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In accordance with directives relating to the creation of wing historical narratives I have carefully reviewed and approve of the 2016 South Dakota Wing history as created by Lt Col Bruce Kipp.

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DAVID G. SMALL JR, Colonel, CAP
Commander

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INTRODUCTION OF UNIT STAFF & BRIEF UNIT NARRATIVE

The South Dakota Wing completed its 75th year of cadet service to the people of the State of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

South Dakota Wing Origin

The South Dakota Wing was established on 1 December 1941 as “Wing 77” and was placed under the Command of Lt. Col. Thomas B. Roberts, Jr. On 30 May 1955, Wing 77 was re-designated “Wing 40000”. In 1999, Wing 40000 was re-designated as “SD-001” the designation it bears today. The wing is currently commanded by Col David G. Small Jr.

Wing Organization

The South Dakota Wing is organized into a Wing Headquarters located near Rapid City Regional Airport, Rapid City, SD and currently has six subordinate squadrons. The squadrons are located at Brookings, Custer, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Spearfish. The total combined active strength of the wing is about 330 Cadets and Senior Members. The wing also has a Legislative Squadron with 50 members, nearly one-half of the state’s legislators.

Wing Status

The South Dakota Wing completed 2017 on a high note. It was an active year for the wing in providing emergency services responses to AFRCC-tasks missions (missing aircraft, missing persons).

Aerospace Education had a substantial role in wing activity for 2017 featuring model rocketry, powered model aircraft and model gliders.

The wing’s Cadet Programs for 2017 were equally active with an encampment at Camp Rapid, leadership academies, character development and drug demand reduction events, cadet and National Color Guard competitions, participation in National Cadet Special Activities and a lot of just plain fun activities.

2017 was also a year of community activity. Wing units supported and/or took part in numerous community events across the state. Color Guards were especially active in that respect. A great deal of support was provided to aviation related events such as air shows and aviation days. Greatly enhanced community awareness and public goodwill was generated by the wing’s presence at, and participation in these activities.

Wing Commander	David G. Small Jr.	Col
Vice Commander	Rodney DeWeese	Lt Col
Chief of Staff	Nicholas Gengler	Lt Col

SUMMARY NARRATIVE OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Chapter I OPERATIONS

Search and Rescue

17-M-0015A - (JANUARY 5 2017) EAGLE BUTTE MISSION PERSON. WING MEMBERS UNDER IC DAVID SMALL JR PARTICIPATED IN WINTRY SEARCH FOR TWO MISSING TRIBAL MEMBERS. BOTH AIR AND GROUND ASSETS WERE USED. LIAISON OFFICER EMBEDDED WITH TRIBAL AUTHORITIES. PERSONS WERE NOT LOCATED DURING MISSION. ONLY AFTER SPRING THAW. VERY DEEP SNOW, EVEN HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH USED BY SEARCHERS

17-M-0179 - FAITH MISSING AIRCRAFT (MARCH 16 2017). IC DAVID SMALL JR, SAFETY OFFICER/AOBD PATRICK NOWLIN, MISSION PILOT CRAIG GOODIRCH, OBSERVER TRICIA WEATHERS. USING BECKER AND CELL PHONE FORENSICS AIRCRAFT WAS LOCATED CRASHED ON OWNERS PROPERTY. NO SURVIVOR

17-M-0344 & 17-M-0344A - WATERTOWN & ARLINGTON ELTS (MAY 23, 2017) ELT REPORTED NEAR WATERTOWN. AIRCREW LAUNCHED FROM SIOUX FALLS. UDF FROM BROOKINGS AND GROUND TEAM OUT OF SIOUX FALLS. NO REPORTED MISSING AIRCRAFT. UNUSUAL MISSION WITH TWO ELTS HEARD AT ONE TIME. ARLINGTON ELT LOCATED ON AIRPORT. NO CRASHED AIRCRAFT.

TRAINING EXERCISES: 17-T-4102, PIERRE, JANUARY 2017, 17-T-4720 - WINTER SAREX IN BLACK HILLS, FEBRUARY 2017 - WARM WEATHER, 17-T-5093, REMOTE BASE SAREX IN WATERTOWN, JUNE 2017, NORTH DAKOTA PARTICIPATED AND 9 CAP AC INVOLVED, 17-T-5577, SIOUX FALLS, AUGUST 2017, 18-T-3389, BLACK HILLS SAREX, OCTOBER 2017, 18-T-3561, SPLIT SAREX, SIOUX FALLS AND RAPID CITY, NOVEMBER 2017

Disaster Relief

17-1-5693 - HURRICANE HARVEY. NINE SOUTH DAKOTA MEMBERS TOOK AT LEAST A WEEK TO HELP OUT IN THE HOUSTON AREA. LT COL GOODRICH RECEIVED MERITORIOUS AWARD, JON BECKER, MYRA CHRISTENSEN, TOM REDLIN, JOE OYE AND SCOTT GILES RECEIVED NATIONAL COMMANDERS COMMENMDATION AWARD.

