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WING TIPS

- **NEW SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:** Dr. Heather A. Wilson was confirmed on 8 May as the 24th secretary of the U.S. Air Force, the first Air Force Academy graduate to serve as secretary. She has a special connection to Civil Air Patrol as her grandfather was among the original members of CAP. His influence on his granddaughter is undeniable. She grew up around aviation and hoped to become a pilot like her grandfather and father. Wilson followed that passion for the skies to the Air Force Academy, where she graduated in 1982 as part of the academy’s third coed class. She later earned masters and doctoral degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England. In his nomination message, president Trump noted “Her distinguished military service, high level of knowledge and success in so many different fields gives me great confidence that she will lead our nation’s Air Force with the greatest competence and integrity.” Dr. Wilson served five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives representing New Mexico. More recently, Wilson served as the first female president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. She held the position since 2013. “America and our vital national interests continue to be threatened,” she said. “I will do my best, working with our men and women in the military, to strengthen American air and space power to keep the country safe.”



- **REDCAP (Mission 17-M-0344 / ELT):** On the evening of 23 May, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida requested South Dakota Wing assistance in locating an aircraft Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) reported broadcasting in the vicinity of Watertown. Colonel David Small took on the role of Incident Commander and began activating resources to begin the search. A Sioux Falls-based Cessna-182/G100 took off shortly thereafter and flew toward Watertown. At the

same time a Sioux Falls-based Ground Team and a Brookings-based Urban Direction Finding (UDF) team were organized and dispatched. The UDF Team went to the Watertown Regional Airport and used their hand-held radio-direction-finding gear to search the area. While flying towards Watertown the CAP search aircraft picked up a strong ELT signal broadcasting from Arlington Municipal Airport. The aircraft landed at Arlington and directed the Ground Team and the UDF Team to come there. The two teams used hand-held radio-direction-finding gear to pinpoint the ELT in a plane in a hangar. The ELT was turned off and everyone thought the mission had ended. Col. Small called the Watertown Regional Airport manager to let him know - and to verify they were no longer getting an ELT signal. However the airport manager reported that there were still receiving an ELT signal. The UDF Team, who joined up with the Ground Team at Arlington, headed back to Watertown Regional Airport. However, before they arrived the airport manager was able to find and silence the other ELT. Two ELTs active at the same time within 40 miles of each other is an extremely rare occurrence. With both ELTs shut off the search aircraft and ground teams returned to base and the AFRCC closed out the mission.

The Sioux Falls Composite Squadron aircrew consisted of Mission Pilot, SM Duncan Kiernes; Mission Co-Pilot C/Maj. Brandon West; and Mission Scanner, Maj. Karla West.

The Big Sioux Composite Squadron Urban Direction Finding Team was made up of C/2nd Lt Jaden Petersen, Maj E.W. Filler and C/TSgt Andrew Sweebe.

The Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Ground Team was made up of 1st Lt. Sam Huntington, C/CMSgt Robert Boecker, 2nd Lt. Denise Clement and C/1st Lt Kyle Clement.

Mission Base at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron was made up of Maj. Todd Epp (GBD/MSO) and Capt. Robert Hinkhouse (MRO).



MISSION AIRCREW C/MAJ WEST, MAJ. WEST, SM KEIRNES



GROUND TEAMERS BOECKER, SWEEBE, PETERSEN, CLEMENT

- **CYBERPATRIOT-X 2017-2018 UPDATE**: Registration opened on 1 April for prospective coaches and mentors to sign up teams for the upcoming competition which will begin in October. Teams from 48 states are already represented in the competition field, missing only Alaska and North Dakota. Last year, CyberPatriot-IX broke all previous registration records after more than 4,400 teams signed up to compete from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hungary, Australia, Canada, and DoD Dependent Schools in Europe and the Pacific. During the competition's three preliminary rounds, teams compete online from their home locations on software that simulates real network environments. The CyberPatriot staff place cybersecurity vulnerabilities in secure simulated networks. Competitors gain points by finding and fixing them.

