15 May. This course is needed for those who want to become an Emergency Services GBD, AOBD or other branch director. This course is infrequently taught in South Dakota and seldom in Sioux Falls. Sign up if you think that you might want to work as a branch director someday: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ics-300-intermediate-ics-for-expanding-incidents-sioux-falls-tickets-16617479328>



WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Maj. Bruce Kipp, CAP

SDWG conducts sorties each month in support of wildlife research programs of the state's Department of Game, Fish & Parks and South Dakota State University. The wildlife survey mission has been ongoing since 1999.

SDWG's wildlife survey mission deserves a logo! This is not the design for a patch, but rather an emblem/logo that I can insert in all reporting on the wildlife survey mission. I'm calling on all budding graphic designers out there to come up with a cool logo. Don't send words describing a logo, send me a jpeg of the logo you come up with. Be creative! You can submit as many logos as you wish. You can submit someone else's logo; however, you must obtain prior written approval from the copyright owner for us to use it. Judging will be by Col. Seten, Lt. Col. Larson and me. The deadline for logo submissions is Monday, 25 May.



WING DIRECTOR OF AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Maj. Rodney "Buck" DeWeese, CAP

Awards presentations at the 2015 Wing Conference began with the announcement of the winners of the model airplane build-off dubbed "Operation Joint Effort". The aircraft were on display from 1200-1800 in the hotel

breezeway where everyone could see, admire and compare. All entries were exquisitely assembled and adorned with appropriate colors and appendages. Some had crewmembers standing by to marshal out of the chocks. Some had special features such as animal tracking antennae or cockpit crewmembers. They were all “special” in one way or another. Wing Staff were the judges.

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron took top honors and chose the camera-equipped, radio-operated Hover-copter.

Second place went to Rushmore Composite who chose the Powered Remote Controlled Airplane.

Third place was Big Sioux Composite Squadron who was awarded an air launched rocket for their efforts.

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron did not place but their replica 1950 Cessna-170 was chosen to be placed in the SD Air National Guard Museum in Pierre for everyone to enjoy. Rushmore donated theirs as well.

Congresswoman Kristie Noem also got in on the judging. She chose to be the deciding vote in case of a tie, which did not happen. We did, however, award the winning aircraft to her to display in her trophy case for her efforts. Everyone was a winner in this competition. A special thanks for everyone who pitched in to help build these models.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-58, BROOKINGS)

(See Promotions Section under Cadet Officer Advancement)

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items by Lt. K. Bierwirth, photos by Lt. K. Bierwirth, Lt. V. Bierwirth and Capt. Foy)



- Our squadron is 100% into the new Cadet Wingman Course. The course is in building trust that even if you are unable to have all of your faculties your "wingman" is there to help and guide you.

In the trust building exercise in the photo neither person can touch the stick. The “wingman” has to guide the vision impaired cadet with voice commands and not drop the stick. It was pretty cool to watch it happen and guide them around the room without hitting an object.

(L-R) Cadet Larcher, Cadet Dillon and Cadet Rice

- C/2nd Lt Jason Parry was in his final play for the season in the show “Baker Street Irregulars”, where he played the role of Finnegan an orphaned street boy who helped Sherlock Holmes solve a murder. As previously reported in the Skychaser, Jason is an accomplished actor and has played several roles in several productions of his High School theater group.

- We may not have won Operation Joint Effort, the Wing model airplane building competition, but we did have fun building our model aircraft! In our eyes we did win, we got to enjoy our hard work in our squadron.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)

(Items by Lt. Col. Hopewell, photos by Capt. Collister)

- **CADET ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT:** On occasion, it is good to recognize that our members are involved in other activities. There are many good programs to be involved in; one very recognizable one is Boy Scouts of America (BSA). On Saturday, April 25th, 2015, C/SSgt Peter Iverson was honored by his local Scout Troop and invited all of his squadron members to enjoy a happy day with him. Nine squadron members joined him as he was presented with the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank attainable in the BSA's Boy Scouting program. This award takes years to earn through much hard work and perseverance. Peter joined the scouting program as a Cub Scout in Nebraska. He advanced through every stage of the program and "bridged over" from Webelos to Boy Scouting to continue his scouting career. A comparison to CAP's cadet program would equate this to our Spaatz Award, the highest attainable level for youth in the CAP program. Neither Eagle Scout nor the Spaatz Award is common. Only the top few in each organization reach this level. We look forward to increased activity that he has pledged to CAP now that he has reached this goal. We are sure that CAP will benefit from his leadership abilities as well as his other knowledge that he brings to our program.



