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WING TIPS



- **CYBERPATRIOT SETS RECORD:** The Air Force Association’s (AFA) CyberPatriot program announced today that it has registered a record 6,387 teams for its eleventh season of the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. CyberPatriot, the nation's largest and fastest growing youth cyber education program, is AFA's flagship STEM program dedicated to strengthening cyber skills among students. Civil Air Patrol teams compete in the All Services division along with JROTC programs and U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The CyberPatriot-XI season, which has already begun training and practice rounds for teams worldwide, will hold Round One of the competition on November 2, 2018. The top 28 teams from the online rounds will travel to Baltimore, Md., for the

CyberPatriot-XI National Finals April 7-11, 2019. There, national finalists will have the opportunity to compete for national honors and scholarships, as well as the opportunity to network with industry sponsors.



- **AERIAL WILDLIFE SURVEYS:** SDWG flew eight aerial surveys of terrestrial wildlife over seven days in October 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 25.4 hours flying over western South Dakota and the Black Hills. CAP pilots were: Lt. Col. Gary Hewett, 3 sorties; and Lt. Col. Buck DeWeese, 5 sorties. Depending whom the sortie supported the pilot was accompanied

by a representative from SDSU or from GF&P.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Cadet Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Mariel Klosterman of Brandon, a member of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Major!



Congratulations to Austin King of Volga, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant!



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



Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Micah Healy of Mitchell, 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 Andrew Smith of Sioux Falls, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Alec Crowser of Philip, a member of Pierre Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Austin Den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Abigail Williams and Emily Williams, both of Egan, SD and both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Jeremiah Jorenby of Brookings, a member Big Sioux Composite Squadron, to Ava Bleyenbergh of Hartford, Garbiel Healy and Mercy Healy, both of Mitchell, all four members of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



Congratulations to C/SrA Chancey Hall of Highmore and to C/AB Jayda Boxley of Pierre, both members of the Pierre Composite Squadron, who earned the Cadet Recruiter Ribbon for successfully recruiting two new members each.

