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WING TIPS

- ***JOINT SDNG/CAP FIELD TRAINING:*** March 5th was a special day as SDWG officers and cadets joined members of the South Dakota Army National Guard for field training at historic Fort Meade in Sturgis.

Approximately 30 cadets and 4 officers attended the event. Our contacts for this event were LTC Wyatt Hansen (Commander of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), and 1SGT David A. Lingle of the same unit who coordinated the event.

The training began Friday evening, 4 March. The cadets were divided into four teams; each team was assigned a National Guard mentor. The teams were given protractors, old-fashioned paper maps, and the coordinates of the last known position of a downed pilot. They were also given the coordinates of where they would need to take the injured pilot to meet with an ambulance. The cadets then went to work to plot their first route on the map.

Early Saturday morning, 5 March, each group was issued a stretcher and Army field rations (MRE) for lunch. The four groups then headed off to their first given position of the downed pilot. However, the injured pilot was on the move, so the location kept changing for each group and the cadets had to replot the coordinates on their map and use their compasses to head in the new direction. Each new coordinate had a designated marker in the field so that each team could determine if it was on the proper course. The coordinates for each team were different so each team headed in different direction after the first known coordinate.

In last phase of this exercise, the National Guard member who represented the pilot had sustained a compound fracture of the leg. The cadets needed to employ their basic first aid skills and transport the injured pilot to the waiting ambulance (a CAP van that CAP officers were using to provide water and nutrients to members). The team members claimed to have enjoyed their MRE lunch during this activity.

The next activity on the agenda was a marksmanship competition between the four teams using paint ball guns. Individual targets were set up and paint ball guns provided for each team. Several different types of shooting competitions were held so each cadet was able to fire the guns multiple times.

After a very enjoyable day, a great supper meal of lasagna cooked and served by cadets suffering from sore feet and exhaustion. The evening was capped off by popcorn and a movie.



SDWG CONTINGENT TO JOINT SDNG/CAP FIELD TRAINING AT HISTORIC FORT MEADE NEAR STURGIS



ORIENTEERING AND LAND NAVIGATION



TEAM PAINTBALL MARKSMANSHIP COMPETITION



OUR HOSTS LTC WYATT HANSEN & ISGT DAVID LINGLE

• **JOINT DAKOTAS CADET LEADERSHIP ACADEMY:** A Joint Dakotas Cadet Leadership Academy was held in Pierre at the Community Bible Church 26-28 February. 35 cadets and eight senior members from both South Dakota and North Dakota Wings attended. C/Lt. Nick Nash was Cadet Commander. Maj Nicholas Gengler was senior member in charge. This was a great weekend dedicated to developing leadership skills in cadets. Classes included a tabletop SAREX, a class on the Civil Air Patrol's core values, a DDR class by Lt. Col. Buechler, and many others. Cadets especially enjoyed the Group Leadership Projects instructed by the cadet staff members. Great participation by the cadets who did the teaching, cooking, organizing, etc.



• **NEBRASKA WING CONFERENCE:** By C/Lt Col Joshua Klosterman, Big Sioux Composite Squadron and Vice Chair of the North Central Region Cadet Advisory Council: The Nebraska Wing Conference went really well! We met a lot of cadets from the NEWG, and invited them to our Survival Weekend in May. We had 5 members of the NCR Cadet Advisory Council present for discussions and event planning. C/Capt. Nick Nash (Sioux Falls Composite Squadron), C/Lt. Jaden Petersen (Big Sioux Composite Squadron) and I spoke with Mr. Curt LaFond, the National Deputy Director of Cadet Programs, about several upcoming programs, including the new Physical Fitness Program, the new Fast Burner proposal, and several others. Overall, it was a highly beneficial and excellent experience. Thank to Maj. David Small for helping to organize the trip!

• **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS EXPAND TO EASTERN SD:** Starting this month, SDWG began locating collared deer for the GF&P from south of Sioux Falls to the Lake Poinsett area. Col. Seten flew the first such sortie; flying 3.6 hours over Eastern SD. SDWG also flew 14 aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over Western SD over 10 days in March 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 35.5 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills. The CAP pilots were Lt. Col. Gary Hewitt, ten sorties, Lt. Col. Albert Trumble, three sorties, and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, one sortie. Depending on whom the sortie supported they were accompanied by a representative from SDSU or GF&P.