Teams advance based on scores from each round until the top 28 teams are identified. They receive all-expense-paid trips to the CyberPatriot National Finals Competition held in Baltimore, Md., in the spring of 2018.

- **AFJROTC O-RIDES**: SDWG flew six Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps orientation flights in May. A total of 11 AFJROTC cadets from Douglas High School experienced the joys of aviation as they flew over the Rapid City area. Pilots for the o-rides were Lt. Col. Gary Hewett and Capt. Jordan Hall.



- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS**: SDWG flew 15 aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over 9 days in May in support of the state’s Department of Game, Fish & Parks (GF&P) and South Dakota State University (SDSU). Both organizations have continually ongoing research projects surveying mountain lions, bobcats, swift foxes, white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. The result was 33.0 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills and 2.4 hours flying over eastern South Dakota for a total of 35.4 flight hours. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, 11 sorties; Capt. Jason Erickson, 1 sortie; and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, 3 sorties. Depending whom the sortie supports the pilot is accompanied by a representative

from SDSU or from GF&P. The photo shows an elk wearing a radio collar.

- **MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT**: Each month NHQ sends a statistical analysis of membership to each Wing’s recruitment and retention officers. It provides a snapshot of the status of the current membership and compares it to the previous month and the corresponding month of the previous year. Some of the statistical analysis is pretty detailed but I thought you might like to see the overall organizational numbers for May 2017.

<u>Total Overall Membership</u>	<u>Cadet Membership</u>	<u>Officer Membership</u>
57,153 May 2017	24,174 May 2017	32,979 May 2017
56,873 Apr 2017	23,904 Apr 2017	32,969 Apr 2017
56,517 May 2016	23,735 May 2016	32,782 May 2016

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. David Small Jr., CAP

Those of you who were at wing conference may remember that I challenged the wing with a very aggressive growth target of "200 cadets by 2020". Since that time wing staff has been discussing these goals and developing plans of action to achieve that goal.

The key idea behind this goal is that CAP has a lot to offer our state and that doubling our membership should be doable.

Chasing numbers is not the goal. The goal is to think outside of the box, what are we good at, and share that with our community. The first task is to make our squadrons and wing a warm inviting place for both current members and for new prospects.

Now is the time to submit your ideas. Please read the e-mail when it is sent out, shortly after the Skychaser is released, and give me your feedback. We can't grow and thrive without enthusiastic members support.

Send me your thoughts at david.small@sdcap.us



WING CHIEF OF STAFF

Maj. Nick Gengler, CAP

- **UPCOMING EVENTS:** Here is an upcoming event that you will want to mark on your calendar.

8-16 July – Joint Dakota Cadet Leadership Encampment (JDCLE) to be held at Camp Rapid Army National Guard Base in Rapid City. Capt. Mike Johnson is the encampment commander. Contact him at Michael.johnson@sdcap.us for info. Encampment registration is now open! Check out the registration page here: www.eventbrite.com/e/joint-dakota-encampment-2017-tickets-31603041548. Keep an eye on the registration page as time gets closer for updates and packing lists. There will be a First-Year course and an Advanced course for those that have been to an Encampment before that still want a challenge and receive advanced training. Cadets, remember to work with your Squadron Commanders on a transportation plan to get to and from Encampment. Don't forget about Scholarships! Check out the Cadet Encampment Assistance Program in Eservices for first year attendees. For returning attendees and staff, check out the Wing scholarships here: www.sdcap.us/scholarships. Finally check out the Joint Dakota Encampment Facebook page for continuing updates: <https://www.facebook.com/CAPJDE/>

8-10 September - National Character Development Day activity will be located in Sioux Falls. Bivouacking will be at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron. Meals will be supplied Friday evening through Sunday breakfast except for Saturday noon meal. There will be an Eventbrite set up to sign up for the event. Special activity will be traveling to Granite Falls, MN, on Saturday to visit the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum open from 1000 to 1600 and travel back to the squadron that same day. Plan to bring money for the noon meal on Saturday. There are fast food areas within 3 miles of the museum. Numerous people have stated how fabulous this museum is. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Questions, contact Lt. Col. Linda Buechler at linda.buechler@sdcap.us.

