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### WING TIPS

**REDCAP 17-M-0015A – Missing Person:** During the early afternoon of 5 January, the South Dakota Wing (SDWG) of the Civil Air Patrol was placed on alert. At the request of Cheyenne River Sioux tribal officials the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) at Tyndall AFB, Florida activated SDWG to assist in the search for Tom Traversie Jr. who had been reported missing in the vicinity of Eagle Butte on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. A CAP aircraft based in Rapid City flew the initial aerial search during the afternoon of 5 January but did not find the individual. The search continued on the 6<sup>th</sup> with CAP aircraft based in Pierre, Rapid City and Sioux Falls flying over the search area northeast of Eagle Butte. In addition, a SDWG control party drove to the Incident Command Post in Eagle Butte early on the 6<sup>th</sup> to liaise directly with Eagle Butte Police Chief Joe Wick who headed up search operations. Ground search activity in the area was hampered by temperatures as low as -21F and snow drifts up to 10 feet deep. The South Dakota Wing resumed aerial search activity during daylight on 7 January.

On Sunday evening, 8 January, the AFRCC terminated CAP’s participation in the search effort for the missing Eagle Butte man. Over four days five CAP aircraft flew 40 hours of flight time over the search area with roughly 100 man hours devoted to aerial search. Fourteen air search sorties were flown that added up to approximately 4,400 miles crisscrossing the search area. Three South Dakota Wing members liaised on the ground with tribal authorities. Twenty-three members from five of the Wing’s six squadrons participated under the direction of four CAP incident commanders. As of Sunday evening the missing person had not been found and tribal officials will continue the ground search.

SDWG Commander Colonel David Small expressed his appreciation, “I want to thank all of our members who volunteered their time for this. I know that some of you have worked all four days - thank you! Also thanks to those who were not called out but made themselves available if needed.”

**Search Update:** KCCR Radio in Pierre reported that the body of Tom Traversie, a rural Eagle Butte man, was found on 31 January after he went missing during a snow storm. Within 48 hours, the body of his girlfriend 23-year-old Megan High Bear of Eagle Butte was found during the ensuing search. Apparently Traversie and High Bear were traveling in a remote area northeast of Eagle Butte on 1 January when their vehicle went off the road. They decided to walk to get help in extreme winter weather conditions and froze to death.



FIELD MOBILE INCIDENT COMMAND POST NEAR EAGLE BUTTE. THE CIVIL AIR PATROL VAN IS ON THE RIGHT



A VARIETY OF VEHICLES WERE USED IN THE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING EAGLE BUTTE MAN. THE CAP VAN IS IN THE BACKGROUND

- **WING SAREX:** On 21 January, the South Dakota Wing held a winter Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) with the Incident Command Post (ICP) in Rapid City and a Staging Area in Pierre. Due to low ceilings and icing in the central and eastern part of the state air operations were held in the Black Hills and ground operations were held in Pierre. A total of 39 members from five of our six squadrons participated in the SAREX. The Incident Commander (IC) for the exercise, Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich, also took on the task of Air Operations Branch Director, running the operation from Wing Headquarters in Rapid City. This provided many challenges, but good training for the IC having part of his staff operating remotely.

One of the objectives for air operations was to train members that are now to the Garmin VIRB cameras that were recently approved by CAP for mounting to the aircraft wing, and to determine the feasibility of using the VIRBs for searching for missing persons. We suspected, and confirmed that the maximum resolution from the VIRB at 1000 feet altitude is insufficient to be usable for spotting human-sized targets. The aircrews also got to search for one of the new 406-Mhz training personal locator beacons.

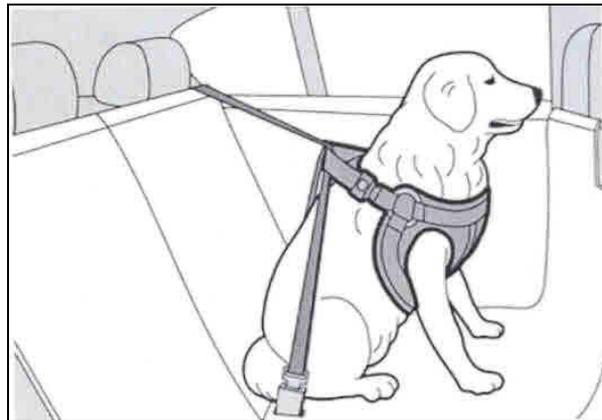
Another objective of the exercise was to fly a new Search and Rescue K9 team in a CAP airplane to ensure that there would be no issues when SDWG is called upon to transport the dog in the future. Ms. Tammy Stadel from Pennington County search and Rescue took her dog Loki on a flight with Lt. Col. Goodrich as the mission pilot. The pooch got a bit nervous when there was some turbulence, but that only lasted a minute before Loki settled down and relaxed for the rest of his first airplane ride. I

Air operations consisted of two aircraft, both over the Black hills and over the grasslands, east of the Rapid City airport. In all, some five aircraft sorties took place.

