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### WING TIPS

• **CYBERPATRIOT XII NATIONAL FINALS:** The Big Sioux Composite Squadron’s Cybersecurity team competed in the CyberPatriot XII National Finals held on 2-3 May. The competition was a little different this year as all competitors had to compete from their homes rather than in-person. Although they worked hard, team Big Sioux did not place in the top three teams in the All Services Division. They were one of two CAP teams that competed at the National Finals, out of 262 CAP teams that competed this year in the CyberPatriot XII season. We are proud of how hard our CyberPatriot team has worked this season! We hope to see some more competition from other SD teams next year!"



Photo of the team competing (clockwise from upper right: C/SSgt Jeremiah Jorenby, C/LtCol Annabelle Klosterman, C/Capt Austen King, C/Capt Isaiah Klosterman and C/CMSgt Lydia Klosterman)

- **SOUTH DAKOTA WING VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2020**: Friday, 8 May at 7:00 PM - Saturday, 9 May at 8:00 PM (CDT). If you haven't already signed up for the SD Wing Virtual Conference check out the signup page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sd-wing-virtual-conference-2020-tickets-102541821348>. The conference is a great opportunity to hear what's happening in our Wing and Region. National Vice Commander, Brigadier General Phelka, will be presenting as well! There is a How-to session for Office 365 for SD Wing members only on Friday night. Saturday is full of events. After you signup you will receive an email ticket. There is a link to the wing conference website from your Eventbrite ticket. That has the schedule and meeting links.

- **NORTH CENTRAL REGION VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2020**: As with the SD Wing Conference, the North Central Region Conference has moved to the virtual world. The NCR conference is a great opportunity to hear from our Region Staff and what else is happening around the Region. You will get a chance to hear from our outgoing Region Commander, Col Aye, and our incoming Region Commander, Col John Oneil. There will be Region Awards presented and a Townhouse style Q&A with our Region Leaders. To register (it's free!) follow the link: <https://ncr.cap.gov/events1/region-conference>

- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS SUSPENDED**: In mid-March CAP NHQ decided aerial wildlife surveys were not mission essential in view of the Coronavirus pandemic and curtailed them. Reporting will resume when aerial wildlife survey flights are again authorized.

## STAFF NOTES



### **WING COMMANDER**

Col. David Small Jr., CAP

- **WING HQ**: Due to concerns about the Coronavirus, access to Wing HQ will be tightly controlled for the time being. If you feel you need to access wing HQ at any time please check with Wing Administrator Rachel ahead of time. She will be changing the locks so any key that you might have or if you have the code to the little lockbox won't work anymore. Provisions will be made to allow 24/7 access to vehicle keys in case of a real-world mission. Hopefully these restrictions will only last a few weeks.

- **STORE PURCHASING CARD**: There is a link in the CAP files for an Office Depot "Store Purchasing Card" to get a huge discount on printing; [http://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/cap\\_pyfcv2-1.pdf](http://officediscounts.org/wp-content/uploads/cap_pyfcv2-1.pdf). PLEASE remember that this MUST be used with our TAX EXEMPT status card. Rachel has that and will happily send it when needed or can post it on the website soon. CAP is Tax Exempt and we need to try to remember this when possible.



### **WING CHIEF OF STAFF**

Lt. Col. Nick Gengler, CAP

- **NEW SQUADRON COMMANDER**: I am happy to announce that Capt. Kurt Johnson will be the next Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Commander. Please join me in congratulating Capt Johnson. You can reach

out to him via his email [kurt.johnson@sdwg.cap.gov](mailto:kurt.johnson@sdwg.cap.gov). The change of command ceremony will occur over a virtual Squadron meeting on 14 May. A special thank you to Lt. Col. Todd Epp for his four years of service as the Squadron Commander. The Sioux Falls Composite Squadron has grown over the last four years and has been very active. We hope to see Lt. Col. Epp continue his successful CAP career on the Wing Staff.

- **NEW WING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS:** I am pleased to announce the appointment Senior Member Lori Anderson as our new Wing Director of Public Affairs. Lori first joined CAP 14 year ago and was the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron Public Affairs Officer for a number of years. She eventually moved out of the State and but is back now! She is currently a member of the Lincoln County Composite Squadron and recently helped them secure a \$10,000 advertising grant from Keloland. Thank you Lori for stepping up and I am excited for everything you can bring to the position.