- **CAP VOLUNTEER MAGAZINE**: The digital version of the April-June 2016 issue of the *Civil Air Patrol Volunteer* is now available at http://www.capvolunteernow.com/cap_volunteer/. Click on the cover featuring CAP's Air Force-assigned homeland security missions in advance of Super Bowl 50, or the link under the cover, to access. In addition to this story, the E-edition of the *Volunteer* includes coverage of Civil Air Patrol flooding missions in the Midwest and of an Alabama plane crash that claimed the lives of two CAP members. There is also Legislative Day coverage, and a story about the launch of CAP's 75th anniversary celebration.

- **BOY SCOUT AVIATION MERIT BADGE EVENT**: On 5 March, Scott Wurzburger, Aviation Merit Badge Counselor, brought six Boy Scouts from Wyoming and South Dakota and an adult leader to Rapid City Regional Airport in conjunction with visiting Ellsworth AFB. The Scouts were present to work on their Aviation Merit Badge. SDWG's Lt. Col. Gary Hewitt showed 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 control tower.



- **NAME THE BOMBER CONTEST**: [Editor: CAP members are eligible to submit names] The Air Force has released details about how to submit a name for the B-21 bomber. Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard airmen, as well as their dependents, members of the US Air Force Civil Service, and Air Force retirees are eligible to submit up to three proposed names by May 6. The proposed names cannot consist of more than two distinct words, and they must meet Air Force naming guidelines. The rules and full details about the contest are available on the Air Force Global Strike Command website: <http://www.afgsc.af.mil/Library/NametheB-21Bomber/SubmissionRules.aspx>



Public Affairs at Air Force Global Strike Command says that if you are going to submit a nickname (limit 3), go to the webpage listed in the article above to see the rules. Then click the "Name the B-21 Bomber" in the banner at the top of the page **OR** go to www.afgsc.af.mil/Library/NametheB-21Bomber.aspx and click on the big "B-21" button. This takes you to the actual submission page. In the box with a pull-down list for "U.S. Air Force Status" it will already say "US Air Force Active Duty". Leave it that way for CAP members. In the "Justification for Proposed Name" box above it, start by saying that you are Civil Air Patrol member, and then write your justification. Submit a separate form for each suggested nickname.

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. John Seten, CAP

I am pleased to announce that the wing's new, specially equipped Cessna-182 aircraft is now housed at the Brookings airport, home to the Big Sioux Composite Squadron.



WING SAFETY OFFICER

Lt. Col. Mark Huntington, CAP

NHQ is quite appropriately increasing the emphasis on Operational Risk Management (ORM) and Safety in all CAP activities. See www.capmembers.com/media/cms/CAP_CAPUSAF_RM_letter_24_Mar_16_8B29318EE478C.pdf.

The punch line is involve your unit's safety officers or MSOs in all planning. They *must* be kept in the loop from the beginning, with enough detail to be able to advise on risk management and possible safety concerns. Should *anyone* ask the safety officers about *any* of the activities of the unit, they should (1) know what's going on, and (2) know enough about the activity to summarize safety/ORM issues present, and (3) have had direct input into the planning.

This means that POCs, Commanders, Deputy Commanders for Cadets, and Cadet Commanders will need to plan and organize activities far enough in advance to allow for Safety input in the planning stages. While impromptu and spontaneous activities can be of value, even they cannot go off half-cocked. Lack of planning = lack of safety.