Homeland Security

LOW LEVEL ROUTE SURVEYS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE AS WELL AS THE SOUTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

Counterdrug

THE SOUTH DAKOTA WING IS NOT ACTIVE IN COUNTERDRUG OPERATIONS

Chapter II AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Internal Aerospace Education

TIM MODDE NAMED DAE. TIM IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING AE.

WING AE WEEKEND, C/2D LT JULIA LAIR AND LT COL BUCK DEWEESE PLANNED AND EXECUTED WEEKEND IN MINNESOTA WITH GLIDERS, O-FLIGHTS AND ROCKETRY.

External Aerospace Education

PIERRE, AUGUST 2017 - IN COOPERATION WITH THE SD STATE MUSEUM STEM OUTREACH CAP PRESENTED A SERIES OF PROGRAMS TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS AS PART OF A SUMMER SERIES.

Chapter III CADET PROGRAMS

Cadet Programs

NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION: CADETS FROM ACROSS AMERICA GATHERED IN DAYTON, OHIO IN JULY FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION. CADETS FROM THE BIG SIOUX COMPOSITE SQUADRON AND SIOUX FALLS COMPOSITE SQUADRON PARTICIPATED

JOINT DAKOTAS CADET LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: A JOINT DAKOTAS CADET LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WAS HELD IN SIOUX FALLS 26-28 DECEMBER. CADETS AND SENIOR MEMBERS FROM BOTH SOUTH DAKOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA WINGS AND FOUR OTHER WINGS ATTENDED.

Cadet Activities

JDCLE CAMP RAPID, JULY 2017. CAPT MICHAEL JOHNSON WAS ENCAMPMENT COMMANDER AND C/MAJ ANIKA BOHMER (FROM ND) WAS CADET COMMANDER. OVERALL 123 MEMBERS PARTICIPATED FROM SIX WINGS.

NATIONAL CHARACTER WEEKEND IN SIOUX FALLS, SEPTEMBER 2017. LT COL LINDA BUECHLER AND MAJ NICK GENGLER MANAGED PROGRAM.

Drug Demand Reduction

NOTHING TO REPORT

APPENDIX I: Chapters I-III - Data and Statistics

OPERATIONS

Director of Operations

Aircraft Coordinator
Standardization/Evaluation Officer
CIS Officer
Homeland Security Officer

Lt Col Craig Goodrich
Maj Justin Johnson
Capt Joseph Oye
Lt Col Mark Huntington
NONE

Director Counterdrug Operations

Counterdrug Administrative Officer

Lt Col Ron Evenson
NONE

Director of Emergency Services

Disaster Relief Officer
ES Training Officer

Capt Patrick Nowlin
NONE
Lt Col Myra Christensen

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

OPERATIONS

Director of Operations

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Aircraft Coordinator

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Standardization/Evaluation Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

CIS Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Homeland Security Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director Counterdrug Operations

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Counterdrug Administrative Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Emergency Services

1. CAPT PATRICK NOWLIN APPOINTED, 25 AUG 2017

Disaster Relief Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

ES Training Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Director of Aerospace Education

Internal Aerospace Education
External Aerospace Education

Capt Tim Modde
NONE
NONE

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Director of Aerospace Education

1. Capt Tim Modde appointed 30 June 2017

Internal Aerospace Education

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

External Aerospace Education

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

CADET PROGRAMS

Director of Cadet Programs

Cadet Programs Development
Region/Wing Cadet Leadership School Coordinator
Cadet Honor Academy Coordinator
Cadet Advisory Council Chair

Lt Col Linda Buechler

NONE

NONE

NONE

MAJ Nicholas Gengler

Director of Drug Demand Reduction

Lt Col Linda Buechler

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Director of Cadet Programs

1. NO DATA PROVIDED
- 2.

2017-2017 NCR Cadet Advisory Council representatives:

1. C/2D LT JULIA LAR CAC CHAIR

Cadet Conference

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Region Cadet Leadership School (RCLS)

1. RCLS IN SIOUX FALLS, DECEMBER 2017

Cadet Honor Academy (CHA)

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

REGION Cadet Competition or SOUTH DAKOTA Wing Cadet Competition

1. REPRESENTED REGION AT NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION

Director of Drug Demand Reduction

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX II: Unit Staff - Data and Statistics

Unit Map (showing geographic subdivisions within a WING)