## **WING DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Col. Mary Donley, CAP

- **CHANGES TO COURSE REQUIREMENTS.** The requirements for Point of Distribution Course (PODC) credit in Ops Quals has changed. Now the only requirement is the online FEMA "IS-26: Guide to Points of Distribution Course" at FEMA's site at <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=is-26>. Prior to this, members needed both the online course and an in-residence class to receive credit. This course helps responders understand the setup and operation of Points of Distribution (POD), and understand how to supervise a POD Staff. Points of Distribution are centralized locations where the public picks up life sustaining commodities following a disaster or emergency, usually food, water and/or medical supplies. Civil Air Patrol members have been working at Points of Distribution across the country, supporting efforts to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. This is valuable training for anyone who would like to serve our region in this capacity. Members who complete the course should load the certificate as "Other" and identify the certificate as IS-26 PODC completion. They should then enter their completion date on the PODC SQTR for approval. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Capt. Rezac at [richard.rezac@sdwg.cap.gov](mailto:richard.rezac@sdwg.cap.gov)."

## **SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS**

### **BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-058 – BROOKINGS)**

- **VIRTUAL MEETINGS:** Online meetings held virtually via Microsoft Teams have been going well! The cadets have been having fun and learning a lot throughout the past month. For some of our meetings, we have had guests from other squadrons participate. Through Quizlet Live, team leadership problems, presentations, online games, etc. we have been able to keep everyone engaged.

### **CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-68 – CUSTER)**

- **UNIT ACTIVITIES:** As with many units COVID-19 has put a crimp on the way we train and conduct business. However, our unit members have been engaged in weekly meetings via Microsoft Teams with an average participation rate of 70%. We were fortunate on April 4th to have four unit members, C/CMSgt Hunter Rice, C/CMSgt Preston Drew, 1st Lt Erin Dundas and Capt Donny Weiand, be able to participate in the Distributed SAREX. Members conducted Ground Team Training and successfully located and deactivated an

ELT beacon. In a similar manner, several cadet members have been hitting leadership and aerospace books and are well on their way to their next promotion. Kudos to C/Amn Terasa Dillon, C/A1C Mason Kieborz, A1C and Garrett Weiland for their hard work and dedication.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-07 – TEA)**

- **KELOLAND LIVING**: On 15 April, C/Lt Col Kyle Clement did a live televised interview on the Keloland Living segment of Avera Tradition of Caring about Civil Air Patrol. The interview can be viewed on Keloland.com under Keloland Living or on LCCS's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/lincolncap](http://www.facebook.com/lincolncap).
- **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**: On 21 April, LCCS cadets had the privilege of having our Wing Commander, Col. Small, lead their Character Development meeting on Friendship. Thank you, Col. Small.



- **NCR SAFETY AWARD WINNER**: We submitted an entry to the NCR Safety Contest which happened to be one of the two winning entries for March. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Clement was notified on 24 April and it was sent out across the region on 26 April.

## **LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-63 – SPEARFISH)**

- **NEW SENIOR MEMBER**: Welcome aboard to Senior Member Michelle Crane. SM Crane is a teacher at Douglas High School in Box Elder and the mother of C/Amn Elly Sulcer. We are glad you decided to join CAP and proud to have you in our unit!
- **VIRTUAL MEETINGS**: A milestone was reached by our squadron on 9 April when we held our first virtual meeting. This was followed by three more online meetings in April and one of them included a virtual tour of the USAF Museum led by our Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. DeWeese.

## **MILLER FLIGHT (SD-33 – MILLER)**

- **AEROSPACE EDUCATION AWARD**: (NEW) The Miller Flight earned the Aerospace Education Achievement Award for Fiscal Year 2020. NHQ informed us, "Congratulations on earning the AE Achievement Award for fiscal year 2020. Through your dedicated efforts your squadron completed the necessary requirements for earning this award. Thank you for your active and successful involvement in helping accomplish the AE mission and for promoting an interest in aerospace, aviation and STEM.' Thank you to the members of Miller Flight for your hard work and dedication to our AE mission."

## **PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-38 – PIERRE)**

- **VIRTUAL MEETINGS**: Pierre Composite Squadron is practicing social distancing in light of the directives from National Headquarters so no in-person meetings are being conducted. However, in their place the

squadron is conducting meetings with both seniors and cadets via video conferencing. The immediate past meeting, led by Capt. Ruth M. Carley also included Maj. Karla West from wing staff and Capt. John Spangler from Rushmore Composite Squadron who joined us. This led to excellent conversations originally based on cadet training. Capt. Spangler also showed some pictures of a flight simulator he is building. Several Pierre members expressed interest in flying his simulator when it is operational.