It also means more work for the safety officers - but as "key personnel" we are not mere figureheads! We already have good tools to assist in this role, found on the wing website (<http://sdcap.us/safety-2/>). These include CAP instruments as well as other instruments borrowed and adapted from other sources:

Hazard Exposure Risk Assessment, Minimum ORM Form, ORM Vehicle Worksheet, ORM Worksheet
CAP Aviation ORM Matrix, SDWG Medical Guidance

For more information contact Lt. Col. Huntington at mark.huntington@sdcap.us



WING HISTORIAN

Maj. Todd Epp, CAP

- A new category has been added to the Wing History section of the Wing website. Use the pull-down menu to access "SDWG Year-in-Review". There you will find SDWG's annual year-in-review historical report that is sent to the CAP National Historian. The first two in this new category are for 2014 and 2012. I am working on the 2015 report and when done, approved, and sent to NHQ it too will be uploaded, probably in June. I am also working on getting as many previous years reports as I can find and upload them.

- A Monograph entitled "CAP in Song & Verse – A Study of Civil Air Patrol Music, Songs and Poems" has been uploaded to the History category of the Wing History section of the Wing website. It is a lengthy document so take a while to load but it is interesting and worth at least glancing over. Even has old Jody calls.

- Two new music files have been added to the History category of the Wing History section of the Wing website. They are of the WWII era Service Song of the Civil Air Patrol called "CAP is on the Go". One file is the instrumental version the other file is the choral version.



WING EMERGENCY SERVICES OFFICER

Lt. Col. Myra Christensen, CAP

Upcoming Incident Command System (ICS) Classes:

ICS 300 - Date May 17 & 18 Prerequisites for this class: IS 100, IS 200, and IS 700

ICS 400 - Date May 19 & 20 Prerequisites for this class: IS 100, IS 200, IS 700, and ICS 300

The free classes are offered by the SD Office of Emergency Management. To register please go to the web site:
www.eventbrite.com/o/sd-office-of-emergency-management-2498054830



DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, CAP

- **CADET SURVIVAL SCHOOL**: South Dakota Wing cadets under the leadership of C/Capt. Nicholas Nash are holding a cadet survival school 29 April – 1 May at the Lewis and Clark Boy Scout Camp near Yankton. Courses will include shelter building, Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training, field survival cooking class, DDR program with Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, and more. This will be an educational and exciting weekend for all. An Eventbrite link is being established. Here is the Eventbrite link for the cadet survival school: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cadet-survival-weekend-tickets-24271228899>
 - **ACE CAMP OPPORTUNITY AT SDSU**: A great opportunity for SD cadets - commanders please let your cadets know of this opportunity. www.sdstate.edu/cs/undergraduate-programs/aviation/aerospace-career.cfm
 - **JOINT DAKOTA CADET LEADERSHIP ENCAMPMENT**: 25 June – 3 July 3, at Camp Grafton, ND. Financial assistance is available from National HQ for first-time encampment attendees. Check the link www.capmembers.com/cadet_programs/activities/ceap-application-process/. Also, Eventbrite registration: www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-joint-dakota-cadet-leadership-encampment=tickets=20945674075
Contact Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, SD Wing DCP/DDRA, for further information.
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WING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Col. Mary Donley, CAP

A Squadron Leadership School (SLS) was held on Saturday, February 20 at the Sioux Falls Squadron headquarters. An SLS is held for newer adult members of CAP to provide them with a basic understanding of operations at the squadron level and how those operations affect CAP's national missions. Six Officers and two cadets attended the course. Attending from Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings were Lt. Josh Hartlelt and C/Maj. Tyler Gross and C/Lt. Col. Joshua Klosterman. From Sioux Falls Composite Squadron were Lt. Denise Clement, SM Dana Zimmerman, Lt. Manny Steele and Lt. Col. Ron Evenson. From Pierre Composite Squadron was SM Ryon Skaggs. SLS is part of Level II training for officers and necessary for awards and promotions. Plans are in the works to hold an SLS in the center or western squadrons in the near future. Many thanks to the members who helped instruct and mentor our newer members: Capt. Karen Espeland, Lt. Col.

Gary Rae, Lt. Col. Rick Larson, Lt. Col. Ron Evenson, Maj. Todd Epp and Col. Mary Donley. A special thanks to Wing Commander, Col. John Seten, who visited the class and spoke to the group.



SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-58, BROOKINGS)

(Item submitted by C/Maj Gross)

- **CYBERPATRIOT-VII UPDATE:** Team Big Sioux competed in the Semi-Final Round of CyberPatriot-VIII on 21 February. Unfortunately, the team's final standing did not qualify them to advance to the national finals. Members Team Big Sioux were: C/Lt. Jaden Petersen (Brookings) (Team Captain), C/CMSgt. Graham Dinnel (Lake Benton, MN), C/MSgt. Andrew Toft (Elkton), C/A1C Andrew Sweebe (Brookings) and C/Amn Peter Engels (Minneota, MN).

- **NEW AIRCRAFT AT BROOKINGS:** After a long wait a CAP aircraft has been assigned to our squadron. We are extremely pleased to host a brand new Cessna-182T, tail number N933CP. These specially equipped aircraft are purchased for CAP by the Air Force and cost about \$580,000 each. We'll be careful with it!

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items and photos submitted by Capt. Bierwirth)



- **CUSTER TRADE SHOW:** C/A1C Larcher, C/Lt Parry, Capt. Geeting and Capt. Bierwirth were greeters at the Custer Chamber of Commerce Trade Show on 7 March at Custer High School. The show hosted exhibitors ranging from financial services and building materials to jewelry and artwork. Some visitors were interested in learning more about CAP while others congratulated us for our activities that they had read about in the paper.



- **IMPAIRED DRIVING CLASS:** As part of the squadron's Drug Demand Reduction program cadets and officers had a chance to navigate a wheelchair through an obstacle course while wearing driving impaired goggles also known as "drunk" goggles. The simulated impact of impaired driving had varying effects on each of us. Everyone came away with a greater understanding of how even a small amount of alcohol can degrade one's driving ability. In the photo C/TSgt Kyle Stiffarm navigates the obstacle course.

- **WELCOME ABOARD:** Welcome to our newest member, Pastor Darwin Kopfmann. We are pleased that you decided to join Civil Air Patrol and proud to have you as a member of our squadron.

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)

(Items and photo by Lt. Col. DeWeese)

- **AE & RECRUITING AT THE HOME SHOW:** External Aerospace Education is a big part of both cadet and officer AE. It can involve anything from public speaking to public booth displays to recruiting booths. The annual Spearfish Optimist's Home Show was an opportunity for all three to come together at once. The squadron rented a booth to create community awareness of who we are, what we do and recruit both cadets and officers alike. Maj. Bill Collister and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese manned the booth from 0900 till around 1700 on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6 at the Donald Young Center Field House at Black Hills State University in Spearfish. Hundreds of people, adults and children alike walked by viewed our displays on cadet



activities, read our recruiting brochures and had the opportunity to "fire the rocket". Our air-propelled styrofoam rockets were a big hit with the children and parents. There was another exhibitor in the field house that operated a remote controlled, powered miniature dirigible shaped like a shark. As the blimp's flight path took it over the CAP missile base, Lt. Col. DeWeese oversaw launches towards the airspace intruder. We shot down the inflatable shark that was terrorizing attendees. Maj. Collister demonstrated why he was an Expert Marksman in the Marine Corps by nailing the helium monster on only his second shot. The giant fish never again threatened show-goers! We generated considerable interest from scores of parents and children, and even signed up at least one Aerospace Education Member program.

RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)

(Items and photos submitted by Maj. Goodrich)

- **CADET O-RIDES:** Five cadets experienced the fun and excitement of their first orientation flight in March. They were: C/Amn Jacob Lawrence, C/AB Mason Helgeland, C/Amn Nathan Carlin, C/Amn Lucas Dimitt and C/Amn Jacob Strouth.

- **SQUADRON STAFF APPOINTMENTS:** Two officers have been appointed to squadron staff positions. On 25 February, Capt. Patrick Nowlin was appointed Advisor to the Commander. On 10 March, Lt. Michael Johnson was appointed Deputy Squadron Commander.



