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WING TIPS

- **NEW FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS:** CAP’s CadetInvest program will annually award 50-60 cadets funding to obtain their private pilot certificate. Applications are being accepted now through Jan. 15. Cadets should access the CAP National Commander’s video for details: www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjKiylrhXRc. Interested cadets click here to apply: www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/cadetinvest/youth-aviation-initiative/.
- **FEMA ASSISTANCE:** Two former CAP South Dakota Wing Commanders are in the Northern Marianas Islands assisting as Federal Emergency Management Agency reservists in this Pacific Ocean American commonwealth. CAP Colonels John Seten and Mike Beason are on the island of Saipan assisting FEMA with disaster relief following Super Typhoon Yutu. Seten and Beason are both experienced incident commanders. Seten is from Sioux Falls and Beason is from Rapid City
- **ES TRAINING:** On 3 November, 22 members spent the afternoon at Wing HQ sharpening their Emergency Services Skills. The group was broken into three areas of focus, SQTR tasks for ground teams, ICUT training, and taking FEMA IS on-line tests. Significant progress was made by all three groups. On a blustery, cold day they learned to prepare helicopter landing zones and look for ELTs close by using body blocking among other techniques. The groups' consensus was the half-day training program is very beneficial and fit into members schedule's easier than full weekend activities. Thanks to Lt. Col. Dave Jeffries, 1st Lt. Keven Gross, Capt. Michael Johnson, 2nd Lt. Malisa Niles and C/MSgt Hunter Rice for helping with training.
- **DAART SAREX:** On 10-11 November members of South Dakota and North Dakota Wings attended training at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron HQ for the DAART User (DAARTU) and DAART Operator (DAARTO) specialty qualifications. DAART (Domestic Operations Awareness and Assessment Response Tool) is a collaborative mission information sharing and communications platform developed by the National

Guard and used by CAP and other emergency services agencies, making DAART especially useful for inter-agency collaboration. The training covered both the web-based platform used by DAART Users at the mission base and the ruggedized hardware platform used by DAART Operators in the field. Instructor Lt. Col. Robert Becker, NHQ DAART Program Manager, traveled from Illinois to get more than 20 members qualified in both DAARTU and DAARTO. Thanks to the Mission Pilots, Mission Radio Operators and Mission Staff Assistants who ensured everyone was able to complete their required training sorties. (Provided by 1st Lt. Tyler Gross)



- **VEEP VISIT:** On 5 November Vice President Pence came to South Dakota for a political rally held in a hangar at Rapid City Regional Airport. Due to its proximity to the airport local television station NewsCenter1 used the South Dakota Wing HQ office as a base of operations for equipment and personnel. For Wing Commander Col. David Small and Wing Administrator Rachel Kuecker it was an interesting behind-the-scenes view of the media world. Although no VIP visited, the office was used for NewsCenter1’s live 18:00 newscast.

- **CAP AVIATION INITIATIVE:** National Commander Maj. Gen. Mark Smith’s video series enters its second phase with his installment on Civil Air Patrol’s new Cadet Lift Program. The program is an important part of CAP’s Youth Aviation Initiative. You can find Gen. Smith’s latest video on the CAP YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6j6i4m4-vA>.



- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew nine aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over five days in November 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 a total of 21.2 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills and 5.6 hours flying over eastern South Dakota. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, six sorties; and Lt. Col. E.W. Filler, three sorties. Depending whom the sortie supported the pilot was accompanied by a representative from SDSU or from GF&P.

STAFF NOTES



WING COMMANDER

Col. David Small Jr., CAP

- **2019 JDCLE ENCAMPMENT:** Planning has kicked off for the 2019 Joint Dakota Cadet Leadership Encampment (JDCLE). Lt. Col. Nick Gengler who has accepted the position of Encampment Commander is

starting to look for volunteers for officer and cadet staff positions who want to help out at Encampment. Anywhere from Tac Officers to Deputy Commander for Cadets to Public Affairs; you all have something to add and he can definitely use your help. The dates are Friday, 5 July to Sunday, 14 July 2019. The encampment is at Camp Rapid in Rapid City, SD. Please let him know if you can help out.



DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Col. Mary Donley, CAP

- A Wing Professional Development weekend will be held in Sioux Falls at the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron HQ on Saturday, 9 February. There will be a Squadron Leadership School (SLS) and Corporate Learning Course (CLC) held that weekend. Members in Level II need the SLS and members in Level III need the CLC. We will start at 8 AM and go until done. Please contact me at mary.donley@sdcap.us to sign up for the class you need or to answer any questions you have.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058 – BROOKINGS)

(Items submitted by 1st Lt. Gross)

- **CYBERPATRIOT-XI**: CyberPatriot Round-1, the first of three remote online rounds, was held over the weekend of 2-4 November Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings has two high school teams in the All Services division. Team1 consists of C/Maj Annabelle Klosterman, C/1stLt Isaiah Klosterman, C/1stLt Austen King and C/Amn Jeremiah Jorenby. The team's nickname is “(∩_∩) 〰_〰”. They placed 9th out of 1110 teams in the All Services Division. Team2 consists of C/Capt Jaden Petersen, C/TSgt Nolan Rohl, C/CMSgt Luke Thompson and C/SSgt Brady Hedrick. The team nickname is “The Elementary School”. They placed 530th out of 1110 teams in the All Service Division.

PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-038 – PIERRE)

(Item and photo submitted by 1st Lt. Rezac)



- **OPEN HOUSE**: An Open Meeting was held on 1 Nov at the Miller Community Center. The public was introduced to who we are and what we do. They also learned how the area can also contribute by becoming members of a new CAP unit. Attendees got to see ES equipment and one of our vehicles. They also asked questions about what is involved in serving their community and country through CAP. Two applications from this meeting have already been submitted to NHQ. Several others are in the

works. We are hoping to have a new unit chartered in the Miller area in the coming weeks.

RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-031 – RAPID CITY)

(Item submitted by 2nd Lt. Malisa Niles)

- **WAA PROGRAM**: The squadron has been busy seeking sponsors for the Wreaths Across America (WAA) program. CAP members manned a booth at the NAJA Shriners Show and Sale Holiday event

on 10 Nov in Rapid City. Cadet Matt Tracy was interviewed by local TV station KNBN about the WAA program.

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

(Items and photos submitted by Lt. Col. Epp, 1st Lt. M. Klosterman)



- Sioux Falls Composite Squadron in Sioux Falls has two high school teams and one middle school team in the competition. Team1 consists of C/CMSgt Chris Schuppan, C/MSgt Micah Healy, C/Amn Ava Bleyenbergh, C/Amn Hannah Decker and C/Amn Mercy Healy. The team’s nickname is the “Mockingjays”. They placed 250th out of 1100 teams in the All Services Division. Team2 consists of C/2d Lt David Willison, C/2d Lt Peter Willison, C/SMSgt Sarchet, C/Amn Conner Herren and Cadet Joshua Rodgers. The team doesn’t have a nickname. They placed 208 out of 1110 teams in the All Services Division. The squadron’s Composite Middle School team consists of C/SMSgt Lydia Klosterman (Big Sioux Composite Squadron), C/MSgt Daniel Willison, C/Amn Gabriel Healy and C/Amn Malachi Smith. The team doesn’t have a nickname. They placed 267 out of 803 teams in the Middle School Division.



HIGH SCHOOL TEAM1



HIGH SCHOOL TEAM2



MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

- **SUI REPORT:** The squadron recently underwent a subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI). We did really well. We were awarded an overall Effective rating. Three areas received Highly Effective Ratings: Finance, Public Affairs and Command. Finance received one commendable, Public Affairs three commendables, Supply one commendable, and Command one commendable. There were only a couple of minor discrepancies that need to be taken care of.

- **PUERTO RICAN ASSISTANCE:** Sioux Falls Composite Squadron’s Lt. Col. Bill Strandell has been deployed to Puerto Rico since March, assisting FEMA in developing housing after the 2017 hurricanes on the Island. Strandell is a civil engineer and retired from the USAF as a colonel.

- **PARADE OF LIGHTS:** Members from of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, and the North Dakota Wing’s Worthington Composite Squadron assisted with Sioux Falls’ 27th Annual “Parade of Lights” on 23 November. Dazzling lighted holiday floats, marchers and music flooded historic Phillips Avenue where some thousands of people gathered to watch the parade that marked the official start to the downtown holiday season. The hearty CAP crew placed street barriers, assisted with traffic and crowd control in addition to safety along the parade route. We were personally thanked by the Mayor of Sioux Falls, Paul Tenhaken, and took a group photo with him.



