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WING TIPS



- **2017 JOINT DAKOTA ENCAMPMENT:** From 8 July to 15 July, over 80 cadets and officers were at Camp Rapid in Rapid City for the 2017 Joint Dakota Encampment. Five Wings sent participants (Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota). The Encampment Commander was Capt. Mike Johnson from SDWG and Cadet Commander was C/Capt. Anika Bohmer from NDWG.

Mornings started early with physical training followed by breakfast and close order drill. Afternoons during the week encompassed activities such as ground team training (land navigation, and field first aid, radio-direction finding, search and rescue techniques), drug demand reduction, practical field exercises, uniform and barracks inspection, military customs and courtesies, public speaking, aerospace education, and various team leadership exercises. One of the most popular events for cadets and officers was the firearms training simulator. The cadets headed to West Camp Rapid and spent several afternoons putting their leadership and critical thinking skills to test on the Leadership Reaction Course. At day’s end the cadet flights competed in friendly games of volleyball and ultimate Frisbee.

Special activities included a trip to the Air and Space Museum at Ellsworth AFB and a trip to Mt Rushmore to view the evening ceremony. Two cadets were promoted on stage that evening which has never been done before. After the lighting ceremony, some of our members had the privilege of retiring the colors - again CAP has not been afforded the opportunity to do for some time. The host invited all active/veteran military members to the stage for a moment of recognition at the end of the presentation, after which she selected eight of those to retire the colors. The eight were composed entirely of our members, which included three cadets. Cadets and officers talked with people in the crowd throughout the evening about the CAP program.

The week ended with a Pass-in-Review/Graduation Ceremony in the morning and an evening formal banquet at Ellsworth Air Force Base. The Guest of Honor was Major-General Tim Reisch, Adjutant General of the State of South Dakota. Many parents also attended and witnessed the numerous awards presented to the cadets and officers. Speaking of awards, MG Reisch was so impressed with the encampment Color Guard that afterwards he called them out to his car and presented each of them with his personal flag-officer challenge coin.

Check out the Joint Dakota Cadet Encampment Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CAPJDE/ for a day-by-day breakdown of encampment activities and a ton of photos and videos produced by the encampment public affairs staff. Encampment photos will also be posted in an album on the South Dakota Wing Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/sdwingcap/albums/72157686101830265

See the last page of this Skychaser for the impressions of a first-time encampment attendee.

The 2018 Joint Dakota Cadet Leadership Encampment will be in North Dakota at Camp Grafton.



PHYSICAL FITNESS



FIREARMS SIMULATOR



TACTICAL LEADERSHIP EXERCISE



AEROSPACE EDUCATION



and 2nd Lt. Mimi Klosterman of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron. In the photo the six members of Team Big Sioux pose with North Central Region Commander, Col. Regena Aye, at the National Cadet Competition.

- **NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION:** [By C/CMSgt Annabelle Klosterman] Sixteen teams from across America gathered at Wright State University in Dayton, OH from 29 June to 4 July for the 2017 National Cadet Competition. Team Big Sioux had the privilege of being one of two teams that represented the North Central Region at the national competition. Team Big Sioux consisted of C/CMSgt Mariel Klosterman, C/CMSgt Annabelle Klosterman, and C/TSgt Caleb Hofer. They were joined by C/SMSgt David Willison, C/TSgt Peter Willison, and C/TSgt Isaiah Klosterman from Sioux Falls Composite Squadron. They were supervised by 1st Lt. Tyler Gross of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron

The ninety-six cadet competitors demonstrated skills that included indoor and outdoor presentation of the colors, a written test of leadership and aerospace knowledge, a Jeopardy!-style CAP knowledge game, physical fitness test, public speaking, a pre-competition service project, two robotics challenges, a land navigation course, a team leadership problem, a uniform inspection and standard drill movements. During the physical fitness portion of the event, C/CMSgt Mariel Klosterman hit 68 three second interval pushups, the highest number by a female competitor. Several judges suggested her pushups be the NCC standard for a perfect pushup. Team Big Sioux placed 3rd in Physical Fitness, 5th in the outdoor presentation of the colors and 9th in both the indoor presentation of the colors and the team leadership problem.