There are currently plans to sponsor a Region Cadet Leadership School in December - tentative dates are **27 December through 31 December** with housing at the SD Army National Guard RTI in Sioux Falls. More information to come in the following months. Cadets with the grade of C/MSgt and above are eligible for this activity. RCLS or COS are prerequisites to earn the Eaker award. This is a great opportunity to not have to travel long distances to attend this activity. Questions, contact Maj. Nicholas Gengler (nick.gengler@sdcap.us) or Lt. Col. Linda Buechler (linda.buechler@sdcap.us) for information.



WING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Col. Bruce Kipp, CAP

- The 2016 South Dakota Wing Year-in-Review Historical Report has been uploaded to the Wing website in the Wing History section. It is a large file so give it time to load.
- Didn't get a hardcopy of Issue #1 of the 2017 South Dakota Wing Roundup magazine? Don't despair! The lo-res version (no adverts) has been uploaded to the Wing website's public affairs page.
- The next issue of the South Dakota Wing Roundup magazine originally due to the printers on 23 June has been pushed to 23 July at the request of the printing firm. As a reminder, anyone cadet or officer, can submit one or more articles for the magazine. A good magazine has 13-16 articles. I currently have 10. Please let me know if you plan to submit an article *before* you start writing to avoid duplication of effort. The deadline for your article(s)/photos is now 15 July. The South Dakota Wing Roundup magazine earns advertising revenue that helps support Wing activities and scholarships.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items submitted by Capt. Bierwirth)

- **LOYALTY DAY**: On 1 May, the Squadron performed a flag folding ceremony at the Loyalty Program hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3442 in Custer. Loyalty Day is celebrated as the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of American's freedoms.
- **INSPECTOR GENERAL TEAM**: Maj. Richard Geeting of our squadron was part of the Inspector General (IG) team that is inspecting some of the squadrons.
- **FUND RAISER**: On 24 May, the Crazy Horse Memorial organization invited the squadron to help serve a buffet to contestants in the International Collegiate Programming Contest. There were 101 counties involved and we served 1100 people. We participated as a fund raiser for the squadron.
- **WELCOME ABOARD**: Please welcome cadet Justin Doyle to our squadron! We are pleased he chose to join CAP and proud to have him in our unit.

PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)

(Items and photos submitted by Lt. Col. McKenney and Lt. Col. Tam Gatje)

- **SULLY BUTTES VISIT**: On 8 May, Capt. Jon Becker from Pierre and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese from Spearfish came to the Sully Buttes Elementary School in Onida to talk to 5th and 6th grade students about aerospace science. Lt. Col. DeWeese also talked about his job as a Captain-Pilot for Delta airlines and about flying overseas. The students were full of questions and watched a video about the Wright Brothers and the beginning of powered aviation. Maj. Marlin McKenney and Lt. Col. Nancy McKenney, both of Onida, went along to help and to invite the students to attend Aviation Day in Pierre on Saturday, 13 May, at the Mustang Aviation building at the Pierre Regional Airport.



- **ROSEBUD RESERVATION VISIT:** Lt. Col. Lois Schmidt, Lt. Col. Nancy McKenney and Dr. Rhea



Waldman from the Discovery Center in Pierre went to the Rosebud Elementary School on the Rosebud Indian Reservation on 17 May. We visited with the 4th and 5th grade students. There were five groups with about 20 kids in each group. Lt. Col. McKenney talked for about ten minutes about CAP and gave them each a book marker with an airplane on the front. Dr. Rhea talked to them about flight and what makes a plane able to fly. In the photo Lt. Col. Schmidt sits at the table as Dr. Waldman describes the miracle of flight to students at the Rosebud Elementary School.

