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WING TIPS

- **2019 ENCAMPMENT:** From 5 to 14 July the South Dakota Army National Guard’s Camp Rapid near Rapid City was inundated by over 64 cadets. First time encampment participants were registered in the Basic Leadership Course (BLC) while repeat participants were registered in the Advanced Leadership Course. In addition to the participants there were 29 cadet cadre members and over 30 senior members at the Encampment.

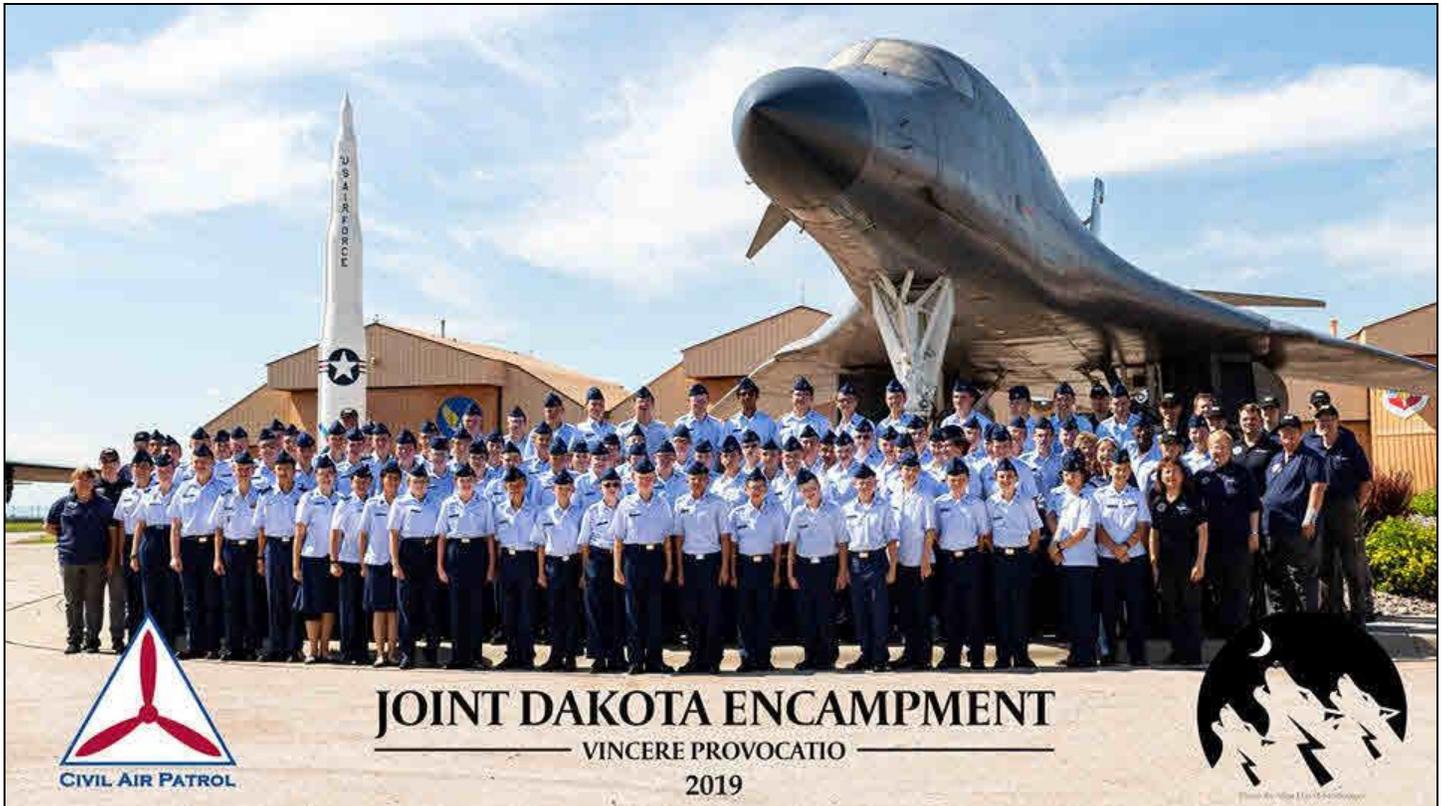
Eight Civil Air Patrol Wings sent participants; California, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Texas. The Encampment Commander was Lieutenant Colonel Nick Gengler and the Cadet Commander was Cadet Captain Jaden Peterson, both from South Dakota Wing.