- **SQUADRON RECEIVES OPTIMIST GRANT:** On Main Street in downtown Spearfish the beautifully restored Matthews Opera House has hosted many events since 1906. On 1 April, the grand hall was host to the Optimist Club grant presentations. Much to our pleasure we were one of the recipients. Squadron Commander Capt. Bill Collister and Cadet Commander C/Lt Bradley Blansett were present to receive a \$900 check from Optimist Club President Bob Mayer. Dressed in uniform, the duo elicited from the presenters the comment that they were the best dressed guests of the evening. Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, a steady liaison with the Optimist Club of Spearfish, had submitted the grant request and followed it through the approval process. After thanking the Optimist Club, Blansett and Collister briefly described CAP missions and activities.

Related article in the Black hill Pioneer - http://www.bhpioneer.com/local_news/article_8ba9d084-da14-11e4-ab52-9b818bfbfe033.html

PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)

(Items submitted by Lt. Col. Gatje)

- **SQUADRON PILOTS TAKE PART IN FAA WINGS PROGRAM:** Lt. Col. Myra Christensen and Maj. Lee Vaughan recently participated in the FAA WINGS Pilot Proficiency Program. They went to Rapid City to attend the program that is designed to increase safety in general aviation. Completion of this phase of WINGS satisfies the requirement for a flight review. Lt. Col. Jerry Densmore organized the Rapid City presentation.
- **PIERRE CONTINUES TO HELP AMERICAN LEGION PROGRAM:** Squadron members Lt. Jonathan Becker, Lt. Col. Tam Gatje and C/Amn Margot Pearson along with Cadet Pearson's father helped the American Legion serve the monthly member's meal at the Pierre American Legion Cabin. This month's meeting had been delayed while an improved floor was installed in the cabin. Squadron members have been providing help for the Legion and in return the Legion has made the cabin available providing a larger indoor space where cadets are able to practice drill indoors, especially during the winter and other inclement weather.

RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)

(Items and photo submitted by Maj. Goodrich)



- Maj. Goodrich flew the first of three planned Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps flights on 28 April. Two cadets from the Douglas High School USAF JROTC program in Box Elder, Cadet Staff Sergeant Nick Kochutin and Cadet Senior Airman Kevin Armstrong, went aloft.

USAF JROTC C/SSgt Kochutin is also Civil Air Patrol C/SrA Kochutin of Rushmore Composite Squadron.

In the photo Cadet Kochutin (Left), Cadet Armstrong (Right)

- Capt. Tim Shannon received his first Form-5 check ride. He's now checked out as an Instructor Pilot (CFI - Certified Flight Instructor/CFII - Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument) in the Cessna-172.
- Capt. Lisa Swanson has been assigned as Professional Development Officer and Personnel Officer.

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

(Items by Capt. Erickson and Capt. West, photos by Capt. West)

- **CHALLENGE COIN AWARD:** On 2 April, the cadets had a surprise for their squadron commander at the weekly meeting. In an unusual twist, the cadet corps presented Squadron Commander Capt. Jason Erickson with a challenge coin to thank him for all the hard work he puts in for the cadets and for the squadron.



- **FAA SAFETY CONFERENCE:** The squadron, representing CAP, set up a table and talked about what we do at a seminar on 7 April at the Main Terminal Conference Room of Sioux Falls Regional Airport. The event, the “2015 annual Pilot & Airport Evening User Meeting”, provided current information on runway safety and airspace operational concerns. In addition, attendees had the opportunity to meet with FAA personnel from the Air Traffic Control, Flight Standards and South Dakota FAA Air Safety Team. As it turned out the event was packed, standing room only. Capt. Jason Erickson led the CAP contingent playing host, mingling and shaking hands. Senior members in attendance were Capt. Kurt Johnson, Capt. Karla West, Capt. Jerry Zurovski, Lt.

Dale Palmer and Capt. Joe Oye. The cadets; C/CMSgt Jaden Roblewsky, C/Lt Nicholas Nash, C/Amn Taylor Moyer and C/SSgt Kyle Clement did us proud as they always do, looking sharp and acting respectful.

