

Heraldry of the **SIoux FALLS CADET SQUADRON**

The Sioux Falls Cadet Squadron was located in Sioux Falls, SD. The squadron is believed to have been one of the oldest in the South Dakota Wing having been formed around 1945, but possibly as early as 1942. It existed until 2001.

From 1986-2001, there were two CAP squadrons in Sioux Falls; the Sioux Falls Cadet Squadron (SD-050) that existed from the early 1940s to 2001 and the Joe Foss Senior Squadron (SD-061) that existed from 1986-2001. In 2001, the Joe Foss Senior Squadron merged with the Sioux Falls Cadet Squadron to form the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron (SD-050). When the units merged this patch was inactivated and replaced by the new Sioux Falls Composite Squadron patch.

The Sioux Falls Cadet Squadron's distinctive unit patch is in the traditional shape of a circle with banners at top and bottom. The banners bear the name of the squadron in green on a white field. The entire patch is outlined in black. The patch consists of a round white field bearing a large yellow sunburst. In the center of the sunburst is a brown eagle with white tail feathers and head. It is a patriotic image and alludes to the link between the U.S. Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol, its official volunteer civilian auxiliary. Clutched in the eagle's claws is an older version of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Programs badge. The badge is in the shape of a shield. The top third of the shield is a blue field with white stars. The bottom two thirds of the shield are alternating vertical red and white stripes. In the center of the badge is a large, white three-blade aircraft propeller.

Lt. Vincent Brown of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron is the owner of this patch. CAP Lt. Col. Steward Evans, former Executive Officer of the Sioux Falls Cadet Squadron, confirmed that the patch is valid and that it was designed by the cadets of the squadron, but he does not recall when.

