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WING TIPS

SOUTH DAKOTA WING GROWS AGAIN: Col. David Small, commander of the South Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, reports that the Wing has activated a new unit – the Mitchell Flight in Mitchell, SD. This brings the number of CAP units in South Dakota to 9. Congratulations to flight commander 2nd Lt. Matthew Healy who laid the groundwork for the new unit over the past year with activities including an open house and a remote base Search and Rescue Exercise in Mitchell.

- ***SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE:*** On 1 June more than 40 Civil Air Patrol volunteers from across South Dakota gathered at the Black Hills Airport to hone their skills as aviators and first responders. Among the activities were search and rescue (SAR) training for aircrews and ground teams and orientation flights for cadets. The SAR training involved air crews searching for electronic targets similar to the emergency radio beacons activated when an airplane crashes. They then directed teams on the ground to the notional crash sites in order to practice securing the scene and searching for survivors. Three CAP aircraft were put to use throughout the event. In addition, though not part of the SAR training, the Wing conducted hands-on training with small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS). Commonly called drones, these aircraft can be used to rapidly search an area. For example, they could be operated by ground teams to quickly locate lost hikers or hunters.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

LINCOLN COUNTY COMPOSITE SQUADRON (TEA)

- **UNIT STATUS:** The Lobos have grown! We recently started as a Flight and now we have grown into a Squadron with 16 members and several good prospects on the hook. Thank you to Maj. Jerry Foy and 1st Lt. Denise Clement for their leadership and vision.

- **OUTREACH-1:** On 6 June C/Capt Kyle Clement, C/SSgt Gabriel Eager and 1Lt Denise Clement traveled to Lennox for their Summer Outreach Program to talk to local area youth and adults about Aerospace. About 40 people were in attendance. After a lesson and activity about Aerospace, the cadets launched several rocket.



MILLER FLIGHT (MILLER)

- **OUTREACH:** On 20 June the Miller Flight showed the youth of Huron the wonder of aerospace. We participated in the Huron United Way's Day of Action at the Huron Middle School. We took the opportunity to show them how drones work and talk to them about aerospace and CAP. Almost 400 K-7th graders learned about how CAP serves their community.



MITCHELL FLIGHT (MITCHELL)

- **UP AND RUNNING:** The first “official” meeting for the newly formed Mitchell Flight was held on the evening of 20 June at the Dakota Flight Center in Mitchell. The future of youth around this area can be greatly influenced by CAP and there are many opportunities available to those who want to achieve more in life.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

SENIOR MEMBER PROMOTIONS

Officer



Congratulations to Tonia McGeorge of Miller, a member of the Miller Flight, on her promotion to the rank of Second Lieutenant!

Noncommissioned Officer



Congratulations to Shawn Bawden of Spearfish, a member of the Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron on his appointment to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

CADET PROMOTIONS

Cadet Officer



Congratulations to Julia Lair of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on her promotion to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer



Congratulations to Matthew Tracy of Summerset, a member of Rushmore Composite Squadron, and to Keon den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Devin Griffin of Black Hawk, a member of Rushmore Composite Squadron, and to Chancey Hall of Highmore, a member of the Miller Flight, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Preston Drew and Alexander Heinrich, both of Custer and both members of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, and to Noah Healy of Mitchell, a member of the Mitchell Flight, on promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!





Congratulations to Brayden Parke of Sioux Falls and to Malachi Smith of Mission Hill, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airmen



Congratulations to Rose McGeorge of Miller, a member of the Miller Flight, and Connor Herren of Crooks, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Remington McGeorge of Miller, a member of the Miller Flight, and to Clara Giddings of Sioux Falls and Grace Ingebretsen of Luverne, MN, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Jordan Beukelman of Mitchell, a member of the Mitchell Flight, on their promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Ethan Den Hoed of Boyden, IA, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Isabella Pollman of Bridgewater, a member of Mitchell Flight on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Capt. Kurt Johnson of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on earning his FAA Commercial Pilot Certificate with Single and Multi-Engine and Instrument ratings on 30 May.



Congratulations to Capt. Matt Meert (left) of Sioux Falls, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on earning his Certified Flight Instructor rating in June.





Congratulations to C/2dLt Sydnie Cloutier of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, who was awarded a \$1,000 flight scholarship by CAP National Headquarters.



Congratulations to Capt. Brandon West (left) of Brandon, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on earning his Certified Flight Instructor – Instrument (CFII) rating on 11 June.

