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SOUTH DAKOTA WING COMPOSITE CADET DRILL TEAM PATCH

The Civil Air Patrol provides a wide variety of programs and activities for its cadet members. One such activity is the annual Cadet Competition for drill teams and color guards. Initially drill teams and color guards compete at Wing level with the top finishers advancing to the Region-level competition. The top finishers there advance to the National level competition.

In 2005 and again in 2007 the South Dakota Wing composite drill team made it to the national finals. In 2005 the national competition was held at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. In 2007, the national competition was held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio.

In 2005 and in 2007, the South Dakota Wing composite drill team wore this patch designed in 2005 by then Lt. Col. B. T. Marking, briefly commander of the South Dakota Wing, and chief advisor of the South Dakota Wing Composite Drill Team. The patch was worn on the left breast of the drill team's dark blue polo shirts and on their black physical training tee-shirts.



The patch is a bright yellow inverted teardrop shaped shield with a black merrowed. At the top center of the yellow field is "SDWG" representing South Dakota Wing in black block letters shadow printed in light gray. In the center is a black rearing horse bearing a cavalry Trooper holding a saber in his upraised right hand. At the bottom center is "1st CAV" in black block letters shadow printed in light gray representing the 1st Dakota Cavalry Battalion, raised in the Dakota Territory during the American Civil War.



2005 SDWG DRILL TEAM WITH PATCH ON BLUE POLO SHIRTS



2007 SDWG DRILL TEAM WITH PATCH ON BLACK T-SHIRTS

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