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Heraldry of the **2014 BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON CYBERPATRIOT TEAM**

In 2014, the Air Force Association hosted CyberPatriot-VII, the nation's premier cybersecurity competition for high school age youth. Once again "Team Big Sioux", a cyber-security team from the Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings, took part. They competed in the "All Services Division" which is open to CAP teams, Junior ROTC units from the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps and Navy's Sea Cadets. Beginning in October of each year the teams compete in a series of qualifying rounds in order to advance to the national finals in March of the following year.

This logo consists of a white ring in the center of which is a white downward pointing sword. In heraldry a sword often represents authority. In this case, it also represented Team Big Sioux being on the cutting edge of technology. The red and blue pixelation on the sword's blade is deliberate and represents the digital nature of the competition. Along the upper arc of the ring in white is the Latin motto "Ne Timeas, Neque Intelligent Tibi" (Fear What You Will Never Understand). Along the lower arc of the ring in white is "T34M_Big_Sioux". The "T34M" portion of the text is the word "Team" written in what is referred to as *Leetspeak*, an alternative alphabet popular in hacker culture. The "3" roughly resembles a backwards capital "E", while the "4" roughly resembles a lowercase "a", "Big Sioux" was the team's name.

The logo was designed by Cadet Lieutenant Christopher Dinnel of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings. It was approved by Maj. Nicholas Gengler of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Klosterman of Big Sioux Composite Squadron.

This white logo was worn on black jackets from 11-15 March 2015 while the members of Team Big Sioux were at the CyberPatriot-VII National Finals in Washington, DC.

