



# CAP CONNECTION

## July 2019

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### Squadron Commander's Corner

We are now a month out from our trip to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. Thank you again to everyone who has been assisting in fundraising efforts for trip. You have accomplished an amazing task in raising the funds to make this happen.

Next month Wing HQ will be conducting a Subordinate Unit Inspection on our Squadron. We will be inspected on our operation regarding Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, Finance, Transportation, Safety, Personnel and Public Affairs. There is a lot of paperwork and supporting documentation that the Senior Member Staff will be working on over the next several weeks in order to prepare for this mission critical inspection.

Respectively,

Donald D. Weiand  
Capt, CAP  
Squadron Commander

"Chance favors the prepared"

### Wreaths Across America



In late June we received confirmation from the VFW in Custer that we would be permitted to take the lead on the Wreaths Across America program for the Custer City

Cemetery. Our partners in this endeavor will be the VFW Post 3442 and the American Legion Post 46 from Custer. Independence Day will be our soft kick off to spreading the word and fundraising for holiday wreaths for our veterans graves here in Custer.

### Personnel

Our Squadron is currently dropped to 30 members due to the loss of Noah and Patience Hovland not renewing. They will most certainly be missed. That puts the unit at 17 Cadets and 13 Senior Members. On a positive note, we will be gaining a one Cadet member this month, Josie Dvorak, of Custer.

Congratulations to Preston Drew and Alexander Heinrich on their promotions to Cadet Technical Sergeant. Good job gentlemen!

### Squadron Calendar

#### July 4

Independence Day Parade. No Evening Meeting

#### July 11

Physical fitness and Drug Demand Reduction

#### July 18

Emergency Services.

#### July 20

**Emergency Services training event with Rushmore Squadron, Black Hills area (location yet to be determined). May include an overnight camping,**

#### July 25

Aerospace Education. Finish up rocketry tests from AE Weekend

#### August 23

**Subordinate Unit Inspection, Custer.** This is performed by SD Wing

### Wing Calendar

#### July 6

Encampment and Cadet Senior Leadership Course July 6-14

- Banquet on July 13

#### August 2

Ground Team Academy August 2-3, Phillip, SD

#### August 17

Sioux Falls Airshow, August 17-18, Sioux Falls

#### August 23

Subordinate Unit Inspection, Custer

#### August 24

SAREX, Rapid City

#### September 21

Squadron Leadership School and Cooperate Leadership Course, Black Hills Area



## **Air Force Academy Trip**

The USAF Academy trip is a go for August 2-7. Great job on fundraising! To date the unit has raised over \$3700 for the trip. Good job everyone. Just a reminder, everyone needs to bring their own spending money for the trip.

## **Emergency Services**

With summer here we will be spending more time outdoors training especially on emergency services night. Make certain that you have your 24 hour packs and at least one water bottle on those nights.

This month we will be training on Spring Land Survival and two ES tasks:

O-0601: Conduct Actions if Lost
O-0602: Locate Natural Water Sources
O-0603: Prepare a Natural Shelter
O-0604: Build a Fire
O-0605: Extinguish a Fire

All ES tasks are listed in the Ground Team Task Guide which is downloadable at [https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Ground\\_Team\\_UDF\\_Task\\_Guide\\_24\\_May\\_CD5DA29E1340B.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Ground_Team_UDF_Task_Guide_24_May_CD5DA29E1340B.pdf). Please look over these tasks prior to the ES meeting night. The training is more productive when we prepare in advance.

Rushmore Squadron has reached out and would like to conduct a joint Emergency Services event on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Southern Black Hills area, possibly at the group camping area at Center Lake. There is a possibility, based on interest, of having a camp out that night as well.

## **Supply**

The Wing uniform coordinator, Denise Clement, is working on obtaining more ABU uniform components this summer. Sizing is still proving to be a challenge for youth sizes which for obvious reasons. However, if you need something now and do not want to wait you can order ABUs through Vanguard. The Wing has an account set up in which we can obtain a 10% discount and free shipping for each order. Please contact Captain Donny Weiland if you wish to order from Vanguard through the Wing Account.

If you need adult sizes the Army Air Force Exchange has a useful ABU size chart at to assist you with sizing at the following link: <https://www.shopmyexchange.com/assets/sizecharts/ABU-A.pdf>.

## **Public Affairs**

Your Squadron is in desperate need of a Public Affairs Officer. The unit PAO plays an important role in telling our Squadron's story through print and social media. If you are interested in being a PAO contact Captain Donny Weiland.

For more information on the duties and responsibilities of the Public Affairs Officer see the following link: [https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P201\\_E863B3730B059.pdf](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/P201_E863B3730B059.pdf)

The Squadron's new external website went live on May 31. The new Squadron website is located at <https://crazyhorse.cap.gov>.

## **Cadet Resources**

Cadet study materials and other resources can be found at the following Cadet Library link: <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/cadets/library/>



## Upcoming Cadet Activities

The North Dakota and South Dakota Joint Encampment begins July 6 and runs to July 14. This year Cadets Preston Drew and Hunter Rice will be working as encampment staff NCOs. Captain Donny Weiand will be serving as a tach officer for the first three days.

The 2020 SD Wing Cadet Competition is tentatively scheduled for September-October timeframe. The Wing Commander expects that the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron will compete in this event. With that said, it would behoove us to begin training on drill and ceremony, uniform inspections, general CAP knowledge, flag ceremonies, and physical fitness.

## Senior Members

At times it may seem that the major focus of the Civil Air Patrol centers on the Cadet Program area. However, the Civil Air Patrol has two other equally important missions, Aerospace Education and Emergency Services. There are multiple Specialty Tracks for Senior Members who are interested taking their CAP experience to the next level from administration to emergency services. Please click (or paste to your internet browser) the following link for more information: <https://www.qocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-university/level-ii-technical-training>.

Another good resource for you to help you take flight on your journey with the Civil Air Patrols is the Senior Member Welcome Booklet. There is a lot of practical information from working your way through eServices to uniforms: [https://www.qocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Senior\\_Member\\_Welcome\\_Booklet\\_20180\\_F7691FA1A9CC8.pdf](https://www.qocivilairpatrol.com/media/cms/Senior_Member_Welcome_Booklet_20180_F7691FA1A9CC8.pdf).

