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CRAZY HORSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON PATCH

The Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, CAP designation NCR-SD-068, is located in Custer, SD. The squadron can trace its antecedents back to the early 1990s and possibly earlier. It is one of six squadrons in the South Dakota Wing.

The squadron is named after Chief Crazy Horse, a Native American leader of the Oglala Lakota Sioux tribe. A monument with the figure of Chief Crazy Horse is currently being carved on Crazy Horse Mountain in Custer County, SD.

The squadron's distinctive unit patch is in the traditional shape of a shield with a scroll at the bottom bearing an abbreviated form of the squadron's name in red. The entire patch is edged in medium blue. The field of the patch is silver grey with accents and design elements in the patriotic colors of red, white and light blue. In the center of the field is a stylized Native American chief's headdress. Centered within the headdress is a three-bladed propeller that symbolizes the Civil Air Patrol's aviation component. Centered below the headdress is a stylized wing and star emblem that represents the Civil Air Patrol's status as the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

The patch was designed by CAP Lt Col B.T. Marking. A document dated 15 March 2002 with a hand-drawn version of this design was sent to the Wing Commander for approval. The patch was approved for wear shortly thereafter.