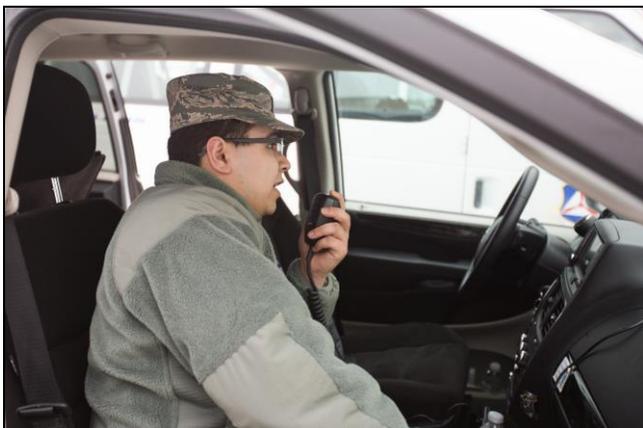
Operations in Pierre were based out of the Community Bible Church. This demonstrated that SDWG can set up a staging area just about anywhere there is electrical power and internet connectivity. Excellent training was provided to the Ground Branch Director, Planning Section Chief, Operations Section Chief, Mission Radio Operator, and several Mission Staff Assistants.

Three ground teams were sent out to practice their skills in finding a practice beacon that simulated an Emergency Locator Beacon that was active due to a (simulated) powered paraglider crash in Farm Island State Park outside of Pierre. In all, some 14 vehicle sorties took place.

Wing Commander Small and Incident Commander Goodrich thank all of our members who participated in this training event and to Greg Maier, Assistant Director of Operations of the CAP-USAF North Central Liaison Region, who visited us at Pierre. They also thank the staff of Pierre Community Bible Church for their generosity in allowing us to use their facilities. This article was written by Lt. Col. Myra Christensen, Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich and Col. David Small.



**IN THE PHOTOS: TAMMY STADEL WITH HER BORDER COLLIE LOKI, A SEARCH AND RESCUE K-9. THEY ARE BASED IN RAPID CITY BUT COULD BE FLOWN BY SDWG TO WHEREVER NEEDED. THE PILOT WAS LT. COL. CRAIG GOODRICH**



**A GROUND TEAM IN ACTION USING THE OLD AND NEW MODEL L-PERS FOR RADIO DIRECTION FINDING OF AN EMERGENCY BEACON**



A GROUND TEAM SETS OUT ON A MISSION TO SEARCH AND HOPEFULLY RESCUE DOWNED PARAGLIDERS

• **UNIFORM UPDATE:** All reverse US flag patches are to be removed from the BDU uniforms as well as the Corporate Utility Uniforms as of 1 January 2017.

• **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew 21 aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over 10 days in January 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 45.6 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills and 2.4 hours flying over eastern South Dakota for a total of 48.0 flight hours. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, 9 sorties; Lt. Col. Albert Trumble, 11 sorties; Capt. Neil Schmid, 1 sortie. Depending whom the sortie supported they were accompanied by a representative from SDSU or from GF&P.



• **“AIRMEN FOR LIFE” LOGO CONTEST:** The Air Force Association (AFA) is soliciting logo ideas for their “Airmen for Life” campaign. We’ve all heard "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." Well AFA is the link that enables Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, officer, enlisted, civilian and retired, Civil Air Patrol, students, cadets, and family members to become "Airmen for Life." Gen. Jimmy Doolittle built AFA in 1946 in order to encourage Airmen to stay connected to their Air Force roots for life. Even though today's Air Force has changed drastically since WWII, one fact remains unchanged: American Airmen fight for a common mission to promote aerospace power for our nation. Become an "Airmen for Life" today. Help AFA create a logo that exemplifies the "Airmen for Life" culture. The contest will run from Jan. 18 – Feb. 18. The winning logo will be unveiled at the AFA Air Warfare Symposium on March 2, in Orlando, Fla. The winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. Please submit all logo designs to McKinnon Pearse at [mpearse@afa.org](mailto:mpearse@afa.org) in the proper format. Details on contest requirements are at <http://www.afa.org/afa/informationfor/media/logocontest>

## STAFF NOTES



### WING COMMANDER

Col. David Small Jr., CAP

• **FRIENDS OF CAP PROGRAM:** Please see the last two pages of this eNewsletter for an email from the National Vice Commander concerning the “Friends of CAP” program.