- **AVIATION DAY:** The squadron recently hosted Aviation Day at Mustang Aviation at Pierre Municipal Airport. There was a great turnout of people coming to see display aircraft and some youngsters hoping to score a ride around the area. The purpose of the Aviation Day was to promote aviation in Pierre and all of South Dakota. Organizations involved in Aviation Day included Civil Air Patrol, Mustang Aviation, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles, healthcare air ambulances from Avera McKennan and Sanford healthcare systems and an Army National Guard UH-72 “Lakota” from Rapid City. The EAA Young Eagles program gave 60 rides to youth ages 8 – 17. This was done in aircraft owned by the EAA members. Riders and parents were given a briefing and additional information before the rides to explain how the aircraft work and background information on aviation topics. CAP had two aircraft present. Tours of these aircraft were given throughout the day as a recruiting effort and names of interested people were collected for follow-up. Members present during the activities included Capt. Jon Becker, Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Lois Schmidt, Lt. Col. Tam Gatje, 1st Lt. Ruth Carley, Cadet Chancey Hall, Lt. Col. Nancy McKenney and Maj. Marlin McKenney.



LEFT: LT. COL. SCHMIDT AND LT. CARLEY HANDED OUT CAP MATERIAL TO PEOPLE AS THEY ENTERED THE STATIC DISPLAY AREA
 RIGHT: CAPT. BECKER EXPLAINS THE CAP PROGRAM TO VISITORS AND INVITES THEM TO A SQUADRON MEETING

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

(Items submitted by Maj. Epp)

- **WELCOME ABOARD:** Please welcome SM Barb Steele to our squadron! She is 2nd Lt. Manny Steele's spouse. Barb has been to many of our activities in the past. I'm glad we finally snagged her as a member!
- **ANCHORS AWAY:** Congratulations to C/1stLt Blake Hayden who is off to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD this June to become Midshipman Blake Hayden. We wish him good fortune and much success in his impending naval career.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotion



Congratulations to Timothy Modde of Hill city, a member of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, on his well-deserved promotion to the rank of First Lieutenant!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Mariel Klosterman and Annabelle Klosterman, both of Brandon and both members of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Dr. Robert H Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Hunter Rice of Custer and to Ethan Updike of Oelrichs, members of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron in Custer, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Isaiah Klosterman of Brandon and to Peter Willison of Sioux Falls, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Austin King of Volga, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Sydnie Cloutier and to Jacob Roth, both of Sioux Falls, members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Dennis Crenshaw of Spearfish, a member of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron; to Tyler Langman of Parker, Kaleb Sarchet of Valley Springs and Andrew Smith of Sioux Falls, all members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron; and to Brenden Carlson, Brittney Stratmeyer, Nathan Wiley, all of Rapid City, and Kaeli Clark of Piedmont, all members of the Rushmore Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman and receipt of the General John F. Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Capt. Jerry Foy on his appointment as Assistant Deputy Commander for Seniors of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron!

★ ★ AVIATION NEWS ★ ★

A Week Flying in Syracuse with CAP

By Capt. Neil Schmid, CAP

I anticipated the week of April 29th through May 5th for many months. The mission was to escort MQ-9 Reaper Remote Piloted Aircraft (RPA or drones) from the 174th Attack Wing stationed at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, New York to Restricted Areas, over Lake Ontario or near Ft Drum in the Adirondack Mountains.

Background

Hancock Field was formerly an F-16 Air National Guard base which converted to RPA operations several years ago. Its mission is to provide qualified airmen and weapon systems engaging in global air, space and cyberspace operations; supporting homeland defense, joint operations and aid to civil authorities at the direction of the Governor. The focus for the base is to operate and train pilots and crew members in flying the MQ-9 Reaper. Powered by a single turbine propeller engine the highly advanced airframe can fly continuously for 24 to 42 hours depending on the load and mission.

