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## **BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON PATCH**

The Big Sioux Composite Squadron, CAP designation NCR-SD-058, is located in Brookings, SD. It is one of six squadrons in the South Dakota Wing.

The squadron is named after the Big Sioux River that flows past the city.

The squadron's distinctive unit patch is in the traditional shape of a shield with a scroll at the bottom. The entire patch is outlined in yellow. The scroll at the bottom bears the squadron's motto in blue on a silver-gray field. The field of the shield is divided with the upper three quarters in red and the bottom quarter in dark blue. At the top of the red field is the name of the squadron in white. Below this are two crossed flags on staffs; a stylized U.S. flag on the left and the flag of the state of South Dakota on the right. The flag's staffs cross at the apex of a white triangle containing a red three-blade propeller, one of the organizational symbols of the Civil Air Patrol. At the bottom of the red field, to the left, in white is "USAF AUX." indicating that the Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. At the bottom of the red field to the right is "CAP" in white, the acronym of the Civil Air Patrol. In the blue field are three Civil Air Patrol badges in silver-gray. To the left is the CAP Ground Team Master badge. To the right is the CAP Paramedic badge. At the bottom center of the blue field is CAP Command Pilot Wings.

The patch was designed by then Capt. (now Maj.) Nick Gengler, Capt. Dan Gerwing and Lt. Travis Rup in 2009 and was approved for wear shortly thereafter.