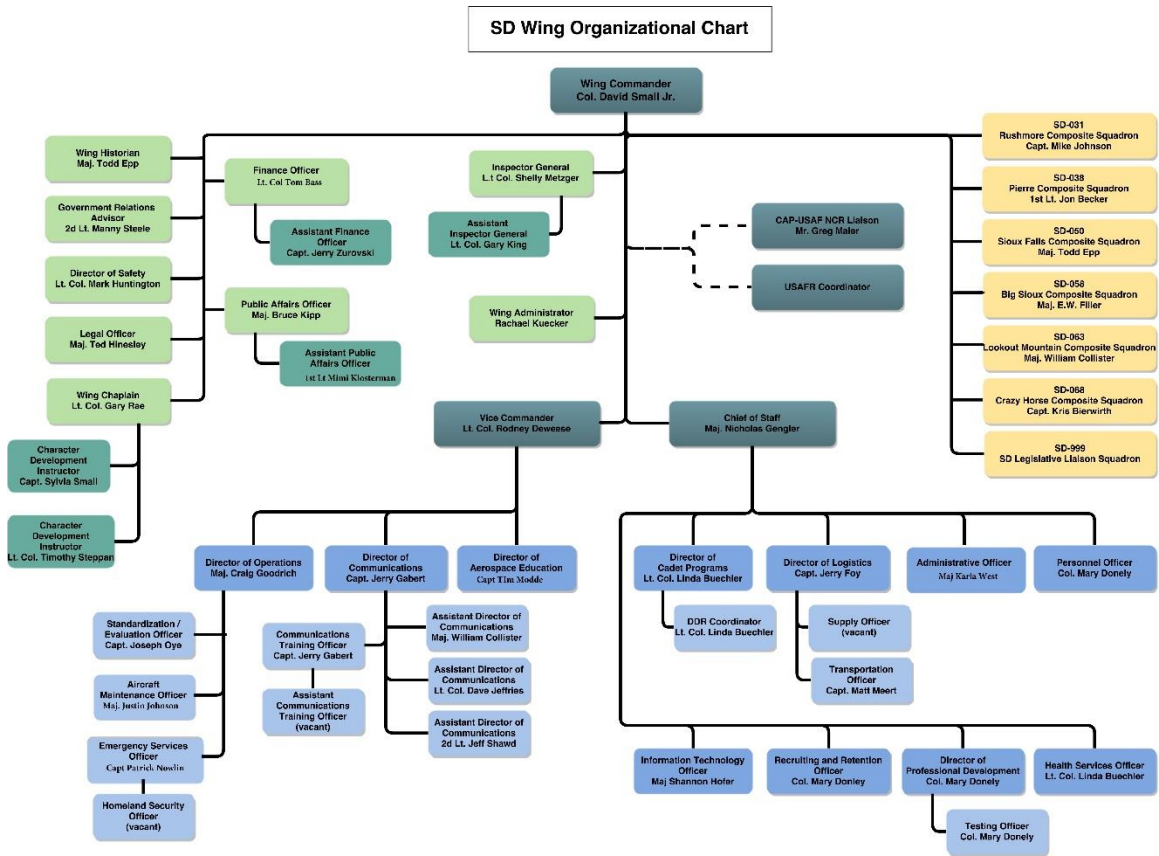
South Dakota Wing

Wing Headquarters – Rapid City (Pennington County)

Squadron Locations

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. Brookings | Big Sioux Composite Squadron |
| 2. Custer | Crazy Horse Composite Squadron |
| 3. Pierre | Pierre Composite Squadron |
| 4. Rapid City | Rushmore Composite Squadron and Wing Headquarters |
| 5. Sioux Falls | Sioux Falls Composite Squadron |
| 6. Spearfish | Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron |

Unit Organization Chart
 (ATTACH UNIT ORGANIZATION CHART HERE)



Update: 12/31/18

Unit Command and Staff Listing

(ATTACH COMMAND AND STAFF DOCUMENT HERE)

WING COMMAND STAFF

SMALL, David Jr.	Col	CC Commander
DeWEESE, Buck	Lt Col	CV Vice Commander

WING ADMINISTRATOR

KUECKER, Rachel	Mrs.	WA Wing Administrator
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WING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