Mornings started early with physical training followed by breakfast and close order drill. Afternoons during the week encompassed activities such as drug demand reduction, practical field exercises, uniform and barracks inspection, military customs and courtesies, public speaking, aerospace education, and various team leadership exercises. One of the most popular events for cadets and officers was the firearms training simulator. At day’s ends the cadet flights competed in friendly games of Ultimate Frisbee.

One special activity was a tour of several Air Force organizations stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base. The cadets were able to meet a B-1B bomber flight crew and climb up into a B-1B cockpit. They met with the base’s Explosive Ordnance Disposal team and were able to dress up in their protective gear and operate the bomb retrieval robots. The cadets sat in the base’s flight line emergency services firetrucks and sprayed tremendous jets of water. During lunch, the visitors watched the Air Force Honor Guard practice their moves. The afternoon concluded with tour of the South Dakota Air and Space Museum. The Advanced Leadership Course cadets had the opportunity to fly the museum’s flight simulator. All the cadets enjoyed the aerospace displays and the concession shop.

Another special activity was at West Camp Rapid where the cadets and their cadre spent several hours putting their leadership and critical thinking skills to test on the Leadership Reaction Course and the Challenge. Cadets and cadre were given tasks to complete with only the materials available. They build bridges, climbed walls and transported “casualties.”

The 2019 Joint Dakota Encampment was a huge success due to the dedication of its members and supporters. Camp Rapid served as excellent hosts. Many thanks to the excellent culinary crew from the North Dakota Air National Guard out of Fargo ND to feed all of the 124+ encampment attendees three times a day. CAP Senior Members volunteered countless hours in support of the JDE’s cadre and cadet participants. Everyone helped make a difference for each cadet attending. Please visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CAPJDE/ to see more pictures and event coverage.



PIERRE COMPOSITE SQUADRON (PIERRE)



residential coordinator later wrote a thank you to the CAP members for talking to the kids and reported that they all enjoyed the presentation. In the photo Lt. Col. Christensen answers the students’ questions.

- **AE OUTREACH:** Lt. Col. Myra Christensen and Capt. Richard Helton held an Aerospace Education Outreach for the St Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain recently. Nine students, two assistants, and one teacher participated in the event. They taught various aspects of the aircraft, allowed the students to sit in the aircraft, and answered lots of questions for the students. Christensen and Helton explained rockets, types of fuel and other factors and assisted them with building a foam rocket that they could launch and take with them. All the students wanted to watch the aircraft fly, so the group waited on the ground as Lt. Col. Christensen departed with the aircraft. The school’s

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Cadet Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Isaiah Klosterman of Brandon, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Captain and receipt of the milestone Amelia Earhart Award!



Congratulations to Micah Healy of Mitchell, a member of the Mitchell Flight, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and receipt of the milestone Billy Mitchell Award!



Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Josiah Kilburn of Box Elder, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!



Congratulations to Kade Vandusseldorp of Pierre, a member of Pierre Composite Squadron, and to Mercy Healy and Gabriel Healy, both of Mitchell and both members of the Mitchell Flight, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Emily Williams of Eagan, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Jordan Weiland of Custer, a member of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Joseph Lasseter of New Underwood, a member of Rushmore Composite Squadron, and Joshua Skelton of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Benjamin Barr of Brandon, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Mason Kieborz of Custer, a member of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



★ ★ **KUDOS** ★ ★



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Matt Tennant of Pierre Composite Squadron who completed the online Unit Commanders Course!



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Richard Rezac and Lt. Col. Ron Evenson who completed Level III (Management) of the Senior Member Professional Development Program and have received the Grover C. Loening Award!



Congratulations to 1st Lt. Richard Rezac of Highmore, commander of the Miller Flight, who has completed requirements for award of the “Senior” rating in the specialty track “Cadet Programs!