Escorting Need

In order for RPA to fly in controlled airspace from Syracuse to the Restricted Areas, the FAA requires that the RPAs must have “see and avoid” presence in order to notify the RPA pilots of other aircraft, obstructions or weather avoidance. There are letters of agreement with CAP which allow for the escort operations and funding for the mission.

CAP Aircraft

We used turbo Cessna-182/G1000 aircraft which has excellent climb to altitude performance. There were four such aircraft available for the two crews. Other than the turbo feature, they are identical to the aircraft we fly in the South Dakota Wing, except for one. One aircraft was painted flat grey and we found out that it was formerly used to train pilots in the Afghanistan Air Force. This aircraft was returned to the U.S. and acquired by CAP. It was fun to fly and its unusual paint made it memorable. The pilot’s main duty is to keep the drone in sight, stay in proper position and fly the chase aircraft

Air Crews & Flying

The two CAP flight crews are broadly experienced with multiple qualifications and are highly skilled. My three crew members were from Michigan, Alabama, and Colorado Wings. All were Mission Pilots and two of us were instructors.

The plan was for two crews each week consisting of at least two mission pilots. The reason for two crews is the possibility of exceeding the duty day and to make sure we have people should someone get ill. The first crew

would be on standby until mid-day in case of an early return and the second crew would take over standby until the return of the MQ9's. It will be a two person crew with one crew escorting two MQ9's from Syracuse to the Restricted Area over Lake Ontario in the morning and the second crew escorting from the Restricted Area back to Syracuse in the evening.

A normal week is training and check-rides for the turbo qualification on Sunday, fly Monday through Thursday and travel home on Friday. A typical day is a briefing for all at 0700, first RPA on its way by 0830, second RPA at 0930 after one is escorted 30 to 60 miles and chase aircraft returns. A second briefing is held at 1330 for the evening recovery at 1800 and 1900. Times were subject to change depending on weather and other factors. A typical week was about 20 hours of flying over the four days. My crew ended up flying 12 hours, with one day off for an unscheduled Safety Down Day.

The way it really worked is that one crew launched before the RPA was ready for taxi. We held in a position about a mile from the departure end of the runway and watched the RPA depart from the runway. As the RPA was departing we would join up and trail it about one to two miles behind and 300 feet below. We were in radio contact with the RPA pilot and could direct them to turn if necessary. If the RPA was too fast, we could ask them to slow up so that we could maintain our visual contact. Each day we alternated so that one crew had two flights in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Weather was usually an issue, since every day had a combination of rain showers with a little sunshine, but the ceilings were high enough that we could operate in visual flight conditions. The weather made for interesting flying. The RPAs launched in the morning and we returned to the Restricted Areas in late afternoon to escort them back to Syracuse.

Observations

This mission exceeded my expectations in every way. The accommodations at a local motel were very good and a CAP van was provided for the 10 minute drive between the motel and the Mission Base.

Each RPA had a call sign; Cobra, Apex, or Python, and the chase aircraft call signs were Charlie Chase, Alpha Chase, or Papa Chase. Is it a coincidence that it spells CAP?

If you love to fly I can't think of a better way to spend a week, meet some new friends and experience a rare flying opportunity! I flew in week 66 of this Mission and they are now taking applications for November.



★ ★ RACHEL'S BULLETIN BOARD ★ ★



Welcome to the volunteers page. This page is designed *for you* and your events outside of CAP and to get to know each other better.



Disclaimer: This page is for fun only – it is not meant to embarrass or single anyone out. Please let Rachel know if you have any questions at all.

The Volunteer spotlight is a good way to let others know who you are.
We are all volunteers (no matter the age or experience)

Thank you all for this month's Bulletin Board info. Please keep sending me your info. Send it as it happens. I love sharing your events with everyone else. It is great getting to know you all better and the fun facts.



Thanks to all the Dads out there who support CAP and their children in CAP!