- **NEW WING STAFF MEMBERS:** Lt. Col. Ron Evenson and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sam Huntington have each accepted the position of Assistant Director of Safety for the Wing. Ron will primarily work with East River squadrons and Sam with the West River squadrons. Both have shown a high degree of safety consciousness and mature judgement. They will add to the safety environment of our wing. Please welcome them and use them as a resource to keep us safe.

- **LEGISLATIVE DAY IN PIERRE:** The 2017 Civil Air Patrol Day at the state legislature is set for 8 February. Activities will include a visit to the legislative sessions of the Senate and House, meet/mingle with senators and representatives in their respective lobby chambers from 0700-1000 and 1300-1500 and a group photo with the Governor. As many members as possible should plan to arrive around 0700. Departure will be after the photo with the Governor at 1500. Wing will pay for fuel for vans and aircraft. This is a great opportunity to impress our state legislators with who we are and what we do to benefit our communities, our counties and the state. Most of our funding comes from the legislature and it is a sign of respect and indicates money well spent when we show up. If you plan to attend please coordinate with your squadron commander.

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## **WING CHIEF OF STAFF**

Maj. Nick Gengler, CAP

- **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Here are a few upcoming events that you will want to mark on your calendar.

17-19 February - A Winter Survival activity Lt. Col. Goodrich is heading up. The activity will include a winter camp out, snow shoeing, winter ground team activities, and also winter survival training. Training will be done in conjunction with Pennington County Search and Rescue. They will be lead agency; they'll be feeding us for most of the weekend, too! I need to know soon approximately how many of you are planning to attend, and where you want to sleep!"

10-12 March - Wing Cadet Competition. Squadron Color Guard members need to sign up via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sd-wing-color-guard-competition-tickets-30676613577>. More info can be found on that link. Participating squadrons are from Sioux Falls, Brookings, and Rapid City.

21-23 April - Wing Conference at Cedar Shores Resort in Oacoma, SD. Sign up before 20 March to get a great discount. Mention you are with Civil Air Patrol to receive hotel room discount. Sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/south-dakota-2017-wing-conference-tickets-19462329351>.

- **AWARDS NOMINATIONS** Do you know someone that has gone above and beyond last year? Submit an award for them. Check out the Awards Submission page in eServices!

- **SCHOLARSHIPS:** The SD Wing now offers scholarships to cadets and officers. We have a wide range to offer from flight scholarships, to activities, to professional development. Here is the link [www.sdcap.us/scholarships](http://www.sdcap.us/scholarships)



## **WING DIRECTOR OF CADET/DRUG/HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, CAP,

- **DDR BREAK-OUT SESSION:** I would like to speak with all Squadron Cadet Program and Drug Demand Reduction directors at the Wing Conference regarding these programs. Some are unsure how to run the

programs or have not assigned their members to specialty tracks or how to do after-action reports. We will review these areas and whatever questions you may have regarding the programs. Please plan to attend.

- **ENCAMPMENT PREP:** Encampment is July 7-16, 2017 at Camp Rapid Army National Guard base. Capt. Michael Johnson is the Encampment Commander. I will be Medical Officer. Start decreasing the amount of caffeine you drink in sodas or sport drinks or candy with caffeine, you'll have a happier time at encampment.

## SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

### **BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-58, BROOKINGS)**

(Item and photo submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Tyler Gross)



- **CYBERPATRIOT UPDATE:** Team Big Sioux, the squadron's cyberdefense team participating in the Platinum Tier of the 2016-2017 CyberPatriot-IX competition completed the State Round in mid-January. They placed 57th of 293 teams in the tier and 15th out of 82 CAP teams. They also won the 1st Place Air Force Association State Award. The next step is the Regional Round on 3-5 February.

- **WAA CEREMONY:** Typically, Wreaths Across America ceremonies to honor our nation's fallen veterans are held in December. In 2016, however, extreme cold and heavy snow forced postponement of several of the ceremonies in South Dakota. On 14 January, our Color Guard participated in a WAA ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery in Brookings. In particular, C/MSgt Mariel Klosterman, C/MSgt Annabelle Klosterman, C/TSgt Andrew Sweebe, C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Tyler Gross and squadron officers took part. They were joined by members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, the VFW Auxiliary and the South Dakota Chapter of Rolling Thunder.