- **SAC MUSEUM:** Seventeen hardy squadron members and family braved a snowy Saturday and traveled to Ashland, Neb. to visit the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Air and Space Museum on 17 November. A retired Air Force colonel who flew B-52s for SAC in the Vietnam War gave a tour of the history of aircraft that helped win the Cold War as well as more vintage airplanes from WWII. Besides seeing the iconic SR-71 Blackbird, Cadets and Senior Members saw the eight-engine B-36 Peacemaker and the stubby XF-85 Goblin that was supposed to be carried onboard as its own air support fighter. There was an exhibit on the Jimmy Doolittle Raid on Japan in the dark days of WWII, a supersonic B-57 Hustler, and every other aircraft in the SAC arsenal. The trip was part of the squadron's internal aerospace education program.



★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Josiah Kilburn of Box Elder, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, and to Alexander Heinrich and Amelia Weiland, both of Custer and both members of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Keon Den hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Amber Kelly of Piedmont, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Trey Stroup of Fort Pierre, and Kade Vandusseldorp and Joshua Vermundson, both of Pierre and all three members of Pierre Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Anna-Claire Edwards of Ellsworth AFB and Michael Matthesen of Rapid City, both members of Rushmore Composite Squadron, and to Carson Eggert of Baltic, Conner Herren of Crooks and Malachi Smith of Mission Hill, all three members of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Lt. Col. Russ Limke of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, our Wing's newest Mission Pilot! Limke, a retired F-16 pilot from the SD National Guard, enjoys giving o-rides.



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Tyler Gross of Big Sioux Composite Squadron for successfully completing Level III (Management) of the Senior Member Professional Development Program. In recognition thereof he was received the Grover Loening Aerospace Award!



★ ★ PINKS AND GREENS ★ ★

Army adopts new dress uniform: The U.S. Army's new uniform may look a lot like the iconic pinks-and-greens worn during World War II, but senior leaders decided to drop the pinks and go with "Army Greens" as the official name. "Pinks and greens" was a World War II nickname given to it by the soldiers because one of the sets of pants had a pink hue to them. The new Army Greens, which will become the new service uniform in 2028, will feature taupe colored pants and a green jacket. The current blue Army Service Uniform, or ASU, will become the optional dress uniform and undergo a name change of its own. Officials are working on the wear regulations for both uniforms. "So basically, we are dusting off old regulations. The blue ASU will include a new name for the uniform - it will not be called the Army Service Uniform anymore. It will probably go back to the "dress blues". The ASU became mandatory for wear in 2014, replacing the Army dress green uniform, which saw 61 years of service. The service plans to begin issuing the Army Greens to new soldiers in summer 2020. Troops will also have the option to begin buying the new uniform at that time.



SOLDIER MODELS POSE IN THE FINAL PROTOTYPES OF THE PROPOSED "PINKS AND GREENS" DRESS UNIFORMS. A SKIRT AND PUMPS WOULD BE OPTIONAL FOR WOMEN. (ARMY PHOTO)

★ ★ FIRST MEMORIAL SATELLITE ★ ★

A satellite carrying the ashes of about 100 people is about to be launched into space, the first ever dedicated memorial spacecraft. Called Elysium Star 2, the small satellite – known as a CubeSat – is the work of San Francisco-based startup Elysium Space. Each customer has paid about \$2,500 to send a small capsule containing one gram of ashes of a loved one into orbit. These are stored in trays on board the spacecraft. The spacecraft is being launched on a reused SpaceX Falcon-9 rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, scheduled to lift-off no earlier than December 1. As part of this mission, Elysium Star 2 will be placed into a polar orbit at an altitude of about 550 kilometers (340 miles). On Earth, anyone will be able to use an app from the company to track the spacecraft as it passes overhead. The spacecraft is expected to remain in orbit for about five years.



Source: Forbes (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jonathanocallaghan/2018/11/28/this-startup-is-taking-the-ashes-of-100-people-into-space/#6d25d3783414>)

★ ★ IN MEMORIUM ★ ★



Wing Commander Colonel David Small sends: I am saddened to announce the passing of one of our South Dakota Wing family. Maj. Marlin McKenney of the Pierre Composite Squadron passed away on the morning of 1 December. I will always remember Marlin for his patient wit and willingness to help anywhere any time. Our hearts and prayers are with his wife Lt. Col. Nancy McKenney. Information about funeral plans will be forthcoming. Marlin will be missed.