## **RUSHMORE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-31 – RAPID CITY)**

- **VFW CAP NCO OF THE YEAR**: The local Veterans of Foreign Wars post has awarded C/CMSgt (now C/2dLt) Matthew Tracy the NCO of the Year Award for 2019.
- **WOLF PACK AWARD**: The Wolf Pack Award, a Wing Authorized Rushmore Tradition since 2003, has been awarded to two Rushmore Cadets, C/2dLt Matthew Tracy and C/CMSgt Devin Griffin. Only nine cadets have received the award over the last 17 years. The award for outstanding performance in Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, and Cadet Programs. Wolf Pack members may wear the distinctive blue beret with the ABU's while at squadron functions.
- **2020 JOINT DAKOTA ENCAMPMENT**: Six Rushmore cadets have been selected to serve as cadre at this year's Joint Encampment in North Dakota in the following positions: C/2dLt Tracy, Flight Commander; C/CMSgt Griffin, Flight Commander; C/MSgt Kelly, Administration; C/MSgt Lasseter, First Sergeant; C/TSgt Kellar, Flight Sergeant; and C/TSgt Ragains, Flight Sergeant. Congratulations to all!

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

- **PT CLASS**: The cadets had to find a spot in their home with room to do their first online PT class on 2 April. The class was taught by C/Capt Julia Lair with warm ups by C/TSgt Ethan den Hoed. The cadets had a good workout.
- **REMOTE MINI-SAREX**: On 25 April, SFCS hosted their Remote Mini-SAREX. The morning sessions consisted of ICUT and Ground Team training. The afternoon session was a virtual search and rescue exercise where the members were looking for a missing girl around the Sioux Falls and Brandon area. The participants broke up into two ground teams and one drone team. They were able to successfully find the missing girl! Our members were able to get about 15 tasks signed off. Thank you to Lt. Col. Todd Epp and SM Jacob Roth for teaching the classes!
- **GAME NIGHT**: What does an Amazon box, a screwdriver, a Hot Wheels car, a bottle of ketchup and a pillow have in common? Those were just some of the items that the members had to find in their house during their Scavenger Hunt game on the 30 April meeting. Other games that night included trivia questions and several rounds of Quizlet Live with 6 teams competing with questions covering all the Aerospace modules and all the chapters of Learn to Lead. Thank you to C/SrA Jonathon Sjaarda for leading the games!

## **★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★**

### **SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS**



Congratulations to Jaden Roblewsky of Sioux Falls, Luke Fogarty of Hartford and Derek Turner of Sioux Falls, all members of the Lincoln County Composite Squadron on their promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant!

# **CADET PROMOTIONS**

## **Cadet Officer Promotion**



Congratulations to Keon den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and receipt of the milestone Billy Mitchell Award!



## **Noncommissioned Officer**



Congratulations to Grace Ingebretsen of Luverne, MN, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Emily Williams of Egan, a member of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on their promotion to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Joseph Lasseter of New Underwood and Amber Kelly of Piedmont, both members of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to the following individuals on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!

Phoebe Kellar of Rapid City, SD	Rushmore Composite Squadron
James Ragains of Rapid City, SD	Rushmore Composite Squadron
Ethan Den Hoed of Boyden, IA	Sioux Falls Composite Squadron
Amelia Weiland of Custer, SD	Crazy Horse Composite Squadron
Jordan Weiland of Custer, SD	Crazy Horse Composite Squadron



Congratulations Zephaniah Tolliver of Lennox, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite, and Joshua Vermudson of Pierre, a member of the Pierre Composite Squadron, and to Abigail Williams of Egan, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



## **Cadet Airman Promotions**



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



Congratulations to Madison Stroud of Salem, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Charlotte Currington of Faulkton, a member of the Miller Flight, on promotion to the rank of Cadet

Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Isaac Mayo of Olivet, a member of the Mitchell Composite Squadron, and to Kenan Zulauf of Rapid city, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



★ ★ **KUDOS** ★ ★



Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Pandy Rezac of Highmore, a member of Miller Flight, who has completed Level II of CAP's Senior Member Professional Development Program and in recognition thereof has earned the Benjamin O Davis Award!



Congratulations to Capt. Richard Rezac of Highmore, a member of the Miller Flight, who earned the "Senior" rating in the Aerospace Education specialty track of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development Program.



Congratulations to SM Jay Stomprud and SM Jenn Stomprud, both of Mud Butte and both members of Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron, who completed Level I of the CAP's Senior Member Professional Development Program and, in recognition thereof, earned the Membership Ribbon.



★ ★ **U.S. TO RESUME MANNED SPACE LAUNCHES** ★ ★



If all goes as planned, at 04:32 p.m. EDT on 27 May, America will resume astronaut launches from the US! Astronauts haven't launched into orbit from the U.S. since NASA's last space shuttle flight in 2011, nine years

ago. Astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnke will blast off in a Space X Dragon crew capsule atop a Space X Falcon 9 rocket from the same Kennedy Space Center launch pad used by shuttle Atlantis in 2011 and the Apollo moonshots a half century ago. They will fly to the International Space Station to spend weeks, possibly months helping maintain the orbiting facility.