## **CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)**

(Items submitted by Capt. Bierwirth)

- **WELCOME ABOARD:** This month we started off with our squadron growing! Welcome to Cadets Amelia Weiland and Jordan Weiland, thank you for coming to soar with us!
- **EDUCATION & TRAINING:** Capt. Darwin Kopfmann taught us about character development out of the Flight Time, Values of Living book. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Tim Modde's presentation on aerospace was amazing; he shared with us his photos he took during a CAP training mission with the AF F16 fighter planes. Maj. Richard Geeting taught us to be safe in everything we do and showed us what it takes to evaluate the O.R.M. situations and the process it takes to fill out the forms. C/SMSGt Anthony Dillon lead our Emergency Services class and taught our members how to perform a hasty search line, radio communications & searching for evidence.
- **STORM CHASERS:** Capt. Kopfmann, along with C/2dLt Thomas Dillon, C/SMSGt Anthony Dillon, C/SSgt Ethan Updike, C/SSgt Hunter Rice and C/SrA Robert Hewitt braved the weather to attend the Pierre SAREX to learn Ground Team skills. Maj. Geeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Modde assisted with the air crews in Rapid City.
- **WREATH SALES:** It's never too early to start. We are continuing with our Wreaths Across America fund raising event with the Battle Mountain Legion Riders and have already sold 12 wreaths for this year.

## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-063, SPEARFISH)**

(Items and photos submitted by Maj. Collister)



- **CADET COMMAND CHANGE:** On 19 January, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Ryan Harris assumed command of the squadron's cadet corps from Cadet First Lieutenant Jared Doyle. In a time-honored traditional change-of-command ceremony C/CMSgt Harris accepted the squadron flag from C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Doyle symbolically transferring cadet command authority, presided over by Squadron Commander Maj. William Collister. In the photo C/CMSgt Harris (left) holds the squadron flag he has just accepted from C/1<sup>st</sup> Lt Doyle (center) as Maj. Collister looks on.

- **SAFETY DAY:** The squadron held several discussions on Safety Day emphasizing that safety is not an abstract concept but an integral part of all that we do. Keeping our members from harm while engaged in CAP activities is of fundamental concern to everyone. It would appear from one picture that Maj. Collister didn't take the safety briefings to heart as he has a sling on his arm - in fact he had shoulder surgery earlier in the week.



**PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)**

(Item submitted by Lt. Col. Gatje, photos by Capt. Becker)

- **AVIATION DAY:** The squadron joined with other groups to pull off 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Day at the South Dakota Discovery center in Pierre recently. The snowstorm prevented members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Bomb Wing from Ellsworth AFB and 114<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing from the SD Air National Guard from taking part, those who braved the elements brought education, entertainment and wonderment to the children and adults in attendance. Each of the approximately 150 participants received a kit to build and decorate a balsa wood glider under guidance of Elks Lodge members. Squadron members Lt. Col. Lois Schmidt, Lt. Col. Myra Christensen and Squadron Commander Capt. Jon Becker showed the students how to properly land a plastic airplane model on the runway marked out on the floor. Members found it fun to interact with the young people. The squadron was covered in articles on KCCR, KGFX and the Pierre Capitol Journal which helps get CAP's message out to the community.



## **RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)**

(Item and photo submitted by Capt. Mike Johnson)