- **BURGERS ON THE BARBY**: On Thursday, 31 March, the squadron continued its tradition of a family get together on the “Fifth Thursday Family Fun Night”. C/A1C Brandon Spence and his parents Mark and Lara were in charge of the “Burgers on the Barby” event. They did a great job organizing the event and then serving throughout the night. Cadet Spence worked the grill in the wind and snow with great skill. All the pot luck food was awesome too! The unit also invited some special guests. An armorer from the Security Forces Squadron displayed the weapons the “Sky-Cops” use to defend USAF Bases, and the Fire Department demonstrated an equipment drill for the audience of about 60 people (squadron members, their families and guests). Finally, the cadets did a drill presentation for their parents and friends, and a “Drill Down” competition. One of the newest cadets in the squadron, Cadet Allen was the winner.

- **SQUADRON ANNUAL AWARDS**: The Burgers-on-the-Barby event was also the venue for presentation of the squadron’s annual awards. The awards were given as follows:



The Lincoln Award was presented to C/TSgt Noah Misselt. President Abraham Lincoln led our country through its darkest times. His dedication and leadership brought the United States through its Civil War, and maintained it as a unified state. In his memory this award is presented annually to the cadet who has demonstrated the greatest dedication and leadership during the year.



The Roosevelt Award was presented to C/A1C Brandon Spence. President Theodore Roosevelt fought to bring about progressive reforms and create a strong foreign policy for our country. He followed his vision that the United States would become a powerful world leader. In his memory this award is presented annually to the cadet who has demonstrated the greatest vision and potential during their first year of membership.

The Jefferson Award was presented to SM Margo Pruett. President Thomas Jefferson was a visionary for our country. He saw the great potential we had before us and helped to carve our great country into America. In his memory this award is presented annually to the Senior Member who has demonstrated the greatest vision and potential during their first year of membership.

The Washington Award was presented to Lt. Col. Dave Jeffries. General George Washington dedicated himself to the ideals of our country and led our armies to victory in the revolutionary war, becoming the first President of the United States. In his memory this award is presented annually to the Senior Member who has demonstrated the greatest dedication and leadership during the year.



Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet Award was presented to C/MSgt Tyler Eberle who has demonstrated great leadership and dedication to the squadron and to CAP. In addition to the certificate, Cadet Eberle also received the accompanying medal and ribbon bar.



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

(Items and photos submitted by Capt. West)



- **USAF ACADEMY BOUND**: Congratulations to C/Capt. Nicholas Nash on being accepted to the Air Force Academy. We are very proud of him and his accomplishments. He will be off to the academy on 30 June.

• **KINGSWOOD BLITZ**: On 12 March, squadron members caravanned to the southwest side of Sioux Falls to help in preparation for the annual Kingswood Rummage Sale, the largest organized rummage sale in South Dakota. The organizing committee delivers information packets to each house in the Kingswood Subdivision. That's where the squadron comes into the activity. We volunteer our assistance and are assigned a specific area within the subdivision to deliver packets. On arrival officers and cadets received a safety briefing. Lt. Denise Clement who lives in Kingswood had most everything organized for our arrival as well as maps split up into sections so we were able to get to work quickly. The cadets divided up into groups, picked up the packets and started placing one on each door in the assigned neighborhoods. The incredible teenage cadets distributed over 3,000 packets in just a few hours! It was a remarkable sight to see, those BDU-wearing bundles of energy dashing about the neighborhoods. The officers helped, albeit more sedately, by organizing the packets and driving the vans to and around the designated neighborhoods. The squadron gratefully received a donation from the Kingswood Rummage Organizing Committee for their work in delivering the packets.





- **TRANSPORT PILOT PROFICIENCY**: Now that pilot proficiency flying funds are available for Transport Pilots, C/Maj. Brandon West took to the sky over Sioux Falls with Capt. Matt Meert and Capt. Karla West to do some training. He got in several touch-and-go landings/takeoffs and a good amount of time "under the hood" (flying by instruments).

- **TABLETOP SAREX**: The squadron's officers conducted a tabletop mini-SAREX in mid-March to begin preparing for the major SAREX activity coming up in April. Classes were held on a variety of topics as well as a comprehensive discussion on the roles each was to play as part of the Mission Base staff, ground team or aircrew. In some cases it was back-to-the-basics, for example in map reading and land navigation to get away from an over reliance on electronic devices.