OUTDOOR PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS EVENT



PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST



CADET TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR ESCORTS ARE AWARDED THE RIBBON FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION



- **SUPPORT TO NESAS:** On the morning of 7 July, C/Maj Brandon West took off from the Brookings Regional Airport in a SDWG Cessna-182T (N832CP) to make the long trek to Columbus, Indiana. He was transporting the aircraft we are loaning to the National Emergency Services Academy (NESAS) for use at NESAS's mission air crew course. After arrival he commented, "It was a great flight

even though this aircraft is not equipped with an auto pilot. It was good practice to "fly" the plane." He spent the next day helping get the aircraft ready for the academy before he took a commercial flight back to Sioux Falls. A second SDWG aircraft, a Cessna 182T (N33CP) was delivered to NESAs a week later by Capt. Patrick Nowlin of Rushmore Composite Squadron who remained there for a week in training as well as providing training. NESAs had requested both aircraft for use during the two weeks of exercise and SDWG was able to accommodate. On 22 July, Major Richard Geeting of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron was asked to go retrieve N832CP and return it to home base. Capt. Nowlin flew N933CP to Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings where he dropped it off. He and Geeting returned to Rapid City in N832CP. Mission accomplished.

- **SUPPORT TO NCR NFA:** Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich flew a SDWG aircraft to the North Central Region's National Flight Academy in Fremont, Nebraska. The NCR NFA ran from 14-22 July. The aircraft was used for flight instruction. After the academy Lt. Col. Goodrich returned to Fremont and flew the aircraft back to base.

- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew 19 aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over 11 days in July 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 43.8 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills and 3.6 hours flying over eastern South Dakota for a total of 47.4 flight hours. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, 12 sorties; Col. Mike Beason, 3 sorties; Capt. Matt Meert, 1 sortie; and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, sorties. Depending on whom the sortie supports the pilot is accompanied by a representative from SDSU or from GF&P. The photo is of a Swift Fox family. The Dad on the right wears a radio tracker around his neck.



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- **LLRS UPDATE:** Each year the South Dakota Air National Guard's 114th Fighter Wing requests SDWG carry out low-level route surveys (LLRS) of military aerial training routes and aerial Military Operations Areas. These aerial training routes encompass southeast South Dakota, northwest Iowa and northeast Nebraska. The task is to search for hazards to low-flying, fast-moving military aircraft such as antenna towers, changes to charted towers and noise sensitive areas such as stock pens/feedlots. The 2017 LLRS mission began at the end of May when two sorties were flown. The operations tempo increased in June with five sorties and three sorties in July. Imagine you are an F-16 pilot booking along at 1,000 mph - would you see the cell tower in time to avoid it? SDWG's 2017 LLRS mission will end on 31 August. Capt. Neil Schmid and 1st Lt. Jerry Hayden are the mission chiefs.



STAFF NOTES



ASSISTANT WING HISTORIAN

Lt. Col. Gary Rae, CAP

- South Dakota's first CAP Wing Commander, Lt. Col Thomas B Roberts, Jr, who commanded SDWG from 1941-1945, will be posthumously inducted into the South Dakota Aviation Hall of Fame in Spearfish, SD, at Black Hills Aero, on 9 September at 7:00 pm. There will be a social hour from 5:00-6:00 pm followed by a catered steak dinner. The cost for the dinner will be \$20-\$25.00 per person. The induction ceremony takes place at 7:00 pm. While all are invited for just the induction ceremony, those who plan on attending the banquet are asked to RSVP to me no later than two weeks prior to the event. Those just attending the induction ceremony are still asked to RSVP so enough seating can be arranged. Please feel free to reply to me at gary.rae@sdcap.us with any questions you may have.



