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WING TIPS

REDCAP – MISSING AIRCRAFT SEARCH

Lt. Col. Craig Goodrich, South Dakota Wing Director of Operations sends: On 10 November the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Tyndall AFB, Florida tasked South Dakota and North Dakota Wings to join the search for an aircraft reported missing on a flight from Aberdeen, SD to Oakes, ND. The Leadership of South Dakota and North Dakota Wings, and the senior incident staff that worked to find the lost aircraft for 10 days have come to the consensus that with the end of flying today (20 October), we will have sufficiently covered the search area. The areas that we think were most likely for the plane to be found were searched three or four times, and not only with CAP Airplanes, but CAP Ground Teams, Ground Teams from the local government agencies and volunteers, and even USAF and Avera helicopters. The outer areas of the search area were covered at least twice. We feel that if the aircraft was out there, we would have found it by now. While there's still a small possibility the plane crashed in an area we covered and we just didn't see it, and a small chance that it crashed in an area that we're not likely to find it (at a bottom of a lake) even though area lakes were searched by air-boat, we think that's a question that would be better answered by local Law Enforcement.

As of 20 October the South Dakota and North Dakota wings flew 43 air sorties and had 43 ground sorties. That doesn't include the flights done by the USAF, Avera, and several individuals that offered to help, and all the miles that the local official put on their vehicles. We searched approximately 3,700 Square Miles of terrain, at least twice. That's a HUGE feat!

STAFF NOTES

- Wing Commander Col. David Small sends: Thank you to the hundred or so wing members who have helped with the five active searches that we have been involved with over the past few weeks. From missing hikers and hunters in the Black Hills to lost aircraft in the south and north of our state we have had a tremendous response from our members. Nearly a third of wing membership has helped with these searches in one capacity or another. Included in these searches was the first use of sUAS (drones) by any unit of CAP in the entire nation.

SQUADRON HIGHLIGHTS

- ***CYBERPATRIOT XII - ROUND 1***: CyberPatriot Round 1, the first of four remote online rounds, was held over the weekend of 25-27 October. The Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings has two high school teams in the All Services division. The first team consists of C/SrA Jeremiah Jorenby, C/Capt Austen King, C/Lt Col Annabelle Klosterman, C/Capt Isaiah Klosterman, and C/CMSgt Lydia Klosterman. They placed 14th out of 1885 teams in the All Services Division. The second team consists of C/SrA Abigail Williams and C/Ann Mitchell Trias. They placed 597th out of 1885 teams in the All Service Division.



CYBERPATRIOT TEAM 1



CYBERPATRIOT TEAM 2

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Officer Promotion



Congratulations to Richard Rezac of Highmore, commander of the Miller Flight, on his promotion to the rank of Captain!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



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 Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!





Congratulations Conner Herren of Crooks, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Grace Ingebretsen of Luverne, MN, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Hannah Decker of Tea, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, and to Isabella Pollman of Bridgewater, a member of the Mitchell Flight, on promotion to the rank of Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Anah Barthle of Sioux Falls and to Kendall Fogarty of Hartford, both members of the Lincoln County Composite Squadron on promotion to Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the Arnold Award!



Congratulations Jonathan Hotz of Monroe and Rebekah McClary of Parker, both members of the Lincoln County Composite Squadron; to Charlotte Curirnton of Faulkton, a member of the Miller Flight; Jonathon Sjaarda of Beaver Creek, MN, Connor Taylor of Sioux Falls, and Zephaniah Tolliver of Lennox, all members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron; and to Raymond McIntosh of Box Elder, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron, on their promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Cadet Major Kyle Clement of Sioux Falls, a member of the Lincoln County Composite Squadron, on two winning entries to the North Central Region September Safety Contest! The theme was "Safety Nets".