- **MINI-SAREX:** The squadron held a mini-SAREX on 30 April. Exercise alert messages were issued by text and email for aircrew, ground teams and mission base personnel to assemble at the squadron headquarters. Two aircraft, two ground teams and 35 members participated as aircrew, ground search team members or mission base staff. . In the first scenario the squadron’s Cessna-182, flew a “High Bird” mission to relay radio communications between mission base, the ground teams, and the Pierre squadron. In the second scenario the unit’s Cessna-172 flew an air search for persons stranded after a line of severe storms passed through the area. In the third scenario two ground search teams were dispatched to locate a missing turkey hunter. The unit’s Cessna-172 spotted the missing hunter and directed the ground search teams to the man’s location.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotions



Congratulations to Elliott W. Filler of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Major!



Congratulations to Victoria Bierwirth of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron and to Lisa Swanson of Rushmore Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Captain!

Cadet Officer Advancement



Although not a promotion *per se*, congratulations to Tyler Gross of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron on attaining Cadet Aerospace Officer (Achievement 13/Phase IV - Executive), the last ghost rank before rising to Cadet Major!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Nathaniel Fleet of Big Sioux Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Andrew Toft of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Robert Boecker of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Taylor Umland-Moyer on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!





Congratulations to Jon Larcher and Hunter Rice, both of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the General J.F. Curry Award!



★ ★ **KUDOS** ★ ★



Congratulations to C/Maj Silas Busch of Rushmore Composite Squadron who was awarded a \$1,000 flight scholarship from SDWG. The scholarship covers aircraft maintenance and fuel during flight training with an FAA Certificated Flight Instructor, in this case SDWG Lt. Col. Gary Hewett



C/MAJ BUSCH PREFLIGHTS A CESSNA-172 ON 3-31-15



Congratulations to C/Capt Nicole Schneider of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on receiving an Outstanding Officer Award from the Air Force Association on 26 March. The award was presented to her by USAF Col. (CAP Lt. Col.) Greg Lair.



C/CAPT SCHNEIDER RECEIVES AWARD FROM COL LAIR



Congratulations to Capt. Morgan “Dani” Black of Rushmore Composite Squadron who received a \$6,000 Jean Bartel Scholarship for Military Awareness from the Miss America Organization. Capt. Black’s participation in CAP was a boost for this scholarship. Congratulations of a different sort are also in order for Dani. On 25 April, she and Nick Kelley were married.



Congratulations to C/MSgt Steven Diaconu of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on receiving an Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer Award from the Air Force Association on 26 March. The award was presented to him by USAF Col. (CAP Lt. Col.) Greg Lair.



C/MSGT STEVEN DIACONU RECEIVES AWARD FROM COL LAIR



Congratulations to C/Maj Brandon West of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on being awarded a CAP academic scholarship! Each year CAP partners with its academic and organizational partners to award over \$350,000 in scholarships to its members. Just recently C/Maj West was notified that he had been awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship provided by the United Services Automobile Association (USAA) insurance company. Cadet West was awarded the scholarship based on “superior performance as a student, citizenship, and Civil Air Patrol achievements”, according to Steven Trupp, CAP Cadet Program Manager. USAA provides academic scholarships each year to three outstanding cadets for assistance in pursuing undergraduate education. Brandon is working towards a degree in the University of Minnesota’s School of Nursing Honor Program.



On 27 April, Brandon attended the 2015 Associated School Boards of South Dakota Academic Excellence Recognition banquet in Pierre. The luncheon honors the top 1% of South Dakota high-school seniors who excel in student achievement. Approximately 500 students, parents and educators attended the annual event. South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard was the keynote speaker.

★ ★ CAP SURROGATE PREDATOR ★ ★

By Jeanne Dailey, Air Force Research Laboratory Kirtland Air Force Base - [Edited] The Air Force Research Laboratory's Surrogate Predator program has given the warfighter a way to train in the U.S. before deploying overseas. AFRL's Directed Energy Directorate at Kirtland modified a CAP Cessna-206T aircraft as a Surrogate Predator for military training exercises. The aircraft has intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) sensors that mimic a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. AFRL, part of the Surrogate Predator program since 2008, recently delivered the Enhanced Surrogate Predator 3 to CAP, according to program manager J. P. Sena. According to Sena, “The Enhanced Surrogate Predator 3 is a redesign of the first two surrogate predators which

had a wing-mounted turret. We designed the CAP Cessna-206T with a retractable turret stowed in the belly of the aircraft that allows for longer flight times by reducing drag when the turret is not in operation. The operator station was ergonomically designed to allow for more leg room, ease of controls, a central location for all the equipment and a plethora of capabilities for the sensor operator."