WING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Col. Bruce Kipp, CAP

- Library of Logos Updates: There are two new entries in the SDWG Library of Logos category in the Wing History section on the Wing website. One is the logo on the t-shirts worn by Team Big Sioux at the 2017 National Cadet Competition in Dayton, OH. The other is the logo on the t-shirts of the participants in the 2017 Joint Dakota Cadet Leadership Encampment at Camp Rapid, SD. The Library of Logos is a collection of logos SDWG has used in the past. It is a useful research tool for those tasked with designing a logo for a SDWG event by showing what was used in the past for that event and providing ideas for design elements for new logos.



WING DIRECTOR OF CADET PROGRAMS

Lt. Col. Linda Buechler, CAP

- **NATIONAL CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT DAY**: SDWG National Character Development Weekend will be held at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron 8-10 September. National Character Day is an opportunity for CAP to showcase our pro-character, anti-drug messages to cadets. Cadets come together to hear a character-affirming message from a distinguished guest speaker and to engage in an exciting, hands-on “Character Challenge” that requires a degree of sobriety, trust, and courage. The curriculum will offer something for everyone – senior members, cadet officers and NCOs, and brand new cadets. National Character Day will motivate cadets to be the leaders of character needed to encourage others to do the same. This year we will be making a trip to the Fagen WWII Fighter Museum in Granite Falls, MN on Saturday, 9 September. Cost is \$10 per person to get into the museum. Bring money for food for Saturday lunch. Meals will be provided on Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening and Sunday morning. You will need money for food traveling to and

from the activity Friday and Sunday other than meals stated above. Sign up for this activity at the following Eventbrite site: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-sd-wing-national-character-weekend-tickets-36549994016> If you have questions contact Lt. Col Linda Buechler at linda.buechler@sdcap.us or [605-212-7032](tel:605-212-7032).

- **CADET HONOR ACADEMY**: A North Central Region Cadet Honor Academy will be held at Camp Ripley MN, on 3-5 November 2017 at a cost of \$35.00 to cover cost of food and housing. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about Color Guard. This training will prepare you to serve on Color Guards and Honor Guards by teaching the finer points of Air Force-style drill and ceremonies. All North Central Region cadets are invited to attend this training. Minnesota Wing is hosting the first Cadet Honor Academy in the region in many years. Questions can be addressed to: Lt. Col. Braun at bbraun@ncr.cap.gov. Cadets need to go to : <https://goo.gl/forms/ESNPDwX8gRIaUIEh2> to complete the survey form.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-58, BROOKINGS)

(Item and photo submitted photo submitted by C/SMSgt A. Klosterman)



- **BRUCE HONEY DAYS**: On 29 July, our squadron's Color Guard carried the colors in the 26th annual Bruce Honey Days parade in Bruce, SD. This was two of our cadet's first color guard event and was very successful, with a beautiful sunny day and an excellent turnout. From left to right, C/SSgt Luke Thompson, C/CMSgt Mariel Klosterman, C/CMSgt Annabelle Klosterman, and C/TSgt Austen King.

CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-068, CUSTER)

(Items and photos submitted by Capt. Bierwirth)

- **INDEPENDENCE DAY**: Our squadron was involved with the 4th of July Patriot's Parade sponsored by the Custer County Chamber of Commerce. Our Color Guard, which led the parade, was made up of C/Amn Amelia Weiland, C/MSgt Hunter Rice, C/MSgt Ethan Updike and C/Amn Jordan Weiland. The day started with Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich and Maj. Richard Geeting conducting orientation flights for C/AB Justin Doyle and C/Amn Dalton Streff. In a cool bit of showmanship our o-riders performed a fly-by as they flew over the parade route while our Color Guard was leading the parade. After the parade the orientation flights continued for C/Amn Jordan Weiland, C/Amn Amelia Weiland, C/MSgt Hunter Rice and C/Amn Alexander Heinrich. For four of our cadets it was their first flight. (Parade photo by Donna Zoon, O-Ride photo by Capt. Bierwirth)



