



## **“THE SKYCHASER” – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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### **WING TIPS**

#### **BIG SIOUX CYBERPATRIOT TEAM GOING TO THE NATIONAL FINALS**

The South Dakota Wing’s Big Sioux Composite Squadron will return to the national stage for the sixth time. A team of cadet cyber-defenders in Brookings will be competing in the national finals of CyberPatriot-XII (The National Cyber Youth Education Program) to be held in Bethesda, MD. The National Finals competition runs from 20-22 March 2020.

This year, Team Big Sioux consists of Cadet Captain Austen King of Volga, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Annabelle Klosterman, Cadet Captain Isaiah Klosterman, Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Lydia Klosterman, all from Brandon, and Cadet Senior Airman Jeremiah Jorenby of Brookings. The team is coached by Captain Tyler Gross of Volga.

In recognition of their success, Team Big Sioux earned an all-expenses-paid trip to the national finals. In the finals, the only in-person round, the team will compete to defend virtual networks and mobile devices from a professional aggressor team. The finalists will also face-off in additional competition components. These extra challenges broaden the cybersecurity experience and expose teams to new elements of the many career opportunities available to them. The team will be scored on how quickly and effectively they establish and maintain secure networks.

CAP competes in the All Service Division of CyberPatriot, which includes junior ROTC teams for each of the military services as well as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. CAP accounted for 476 of the 1,885 All Service teams competing in this year’s CyberPatriot XII.



LEFT-TO-RIGHT: C/CAPT AUSTEN KING, C/CMSGT LYDIA KLOSTERMAN, C/CAPT ISIAH KLOSTERMAN, C/LTCOL ANNABELLE KLOSTERMAN AND C/SRA JEREMIAH JORENBY

- **SEARCH AND RESCUE EXERCISE (SAREX):** The February Wing SAREX was held in Custer from 14-15 February. We had an excellent turnout with 41 wing members present representing six squadrons. 12 camped out Friday night in shelters or small tents (10 cadets, 2 seniors). All survived just fine, no mishaps. In addition to personnel we had four aircraft and three vehicles present. Ground-to-air and air-to-ground tests of various methods of communicating including use of radio, signal mirrors, ground signals and aircraft signals to ground proved quite effective. The ground team was able to get aircraft to send a message to mission base using ground signals. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Malisa Niles was "Molly Brown", "witness" to highway landing of an aircraft as she communicated to ground team leaders in witness interview. Lessons learned included that though witness interviews can be very effective source of information they can also include false or misleading statements so treat witnesses as useful data point but not a the only source of tasking input.