The Surrogate Predator is used in green flag exercises, where the Air Force and its allied air forces engage in air-land integration combat training exercises. "With the use of the Surrogate Predator during green flag exercises, troops training for deployment get experience with what they will see overseas while the government can keep the high-value assets overseas to continue to complete missions," said Sena. "Our government saves millions by keeping the assets in theater and completing training using the Surrogate Predators."

CAP has used Surrogate Predators 1 and 2 in relief efforts for disasters such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012 and for homeland security and search and rescue missions as well as military combat exercises such as Green Flag.

In the photo a Surrogate Predator 3 is prepared for takeoff. ISR sensors were added to the CAP Cessna-206T to mimic a Predator unmanned aerial vehicle. AFRL's Directed Energy Directorate at Kirtland AFB, modified the CAP aircraft for use in military training exercises.

Sources: Air Force Material Command, www.afmc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123445887, accessed 22 April 2015, and Air Force Magazine, Daily Report for Friday, 24 April 2015



CHECK OUT THE NEXT PAGE FOR UNIT/INDIVIDUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS AT THE 2015 WING CONFERENCE

UNITS/INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED AWARDS AT THE 2015 SOUTH DAKOTA WING CONFERENCE BANQUET

NORTH CENTRAL REGION "Of The Year" AWARD

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, NCR Drug Demand Reduction Officer of the Year SDWG Staff

SOUTH DAKOTA WING "Of the Year" AWARDS

Col Robert V. "Bud" Payton Public Affairs Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Kris Bierwirth Crazy Horse Composite Squadron

Aerospace Education Officer of the Year

1st Lt. Victoria Bierwirth Crazy Horse Composite Squadron

Public Affairs Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. William Hopewell Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

Drug Demand Reduction Member of the Year

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler Wing Staff

Professional Development Officer of the Year

Capt. Karen Espeland Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

Cadet Program Officer of the Year

Lt. Col. Myra Christensen Pierre Composite Squadron

Cadet NCO of the Year

C/MSgt Steven Diaconu Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

Cadet of the Year

C/Lt Col Joshua Klosterman Big Sioux Composite Squadron

Senior Member of the Year

Capt. Neil Schmid Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

Squadron of the Year

Big Sioux Composite Squadron Sioux Falls

Quality Cadet Unit Award

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron Spearfish
Rushmore Composite Squadron Rapid City

Squadron of Merit Award

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Sioux Falls

SOUTH DAKOTA WING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Achievement Awards

Capt. James Dillon Crazy Horse Composite Squadron

Lt. Col. Gregory Lair

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

Commander's Commendations

2nd Lt. Manford Steele

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

Maj. David Small Jr.

Wing Staff

Capt. Jerome Foy

Wing Staff

Capt. Elliot Filler

Big Sioux Composite Squadron

Capt. Karen Espeland

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

Capt. Sylvia Small

Wing Staff

Maj. Sharon Moad

Crazy Horse Composite Squadron

C/Capt Nicole Schneider

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

C/Capt Samuel Huntington

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

C/2nd Lt Bradley Blansett

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

C/CMSgt Justin Harris

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

C/2nd Lt Devon Brown

Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

C/Col William Small

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

Search and Rescue "Find" Ribbon

Col. Mike Beason

Wing Staff

C/2nd Lt Bradley Blansett

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

Capt. William Collister

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

C/1st Lt Jared Doyle

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

Maj. Craig Goodrich

Rushmore Composite Squadron

C/A1C Malia Goodrich

Rushmore Composite Squadron

Capt. Joshua Hall

Rushmore Composite Squadron

C/SMSgt Ryan Harris

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

C/CMSgt Justin Harris

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

Lt. Col. Gary Hewett

Rushmore Composite Squadron

1st Lt. Ryan Jones

Rushmore Composite Squadron

Maj. Bruce Kipp

Wing Staff

Lt. Col. Deryl Miles

Wing Staff

Capt. Patrick Nowlin

Rushmore Composite Squadron

C/MSgt Austin Rauscher

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

C/MSgt Keyvin Rauscher

Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron

Maj. David Small Jr.

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