CRAZY HORSE COLOR GUARD LEADS THE PARADE



O-RIDERS GOODRICH, AMELIA WEIAND, JORDAN WEIAND AND GEETING

- **ROCKETRY**: The squadron met at the big open field near Custer High School on 20 July, to launch model rockets for its monthly Aerospace Education class. In previous classes this year the cadets spent time learning about rocket propulsion and space exploration. Last month the cadets assembled their own individual rockets, provided by the CAP STEM kit, and prepared them for flight. On the 20th, each cadet got to launch their rocket. Assistant AEO C/MSgt Hunter Rice launched a generic rocket at the beginning of the class to check windage. After the generic rocket was launched a competition was held to see whose rocket would touch down closest to a pre-defined target by deflecting the angle of the launcher. Everyone had fun launching the rockets and relating the experience to aerospace principles. In the left photo C/AB Jordan Weiand, who won the accuracy competition at the Crazy Horse Squadron's rocket launch in Custer, assesses the rocket launch pad with C/MSgt Rice. In the right photo C/MSgt Rice, C/SMSgt Anthony Dillon, C/Amn Dalton Streff, and C/AB Weiand ignite a rocket at the Crazy Horse Squadron's Aerospace class on July 20th.



PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038, PIERRE)

(Items submitted by Lt. Col. Gatje)



- **NASA SUMMER PROGRAM**: On 7 July, members of the squadron and Wing personnel met at Pierre Middle School to help bring aerospace education to middle school students under NASA's Summer Program. Pierre members Capt. Jon Becker and Lt. Col. Lois Schmidt, Lt. Col. Tam Gatje, Lt. Col. Nancy McKenney, Maj. Marlin McKenney, 1st Lt. Ruth Carley, C/AB Chancey Hall and C/AB Alec Crowser along with Wing Commander Col. David Small and 1st Lt. Tim Modde, the Wing's new Director of Aerospace Education, participated in the program. Rachel Hartmann and Emma McInerney, who are working with the summer programs of the Discovery Center in Pierre, provided liaison with the students. All summer camp attendees were briefed on the four forces of flight, the history of aviation and about the Civil Air Patrol. They were given materials to build paper airplane gliders and rockets to illustrate the classroom points. Contests were held for the greatest distance, most accurate landing and greatest duration of flight. Discovery Center members and the class members were provided with CAP information and invited to attend CAP meetings and functions to assess their interest.





- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISIT:** Squadron members Capt. Jonathan Becker, Lt. Col. Tam Gatje, Lt. Col. Myra Christensen, and 1st Lt. Ruth Carley took the NASA Summer Program and an introduction to Civil Air Patrol to a group of interested students at the Jefferson Elementary School in Pierre where they introduced the students to the thrill of flight. The students built paper airplanes and foam rockets to learn about aerodynamics. They were excited to find out how the aircraft flew and make changes to improve performance. Discovery Center staff member MS. Rachel Hartmann participated with us to work with the students. She was introduced to the CAP's AE program and Cadet Program. Students and staff greatly enjoyed the program.



CAPT. BECKER EXPLAINS LIFT ON AN AIRCRAFT WING



BECKER/CHRISTENSEN EXPLAIN ROCKET FLIGHT DYNAMICS



- **AVIATION AWARENESS:** In July, Lt. Col. Myra Christensen and Capt. Richard Helton visited the St Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain to introduce the students to the possibility of careers in aviation. Members worked with students in the 2nd grade through 5th grade classes to show the range of occupations in the aviation community. They worked with the St Joseph's Indian School and had a school visit to the airport. The first stop was to watch an airplane land. Airport manager Dusten Hrabec then showed them an agricultural spray plane in the hanger and answered their many questions. They also had a chance to sit in one of the planes and have the controls explained. The group then proceeded to Capt. Richard Helton's aircraft where they were able to sit in it and have the radios, controls and features explained. Upon completion of their aircraft questions the group then relocated out of the wind where they did an aerospace education activity building pencil rockets. The students tested their rockets in flight. As a second aerospace education activity they built foam rockets and tested them. The students' supervisors also enjoyed building and testing rockets. Supplies were sent back for two students wanting to attend but who were ill. Everyone seemed to really enjoy their rockets.

RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031, RAPID CITY)

(Items submitted by Lt. Col. Goodrich and 2nd Lt. T. Weathers)

- **CADET O-RIDES:** Two of the squadron's newest cadets, C/AB Lance Chance and C/AB McCormick, experienced their first CAP orientation ride on 1 July. Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich was the pilot for the activity.





LT. COL. CRAIG GOODRICH



C/AB LANCE CHANCE



C/AB ETHAN MCCORMICK

• **BOX ELDER BASH**: On the 4th of July, members of the squadron participated in the Box Elder Bash Independence Day celebration. The squadron's Color Guard led the parade proudly presenting the colors.



At the demolition derby they again presented the colors during the National Anthem that was sung by SDWG's own American Idol, Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich! In addition, the cadets did some walking drill movements to promote Civil Air Patrol and the cadet programs. While in recreational mode the cadets enjoyed dunking 2nd Lt. Tricia Weathers in the Dunk Booth for the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club from Ellsworth AFB. And if all of that wasn't enough, CAP did a fly-over of the parade with a Cessna-182 piloted by Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich.

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

(Items submitted by Lt. Col. Epp)



• **NATIONAL BLUE BERET**: SDWG was represented at NCSA NBB this year by two of our squadron members, 1st Lt. Vinnie Brown and C/1st Lt Kyle Clement. On 16 July, they departed for Wittman Field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, home of the Experimental Aircraft Association's massive airshow, AirVenture 2017, for a week of training prior to the event. The airshow ran from 23-30 July. Our two intrepid airmen returned home on 31 July.



• **INLAND SAR**: Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Todd Epp, attended the National Search and Rescue School's Inland Search and Rescue Planning course from 16-21 July. This intensive search and rescue mission planning course was held in Bismarck, ND. See the entry in the kudos section for more information.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Cadet Officer Promotion



Congratulations to Julia Lair of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and receipt of the milestone Billy Mitchell Award!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Jacob Lawrence of Ellsworth AFB and to Brandon Spence of Rapid City, both members of the Rushmore Composite Squadron in Rapid City, and to Kyle Kreger of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Dr. Robert H Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Isaiah Klosterman of Brandon, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Austin King of Volga, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Sydnie Cloutier and Jacob Roth, both of Sioux Falls and both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Luke Thompson of Brookings, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Samuel Moser IX of Sioux Falls, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Kaleb Sarchet of Velley Springs, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Ethan McCormick of Rapid City, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, and to Gabriel Eager of Sioux Falls and Thomas Swier of Marion, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the General J.F. Curry Award!



★ ★ **KUDOS** ★ ★

Congratulations to SDWG Chaplain, Lt. Col. Gary Rae, who, on 8 July, while at the 2017 Joint Dakota Encampment at Camp Rapid was presented CAP's Meritorious Service Award by North Central Region Commander Col. Regena Aye! He received this distinguished award for his work in three Sioux Falls Air Shows, the Commemorative Air Force, SD Air National Guard, SF Airport Authority, the TSA and FBOs.



Congratulations to 2nd Lt. Mimi Klosterman of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron who has been notified by NHQ/PA that she has been awarded a 2017 Maj. Howell Balsem CAP Public Affairs Award of Excellence. She is one of only six officers nationwide receiving this high honor. The Balsem Awards will be formally presented at CAP's 2017 Annual Conference.



Congratulations to Maj. E. W. Filler of Volga, commander of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings, who just qualified as SDWG's newest search and rescue/disaster response mission pilot!

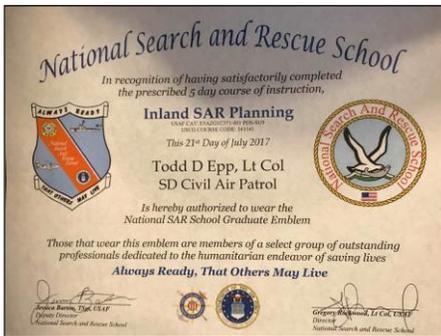


Congratulations to Capt. Patrick Nowlin of Rapid City, a member of Rushmore Composite Squadron, who just qualified as a Form 91 Check Pilot.