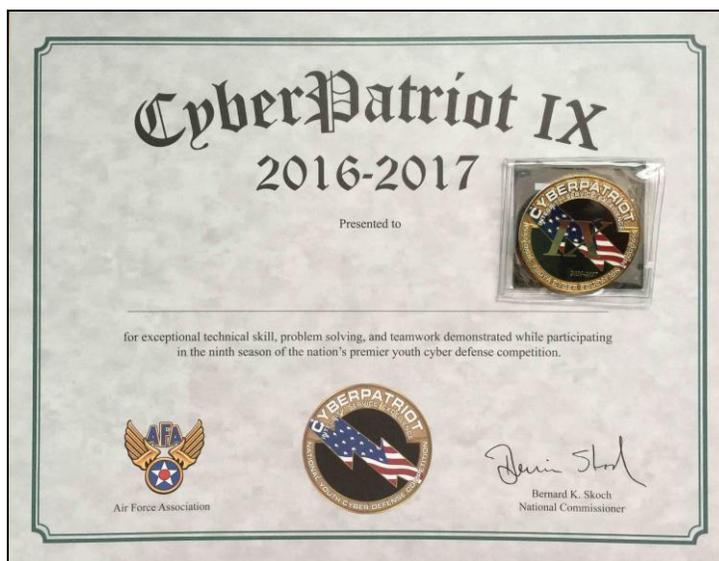


- **SAFETY DAY**: It was a dark and stormy night in Pierre. Although this is an often-mocked and parodied phrase written by English novelist Edward Bulwer-Lytton it really was dark and stormy on Safety Day. For us safety is not an abstract concept, it is a vital part of what we do to keep our people from harm. One of the squadron's activities on Safety Day was a demonstration and then practical hands-on experience for some of the cadets in dispersing salt on the walkways in front of our squadron building. Sometimes success is measured in small achievements – nobody fell down.

## **SIOUX FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-050, SIOUX FALLS)**

(Items and photos submitted by Lt. M. Klosterman, Lt. Col. Kipp & Lt. Col. Evenson)

- **CYBERPATRIOT UPDATE**: The Stonewall Spartans, the squadron's cyber-defense team participating in the Gold Tier of the 2016-2017 CyberPatriot-IX competition completed the State Round in mid-January. They scored 42<sup>nd</sup> out of 100 CAP teams in the Gold Tier. Unfortunately, this was not high enough to advance to the Gold Tier Regional Round. This was the team's first time in the competition and the members are to be commended for their hard work and dedication in preparing for CyberPatriot-IX. With this experience under their belts they will apply their newly earned expertise in next year's CyberPatriot-X competition. Each team member received several participation awards including the certificate and commemorative coin shown below.



- **BOY SCOUT AVIATION MERIT BADGE PROGRAM**: Over three days in January the squadron participated in the Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge Program as we joined with the Joe Foss Commemorative Squadron, Experimental Aircraft Chapter #289 and Avera CareFlight to present the scouts with a great educational experience. Sixteen Boy Scouts learned about the dynamics of flight, flight instruments, reading aeronautical charts and had the opportunity to walk around and get in an airplane. Several SFCS and SDWG members who helped to make this happen were: Lt. Col. Gary Rae, Capt. Matt Meert, 2nd Lt. Denise Clement, SM Duncan Keirnes and C/2nd Lt. Kyle Clement. The Boy Scouts already have three more groups awaiting similar sessions so we will be participating in the program again later this year.



- SAFETY DAY:** On 19 January, the squadron kicked off the year with a combined CAP and FAA Wings safety event. More than 43 officers and cadets from SD and MN attended. A wide variety of topics and safety gear was discussed. It started with a review of FAA regulations and general knowledge for pilots and aircrew given by Lt. Col. Ron Evenson. This was followed by a briefing by TSgt Tyler Semrau from the SDANG on winter survival. He taught survival principles and then followed it with some hands on training showing and explaining the gear carried by all SDANG F-16 pilots. After that, Maj. Justin Johnson discussed and showed the survival kit that is in each CAP aircraft along with a reminder of what FAA and CAP documents must be onboard for every flight. Capt. Kurt Johnson discussed operational risk management and other safety topics by playing a special game of Jeopardy with everyone. Rounding out the night, Lt. Col. Evenson discussed the FAA Topic of the Month which is Single Pilot CRM (cockpit resource management). Lt. Col. Evenson is a FAA Safety Representative and was able to give credit to many attendees as a FAA Wings program event. This allows those that are part of the program to get credit from both the FAA and CAP for the safety event.



LT. COL. EVENSON (LEFT) AND TSGT SEMRAU (RIGHT) DISPLAY AIR NATIONAL GUARD PILOT SAFETY GEAR

**★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★**

**Senior Member Promotion**



Cadet Colonel William A. Small is to be congratulated on his promotion from SM to Captain with date of rank 1 December 2016. Due to his hard work as a Spaatz cadet, his continued membership in CAP is now appropriately rewarded. Accelerated promotion is one of the benefits a Spaatz awardee gets. Congratulations Capt. William Small!

## Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Annabelle Klosterman and to Mariel Klosterman, both of Brandon, members of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Isaiah Klosterman of Brandon, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



### ★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



On 31 December 2016, Col. Mike Beason achieved an aviation milestone having reached 6,000 total hours flying. On that sortie he had his daughter and granddaughter with him. Of the 6,000 hours, approximately 1,100 hours were in CAP aircraft, including 37 hours in 2016. He also had 2,275 hours in USAF aircraft (1,050 in the T-37, 171 in the T-38, and 1,050 in the F-4 as a fighter pilot). Col. Beason, who commanded SDWG from 2005 to 2010, currently volunteers as the Wing Director of Finance and Wing Assistant Inspector General. He is also a qualified Incident Commander and has served as such in SAREXs and REDCAPs.

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Col. Small sends: Last week we lost one of our own. Capt. John Wallace passed away last Thursday, 19 January. John had been very active in CAP until quite recently both with the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron and as the Wing Transportation Officer. I'm sure that all squadron commanders will remember his gentle but firm reminders to get their vehicle reports in on time. Though John was very patient and willing to help members who didn't understand how to perform their transportation duties, he was also very persistent and

expected that the task at hand would be completed on time and completely. John's conduct as a CAP officer was exemplary and a role model for all of us. He will be missed.



**John Peter Wallace**  
01-19-2017

John Peter Wallace Sr., 81, passed away at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on January 19th, 2017.

John was born to John and Helene Wallace in Chicago, Illinois on April 13th, 1935 and grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After serving in the Air Force for 8 years, he returned to Minneapolis where he met the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Veverka and they were married on November 26th, 1966. In 1984, he moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota to help set up the then new Fed Ex facility. He retired from Fed Ex in 1994. He filled his time with a variety of activities from teaching the South Dakota Hunt Safe classes to Civil Air Patrol and being an amazing dad and grandpa.

He is survived by his wife: Betty Wallace; siblings: Warren "Tuck" Wallace, Michelle "Mickey" Bolden, and Noel Deidrich; sons: John P Jr. and Arthur; grandchildren: John P III, Lucas, Nicholas, Tristan, and Phoebe; great-grandson: Ryker and many nieces and nephews.

A Scripture Vigil will be Sunday the 22nd, 5:00 PM at Barnett-Lewis Funeral Home followed by the Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, 23rd, 10:00 AM at St. Michael Parish and he will be laid to rest at St. Michael Cemetery with Full Military Honors by American Legion Post #15.





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**Fwd: Friends of CAP**

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Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 9:04 AM

Bruce,

Please get this in the next Skychaser.

Thanks

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From: **Salvador, John** <JSALVADOR@capnhq.gov>

Date: Tue, Jan 10, 2017 at 4:56 PM

Subject: Friends of CAP

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Sent on behalf of Brig Gen Larry Myrick

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Wing and Region Commanders, please share this with all your members. Thank you.Additional notes: Recommend use of Avery business card stock # 5871. Link to download Friends of CAP cards for printing: [https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/Friends\\_Card\\_10\\_Jan\\_17\\_154E19E8D5AAA.pdf](https://www.capmembers.com/media/cms/Friends_Card_10_Jan_17_154E19E8D5AAA.pdf)

To: All CAP members

From: Brig Gen Larry Myrick

Re: **"Friends of CAP"**We have developed "**Friends of CAP**", which is a new way for all citizens to be able to support the Civil Air Patrol and is totally separate from our "normal membership categories".**"Friends of CAP"** will get a subscription to the CAP Volunteer Magazine and discounts from our corporate partners for a special rate of \$35.00 per year.

This is for people who want to support the program but cannot or do not want to volunteer and will have no obligation to participate in any of our activities. People such as, your friends, neighbors, acquaintances,

employers, fellow employees, parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, relatives of cadets and just folks who might want to support our great organization.

To help get the word out we have developed a Civil Air Patrol Friends Program double sided business card describing "**Friends of CAP**". It is a generic card, please see the attached example. These cards can also be downloaded from the CAP website for printing. The front of the card describes the program and gives our website address. The reverse side of the card states our Mission Statement and gives a QR code for anyone to use to access the website.

The idea is to print these cards and keep them with you so when you are out and about discussing what CAP does for our communities; you can leave a card with them directing them to our website. You can give them out at recruiting events, community presentations or wherever you see fit to hand one out.

We believe that "**Friends of CAP**" is a great way for our families, friends, work partners and general acquaintances to support our organization. Most members have had the opportunity to describe what CAP means to them when asked 'why do you spend your volunteer time with CAP?' Now we can describe our commitment to the Civil Air Patrol and at the same time give our friends and families an opportunity to support you and a great public service organization. You are the greatest asset CAP has to spread the word about CAP. So let's do this!!!



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