Photo of Ethan Updike (Custer)

Congratulations to all of our graduates. May you soar like eagles! We wish you all the best.

- ** Josiah Huntington (Sioux Falls) is graduated from home school.
- ** Ethan Updike (Custer) graduated from High School with the South Dakota Christian Home Educators
- ** Ali Woodward –daughter of Jason Erickson (Sioux Falls) graduated from High School
- ** Zach Woodward –son of Jason Erickson (Sioux Falls) graduated from SDSU (Mechanical Engineering degree)
- ** Blake Hayden (Sioux Falls) graduated from High School
- ** Jaden Roblewsky (Sioux Falls) graduated from High School
- ** Josiah Huntington (Sioux Falls) graduated from High School



**Kaitlin Seten (Sioux Falls) - daughter of John and Lori Seten - and her cheer team came in 9th in the nation! National competition was held in Orlando.

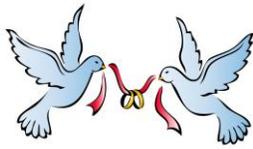


Photo of Olivia (Goodrich) and Zach Hohansen

- **Congratulations to the Goodrich Family as they gained a new family member
Craig Goodrich (Rapid City) gained a son-in-law
Malia Goodrich (Rapid City) gained a brother-in-law
- ** John and Lori Seten celebrated 33 years of Marriage



**Congratulations to Hunter Rice (Custer) on his Baptism



**What did the South Dakota Wing receive in June 1986 that cost \$46,000?

- Congrats to Karla West who won last month's trivia.

fun facts

** Did you know that the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron calls one of their vans "Ghostbuster"?
CAP 25 is known as "Ghostbuster" – Now you know!



**Matt Meert (Sioux Falls) and Rachel Kuecker (Rapid City) finished a 5K (to support the Avera Cancer Center in Sioux Falls in under an hour! Karla West and her daughter Courtney were cheerleaders and one of the Sioux Falls Firefighter/EMT's on duty for the event was also a Sioux Falls CS member.



Volunteers are needed - same questions each month

Andrew Smith (Sioux Falls)



1. How long have you been in CAP?

I joined last September when I turned 12

2. What is your favorite thing about being in CAP?

I like all the friends I have made. Everybody is really nice. I also really like Pastor Ray's talks.

3. What type of work do you do when not in CAP?

I am a student when not in CAP. I am in the 6th grade.

4. Do you have any children/pets?

I have a dog named Whisper. I also have backyard chickens that we got about a year ago. I am responsible for taking care of them.

5. What do you like to do in your spare time/hobbies?

When I am not in school, I play outside with my friends or go biking. In the summer I like to go swimming and camping.

6. Anything else you want to share that helps us know you better?

I spent the first 3 years of my life in Russia.

****NEW this month – Spotlight an Airport ****



Lincoln County Airport (KY14), Canton/Tea, South Dakota

by: Brandon West

1. What is the nearest city or town?

Sioux Falls and Tea

2. What is the Runway Length / Elevation

The runway is 3650 x 60 ft. (runway Identification: 16/34) / The elevation is 1515 ft.

3. Is there an FBO and what do they provide?

Yes – Legacy Aviation LLC, they offer on demand charter, part 141 flight instruction, fuel, hanger and aviation maintenance.

4. Are there facilities there?

Yes – they have a bathroom and vending machines

5. Please tell us your experience and or other details

"This is an exceptional general aviation airport. There are approximately 93 aircraft based on the field so you can always find someone around to strike up a conversation with about airplanes."



Send me your ideas - want to be our featured volunteer? Do you have a fun trivia or fact to share? Are you graduating soon - high school, college, basic training, etc? Did you get promoted at work, have a baby, get married, become a pilot, celebrate a milestone anniversary (25 years +) etc? Pilots – do you have a favorite South Dakota airport/runway that you want to see spotlighted? Please send me your info to wa@sdcap.us