Staff Deputy Seniors.



swap at Sioux Falls Composite Squadron. 2nd Lt. Mimi Klosterman is now the Assistant Commander for Cadets and Capt. Nate Hoffmann is Assistant Deputy Commander for



Congratulations to Lt. Col. Todd Epp of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron who completed the 5-day course of instruction for Inland SAR Training at the National Search and Rescue School on 21 July. In recognition of this significant achievement he is authorized to wear the National SAR School emblem (the patch on the left of the diploma) on his field uniform. Those that wear this emblem are members of a select group of outstanding professionals dedicated to the humanitarian endeavor of saving lives. Their motto: "Always Ready, That Others May Live"

★ ★ **DEEP SPACE HABITAT** ★ ★



Lockheed Martin is working with NASA to transform a cargo container from the shuttle era for use as a habitat for astronauts working in deep space. The new habitat will be built from the Donatello module, which was previously used to carry payloads to the International Space Station, and will support both manned and unmanned operations. The effort is part of Phase II of a public-private partnership called the Next Step Technologies for

Exploration Partnerships. Over the next 18 months, the Lockheed Martin team plans to build a full-scale prototype of the habitat at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, Fla. The habitat is being designed to dock with NASA's Orion spacecraft, which will provide a command and control deck for a Deep Space Gateway. The new habitat would allow astronauts to live and work near the moon in deep space, ultimately gaining the experience necessary to support missions to more distant deep space destinations, including Mars. [Note: Lt. Col. Kipp's brother is employed by NASA and is one of the team designing/building the Orion spacecraft.]

PHOTO: ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE ORION SPACECRAFT LINKED WITH THE DONATELLO HABITAT MODULE IN CISLUNAR SPACE
Source: Air Force Magazine, Daily Report, Monday, July 24, 2017

★ ★ **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)



Condolences to Jerry Gabert and family
Jerry's Father passed away July 22
Cards may be sent to the Gabert family, 6409 S. Crane Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103



Thank you to Jerry Densmore (Rapid City) for taking care of the Wing HQ office while Rachel was away
Thank you Rich Helton (Pierre) for assisting the ND Wing with the vehicle receipts for a stranded vehicle



Get Well wishes to Chuck Trumble's wife Terry Thurston who had a burst appendix and spent several weeks at the resort Rapid City Regional Hospital. I heard she had a great room with a view and breakfast in bed daily.



Congrats to Christopher Gross and wife on the birth of their baby girl



We Support our deployed troops

Capt. Michael Johnson (Rapid City) and SSgt. David Stockinger (Sioux Falls)



*****This month's Trivia question is:***

Name the first SD CAP Commander, who will be inducted into the SD Aviation Hall of Fame in September

Last month's Trivia Q & A

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

No one guessed this month's trivia question of if they I did not receive it.

The Answer is: An Airplane – N97947 was purchased for \$46,000 in 1986 :

fun facts

**William Small (Spearfish) decided that flying was not a good enough thrill, so he decided to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. Apparently he and the airplane landed safe and both had a good landing!*

**I heard that Vinnie Brown was spotted in Oshkosh (gasp) working! His son Devon Brown made a surprise visit just to see it too!*

**Vinnie Brown was also spotted up and close to the Blue Angels airplanes. (We won't ask how many favors he cashed in for that) Great photo Vinnie! I know there are a few jealous members including me!*

**Jason Erickson and family moved to Oshkosh (into a tiny house on wheels) for the week.*

**Greg Lair and daughter Julia were spotted flying into Oshkosh; I won't tell who flew who!*

**Julia got to meet and talk to Colonel Frank Borman, Apollo 8 commander during her Oshkosh visit.*

Kyle Clement was also spotted working with Vinnie Brown and the Blue Beret Team at Oshkosh!