GENGLER, Nick	Maj	CS Chief of Staff
BASS, Tom	Lt.Col	FM Director of Finance
BUECHLER, Linda	Lt Col	CP Director of Cadet
BUECHLER, Linda	Lt Col	DDRA Drug Demand Reduction Administrator
CHRISTENSEN, Myra	Lt Col	DOS Assistant Emergency Services Officer
DONLEY, Mary	Col	PD Director of Professional Development
DONLEY, Mary	Col	DRR Director of Recruiting & Retention
EPP, Todd	Maj	HO Historian
JOHNSON, Justin	Maj	AMO Aircraft Maintenance Officer
FOY, Jerry	Capt	LGM Director of Logistics
GABERT, Jerry	Capt	DC Director of Communications
GOODRICH, Craig	Lt Col	DO Director of Operations
HINESLEY, Ted	Maj	JA Legal Officer
HOFER, Shannon	Maj	IT Director of IT, Web Security Administrator
HINKHOUSE, Rob	Capt	DA(A) Director of Administration (assistant)
HUNTINGTON, Mark	Lt Col	SE Director of Safety, CIS Officer
HUNTINGTON, Samuel	1st Lt	DO(A) Director of Operations (Ground Ops)
KIPP, Bruce	Lt Col	PA Director of Public Affairs
LAIR, Julia	C/2d Lt	CAC CAC Chair
MEERT, Matt	Capt	LGT Transportation Officer
METZGER, Shelly	Lt Col	IG Inspector General
MODDE, Tim	Capt	AE Director of Aerospace Education
NOWLIN, Patrick	Capt	DOS Emergency Services Officer
OYE, Joe	Capt	DOV Standardization/Evaluation Officer
RAE, Gary	Lt Col	HC Chaplain
SCHMID, Neil	Capt	DO(A) Director of Operations (Assistant)
STEELE, Manny	2d Lt	GR Government Relations Advisor
WEST, Karla	Maj	DA Director of Administration

SQUADRON COMMANDERS

JOHNSON, Mike	1st Lt	Rushmore Composite Squadron (Rapid City)
BECKER, Jon	1st Lt	Pierre Composite Squadron (Pierre)
EPP, Todd	Maj	Sioux Falls Composite Squadron (Sioux Falls)
FILLER, EW	Maj	Big Sioux Composite Squadron (Brookings)
COLLISTER, Bill	Maj	Lookout Mountain Composite Squadron (Spearfish)
BIERWIRTH, Kris	Capt	Crazy Horse Composite Squadron (Custer)

APPENDIX III: Director of Logistics – Data and Statistics

LOGISTICS

Director of Logistics

Supply Officer

Capt Jerry Foy

NONE

Transportation Officer

Capt Matt Meert

Maintenance Officer

NONE

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Director of Logistics

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Supply Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Transportation Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Maintenance Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX IV: Director of Communications – Data and Statistics

COMMUNICATIONS

Director of Communications

Communications Licensing Officer
ORMS Officer
HF Coordination Officer

Capt Jerry Gabert
NONE
NONE
Lt Col DAVE JEFFRIES

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Director of Communications

1. CAPT JERRY GABERT

Communications Licensing Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

ORMS Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

HF Coordination Officer

1. LT COL DAVE JEFFRIES

Communications Operations

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Communications Facilities and Equipment

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX V: Director of Professional Development - Data and Statistics

Professional Development

Director of Professional Development

Col Mary Donley

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Director of Professional Development

1. COL MARY DONLEY

APPENDIX VI: Staff Officers - Data and Statistics

Director of Administration	Maj Karla West
Director of Personnel	Col Mary Donley
Director of Recruiting and Retention	Col Mary Donley
Director of Plans and Programs	NONE
Director of Public Affairs	Lt Col Bruce Kipp
Director of Information Technology	Maj Shannon Hofer
Finance - Financial Statement	Col Mike Beason
Chaplain	Lt Col Gary Rae
Historian	Maj Todd Epp
Health Services	Lt Col Linda Buechler

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Director of Administration

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Personnel

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Recruiting and Retention

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Plans & Programs

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Director of Public Affairs

1. 12 MONTHLY ISSUES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA WING SKYCHASER E-NEWSLETTER PRODUCED IN FOUR DIFFERENT EDITIONS (INTERNAL WING EDITION (FOR WING PERSONNEL), JROTC EDITION (FOR ALL SOUTH DAKOTA JROTC UNITS EMPHASIZING CADET ACTIVITIES), COMMUNITY EDITION (FOR SMALLER COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS AND NEWSBLOGS EMPHASIZING ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES), AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (FOR SENIOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS EMPHASIZING EMERGENCY SERVICES ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING, NEW EQUIPMENT AND ENHANCED CAPABILITIES).
2. 3 ISSUES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA "WING ROUNDUP" MAGAZINE PUBLISHED DURING 2016. NEW FOCUS ON RECRUITING BY SENDING HARDCOPIES OF THE MAGAZINE TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN THE STATE.

Director of Information Technology

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Information Technology Officer

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Finance - Financial Statement

1. LT COL TOM BASS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, 29 SEP 2017

Chaplain

1. LT COL GARY RAE

Historian

1. LT COL TODD EPP

Health Services

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

APPENDIX VII: Special Staff Officers – Data and Statistics

Inspector General

Lt Col Shelly Metzger

Safety

Lt Col Mark Huntington

Government Relations

2d Lt Manny Steele

Legal

Maj Ted Hinesley

COMPLETED STAFF ACTIONS CY JAN 2017 – DEC 2017

Inspector General

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Safety

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Government Relations

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

Legal

1. NO DATA PROVIDED

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