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WING TIPS



The South Dakota Wing is proud to announce that two new Civil Air Patrol units have been activated; one located in Miller the other located in Tea, bringing the number of CAP units in the state to eight.

The two new units will begin as independent composite flights directly subordinate to the Wing. The unit in Miller has requested the designation “Miller Flight”. It will be commanded by 1st Lt. Richard Rezac. They will initially meet at the Miller Community Center on Sundays from 1400-1600. The unit in Tea has requested the designation “Lobo Flight”. It will be commanded by Maj. Jerry Foy. The likely meeting place will be at the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) building at the Tea Airport. The unit will meet on Tuesday evenings at 1900. Both flights will immediately begin to participate in all Civil Air Patrol/South Dakota Wing programs and activities. It is anticipated that both flights will quickly mature into full-fledged squadrons.

STAFF NOTES

- **GLIDING SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund provides scholarships every year to young student pilots who have a love for soaring. The Michael Wallace Memorial Scholarship This year, the grant is \$1,000.00, to be paid directly to a flight school or club for the benefit of the recipient of the scholarship. Applications for the grant are due by March 15, 2019. Grants will be awarded by April 30, 2019. Students 14 to 22 years of age are eligible to apply and the requirements are fairly easy. Download an application from www.cypresssoaring.org. Click on the “Scholarship” button.

- **AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Aircraft Owners and Pilots association (AOPA) has several flight training scholarship opportunities available to its members, totaling over \$1,000,000. Not a member? AOPA offers free [AV8RS memberships](#) to high school students, free [six-month memberships](#) to student pilots, as

well as other [membership options](#). For information and an application form go to www.aopa.org/training-and-safety/students/flight-training-scholarships. The deadline to submit scholarship application materials, including recommendation letters and transcripts, is April 2, 2019, 11:59 p.m. EDT.

AOPA High School Flight Training Scholarships

80 exceptional high school students, ages 15 to 18, each will receive a \$10,000 scholarship to pursue a private, sport, or recreational pilot certificate. These awards are a major membership benefit, offering our high school members the opportunity to advance into the aviation and aerospace careers they've always dreamed about.

AOPA Primary Flight Training Scholarships

Current AOPA members, including AOPA AV8RS, who are at least 16 years of age on April 2, 2019, are eligible to apply for a primary flight training scholarship, ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500, to be applied to training for a private pilot, sport pilot, or recreational pilot certificate.

AOPA Advanced Flight Training Scholarships

Current paid members with aviation career aspirations are encouraged to apply for an advanced flight training scholarship, ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000, to pursue one of the following ratings or certificates:

- Instrument (includes the Dare to Fly with AOPA scholarship award up to \$5,000)
 - Commercial
 - CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor)
 - CFII (Certificated Flight Instructor – Instrument)
 - MEI (Multi-Engine – Instructor)
- The 2019 SD Wing Color Guard Competition was held in Pierre at the Community Bible Church. Five teams competed this year - three teams from Sioux Falls, one team from Pierre, and one team from Rapid City. The top two teams were from Sioux Falls with the 3rd Sioux Falls team coming in third, Pierre came in 4th and Rapid City came in 5th. All teams were very competitive! C/A1C Kade Vandusseldorp and C/MSgt Alec Crowser from Pierre received top male and female “Fleetfoot” Awards for fastest mile run. C/SMSgt Daniel Willison from Sioux Falls and C/MSgt Alec Crowser from Pierre received the male and female Written Exam award for highest scores. Congratulations to all for a great competition and great sportsmanship!! The two top teams move forward to the NCR Cadet Competition at Camp Ashland, NE, April 12-14.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMPOSITE SQUADRON (SD-63 – SPEARFISH)



- **NEW COMMANDER**: On 24 January a time-honored change of command ceremony was held. Lt. Col. Russ Limke assumed command of the squadron from Lt. Col. Jim Hopewell. Lt. Col. Limke is a CAP mission pilot. He has been busy giving lots of cadet orientation flights and helping the SD Game, Fish and Parks Department track collared animals from the air. Lt. Col. Limke retired a couple of years ago from the SDANG where he was an F-16 fighter pilot.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotion



Congratulations to Manny Steele of Sioux Falls on his special appointment to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in conjunction with his duties on the Wing Staff as Wing Government Relations Advisor!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Kaleb Sarchet of Valley Springs, to Lydia Klosterman of Brandon, and to Daniel Willison of Sioux Falls, all members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Chief Master Sergeant and receipt of the Dr. Robert H. Goddard Award!



Congratulations to Hunter Rice of Custer, a member of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron on his promotion to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Devin Griffin of Black Hawk, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Keon Den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Trey Stroup of Fort Pierre and to Kade Vandusseldorp of Pierre, both members of the Pierre Composite Squadron, and to Gabriel Healy and Mercy Healy, both of Mitchell and both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Thomas Swier of Marion, a member the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on their promotions to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Conner Herren of Crooks, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Jeremiah Jorenby of Brookings, a member of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Joseph Lasseter of New Underwood and James Ragains of Rapid City, both members of Rushmore Composite Squadron, to Ciara Hansen and Darion Osterkamp, both of Onida and both members of the Pierre Composite Squadron, to Jordan Beukelman of Mitchell, and Kenton Swier of Marion, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Garrett Weiland of

Custer, a member of the crazy Horse Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



Errata: There were two errors in the promotions section of the December 2018 Skychaser. The individual at Crazy Horse Composite Squadron who was promoted to C/SSgt was Preston Drew of Custer. The Pierre Composite Squadron's C/MSgt Alec Crowser was misidentified as a male.