A fun new matching game. Try to match the members name to their call sign

<i>Beason, Mike</i>	<i>Coach</i>
<i>DwWeese, Buck</i>	<i>Hook</i>
<i>Evenson, Ron</i>	<i>Merc</i>
<i>Hall, Josh</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Hewett, Gary</i>	<i>Ronbo</i>
<i>Kiernes, Duncan</i>	<i>Scam</i>
<i>Lair, Greg</i>	<i>Shadow</i>
<i>Nowlin, Patrick</i>	<i>Voltron</i>
<i>Smith, Derek</i>	<i>Swayze</i>



Volunteers are needed - same questions each month

David (Dave) Stockinger (Sioux Falls)



1. How long have you been in CAP?

I've been in CAP since April 2012.

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

My favorite thing about CAP is the people. I love being surrounded by people who come from many different walks of life, yet are united by a spirit of volunteerism and community service.

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

I am an Electronics Technician in the National Weather Service. I maintain the Sioux Falls WSR-88D NEXRAD Radar, or "Giant Golf Ball." I also take care of a handful of ASOS weather sensor suites and National Weather Radio transmitters in the region.

4. Do you have any children/pets?

I have a border collie named Snickers, who I will miss more than any human while I'm gone.

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

I love photography, particularly long exposure and astrophotography. I also enjoy building things with hobby electronics.

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

I was in the Active Duty Air Force for 8 years. I was an F-15E Avionic Systems Specialist and later cross-trained to be a Ground Radar Technician. I had two previous deployments to Bagram Airbase, Afghanistan in support of Operation: Enduring freedom in 2007 and 2009. I've been in the South Dakota Air National Guard for 3 years as a RF Transmission systems technician. I will be deploying to the Horn of Africa for 6 months in support of Operation:Freedom's Sentinel, in order to support the war fighters in the region. I'm definitely more of a cold weather kind of guy. I asked if they could send me to Antarctica instead, to no avail. I am already looking forward to diving into the nearest snow bank when I return in the winter. [Editor: From the Wiki page: Apparent temperatures, combining the effect of the temperature and humidity, along the [Red sea](#) coast of Eritrea and [Gulf of Aden](#) coast of Somalia range between 57 °C (135 °F) and 63 °C (145 °F) during the afternoon hours.]

*****care packages/cards/snow, etc can be sent to: SSGT David Stockinger, PSC 831, Box 5232, FPO AE 09363***

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

Come to Encampment they said, it will be fun they said

By 2nd Lt. Denise Clement, Sioux Falls Composite Squadron

What is this encampment thing? It is the most action packed, sleep depriving, training in patience, enjoyable ten days you will ever have in CAP.

The 2017 Joint Dakota Encampment held at Camp Rapid was my first exposure to encampment. I wasn't quite sure what to expect from this ten-day training but came away with a new understanding in patience and many amusing stories to tell. I've condensed my experiences down into a top 10 things I learned at encampment list.

#10. Communication is key in order for things to run smoothly. Now, I'm not talking radio communications but rather the more important skill of communicating with each other on planning and day to day activities. Things don't work well if everyone is not on the same page!

#9. Appreciate the people who feed you at activities. People never realize how much work it is to plan, prep and execute a meal for large groups of people on a very small budget. They work hard and deserve a lot of respect.

#8. Days are long and nights are short!

#7. Everyone can be a mentor. Officers can learn a lot from cadets as well as vice-versa. We need to start listening to each other.

#6. Don't do the cadets' jobs for them. One of the lessons of encampment is to teach cadets how to do jobs and gain a sense of accountability. You will get yelled at by the cadet staff for doing their jobs even if you are the mom of that cadet.

#5. Laundry is a BIG job. If they ask you to do a couple loads to help out, make sure you know how many a couple is or you will be up until 4am.

#4. When you are told to get some sleep, DO IT. Morning comes very fast.

#3. The cadet staff is inspiring in the way they want to make encampment and the whole experience a positive learning time for everyone.

#2. The one sure way to make the communications officer and all cadets go crazy is to reply with "Roger, Wilco, over and out."

#1. The top lesson learned is that "Laughter is the best medicine."

Now the big question is, would I go back and do it again? Absolutely. It was the most fun I'm not ready to do again for a year."