★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Kyle Clement of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Dr. Robert H Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Tyler Eberle of Rapid City, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Oscar Holmberg of Luverne, MN, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!





Congratulations to Logan Wallace of Rapid City, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron in Rapid City, to Jon Larcher of Custer, and to Ethan Updike of Oelrichs, both members of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron in Custer, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Peter Willison of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, to Robert Hewitt of Custer and member of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron in Custer, and to Jacob Strouth of Rapid City, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron in Rapid City, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the General J.F. Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Maj. Bruce Kipp of the Wing Staff who has completed the requirements for Level IV (Command and Staff) of the Senior Member Professional Development Program. In recognition thereof has received the Paul E. Garber Award!



Congratulations to Capt. Neil Schmid of the Sioux Falls Composite squadron who earned the rating of Certified Flight Instructor during the weekend of 19-20 March!



Congratulations to Lt. Andy Weathers of Rushmore Composite Squadron who qualified this month as an Emergency Services aircrew Airborne Photographer! In addition, Lt. Weathers, a pilot, completed Form 5 check rides in a Cessna 182T for two qualifications.



Congratulations to Capt. Matt Meert of Sioux Falls Composite squadron who passed his commercial pilot check ride!



- **AFSA OUTSTANDING CADET NCO AWARD**: Congratulations to C/SSgt Hunter Rice of Custer and member of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron in Custer who received the Air Force Sergeants Association Outstanding Cadet Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Award.

The certificate and medal were presented to him by USAF First Sergeant (Ret). Scott Marsich. The award presentation was reported on Page 5B in the Custer County Chronicle newspaper for 9 March 2016.



Congratulations to Lt. Samuel Huntington of the Rushmore Composite Squadron who has been approved to receive the Cadet Programs specialty track at the Technician skill rating!



- **RED TAILS, THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN IN PHOTOS:** Running for his third presidential term, Franklin Roosevelt made a 1940 campaign promise to allow the training of black military pilots. In cooperation with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, the Army in 1941 created a program to induct and train what would eventually amount to more than 14,000 airmen, of whom about 1,000 would become pilots; the others became navigators, bombardiers, radio operators, administrators, weathermen, and other support personnel. Collectively, these "Tuskegee Airmen" built a solid combat record. [Click here](#) to check out *Air Force Magazine's* complement to the photo essay on the Tuskegee Airmen, which appears in our [March print issue](#).

Source: Air Force Magazine, Daily Report, Monday, March 21, 2016

- **ALL-FEMALE NUCLEAR ALERT:** [Edited] The Air Force's nuclear missile alert force was operated entirely by women on 22 March in honor of Women's History Month. Missile crews at Air Force Global Strike Command's three missile bases consisted entirely of women, with all-female B-52 aircrews from Minot AFB, N.D., and Barksdale AFB, La., and all-female operators from Offutt AFB, Neb., on alert as well. The crews at Malmstrom wore a special patch, with an image of Rosie the Riveter and the slogan, "We put the "Miss" in "Missileer" to mark the occasion. "The fact that we can look across our briefing room and see a woman sitting in every seat, for every combat crew going out on nuclear alert, is in itself significant, not because Malmstrom is fielding an all-women alert force, but because we have enough women filling combat leadership roles to take alert for the entire wing," said Col. Tom Wilcox, 341st Missile Wing commander.



Source: Air Force Magazine, Daily Report, Wednesday, March 23, 2016

★ ★ WING CALENDAR ★ ★

Below is the Wing Calendar for April as of the date this Skychaser was published. Check the Wing website for the latest information as the calendars are frequently updated.

APR 5 Tue	all-day CAPF-73 Due
	all-day Vehicle Reports Due to Wing VMO ...
APR 7 Thu	8:00 pm Webinar FY17 Flying Plan Trainin...
APR 8 Fri	all-day Wing Cadet Competition
APR 9 Sat	all-day Wing Cadet Competition
APR 10 Sun	all-day Wing Cadet Competition
APR 11 Mon	all-day Wing Visit
APR 22 Fri	all-day SAREX
	all-day Soaring Day at Watertown
APR 29 Fri	all-day Constant Watch 16

