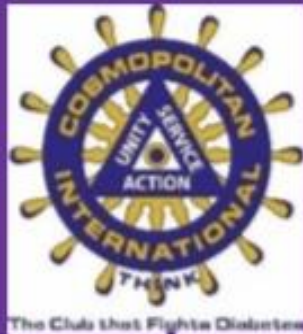


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Cosmopolitan Meeting January 22, 2024

Cosmopolitan Rays, January 22, 2024



The Cosmo Rays

Shining Light on the Cosmopolitan Club's Activities

Published After Each Meeting by the Noon Cosmopolitan Club
Meetings Held at Noon on Mondays at Thirsty's at 819 West Main, Rapid City, South Dakota



President Chuck
Reuwsatt Called the
Meeting to Order at
12:00 PM



President Chuck
Reuwsatt led the
Members in the
Pledge of Allegiance





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Jim Schuh, Led the
Members in Prayer.









Rodney Gunn talked to the Members about the upcoming Rush Hockey game on February 10th.



Board Member Kaye Duffield talked to the Members about the upcoming BH Sports Show on February 9-11th.



President Elect
Becky Kerr talked to
the Members about
upcoming Meetings
and Events at the
Civic Center.



Jim Schuh talked to
the Members about
the upcoming Sutton
Rodeo Events this
week.



North Central
Federation
Director Nancy
Trautman
introduced her
guest, Bev
Gehman.



Secretary
Rhonda
Reuwsatt
introduced
her guests,
Mike Chastain
& Jackie
Worth.

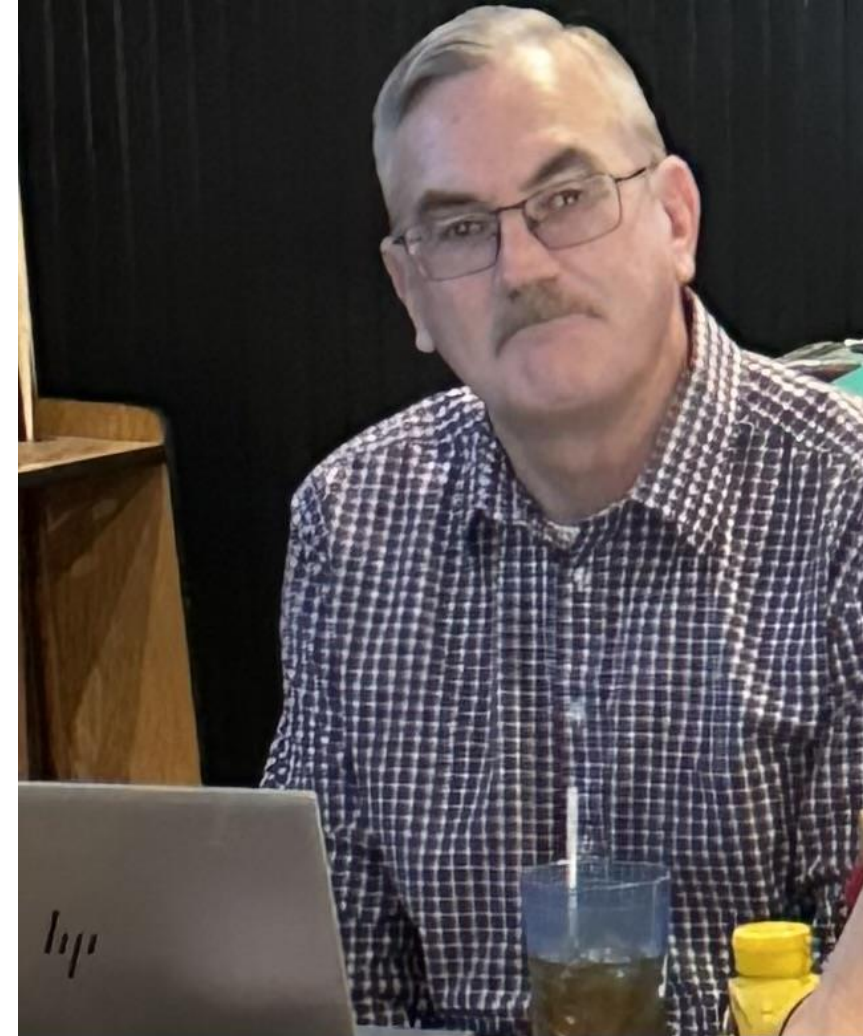


Jim Blackwell
introduced his
daughter Tiffany.



Nancy Trautman, Club President, Brought the meeting to Order at 12:00 PM.

Beth-Anne
Ferley
introduced Col
Oakley's
assistant Jim
Merrill.



Nancy Trautman- Club President Brought the meeting to Order at 12:00 PM.

Beth-Anne
Ferley
introduced
Col Oakley
from EAFB.



Colonel Derek C. Oakley

Commander



As of: 22 Jan 24

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28th Bomb Wing

Wing Commander

Col Derek C. Oakley

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COLONEL DEREK C. OAKLEY

Col. Derek Oakley is commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, the largest B-1 combat wing in the United States Air Force, with more than 12,000 active-duty military, civilian employees, and family members. He provides combat-ready aircraft, crews and associated combat support for global engagement taskings.

Col. Oakley received his commission from the United States Air Force Officer Training School in May 2000. He graduated from pilot training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, and was operationally assigned to the B-1B.

He has served in a variety of flying squadrons as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the B-1B, T-6, and T-38. He commanded a T-6 squadron at Columbus AFB and served on the Joint Staff as the Director of the Joint Targeting School, Dam Neck Naval Air Station, Virginia.

He served as the director of the B-21 Integration and System Management Office where he liaised between Air Force Global Strike Command and the Department of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, supporting development of the B-21 Raider, the Air Force's Top 3 priority acquisition program



COLONEL DEREK C. OAKLEY

Prior to his current assignment, Col. Oakley commanded the 28th Operations Group at Ellsworth, the largest operational B-1B group in the U.S. Air Force with one operations support squadron, two bomb squadrons and management of the Powder River Training Complex.

Col. Oakley is a command pilot with over 3,400 flight hours in the B-1B, T-38, T-6, and T-37, including 991 combat hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

EDUCATION

**1996 Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Education, Judson College, Elgin, Ill.
Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.**

Masters of Arts, Management, American Military University, Charles Town, W.Va.

2009 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

**U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
Joint and Combined Warfighting School (JPME Phase II), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.**

2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.



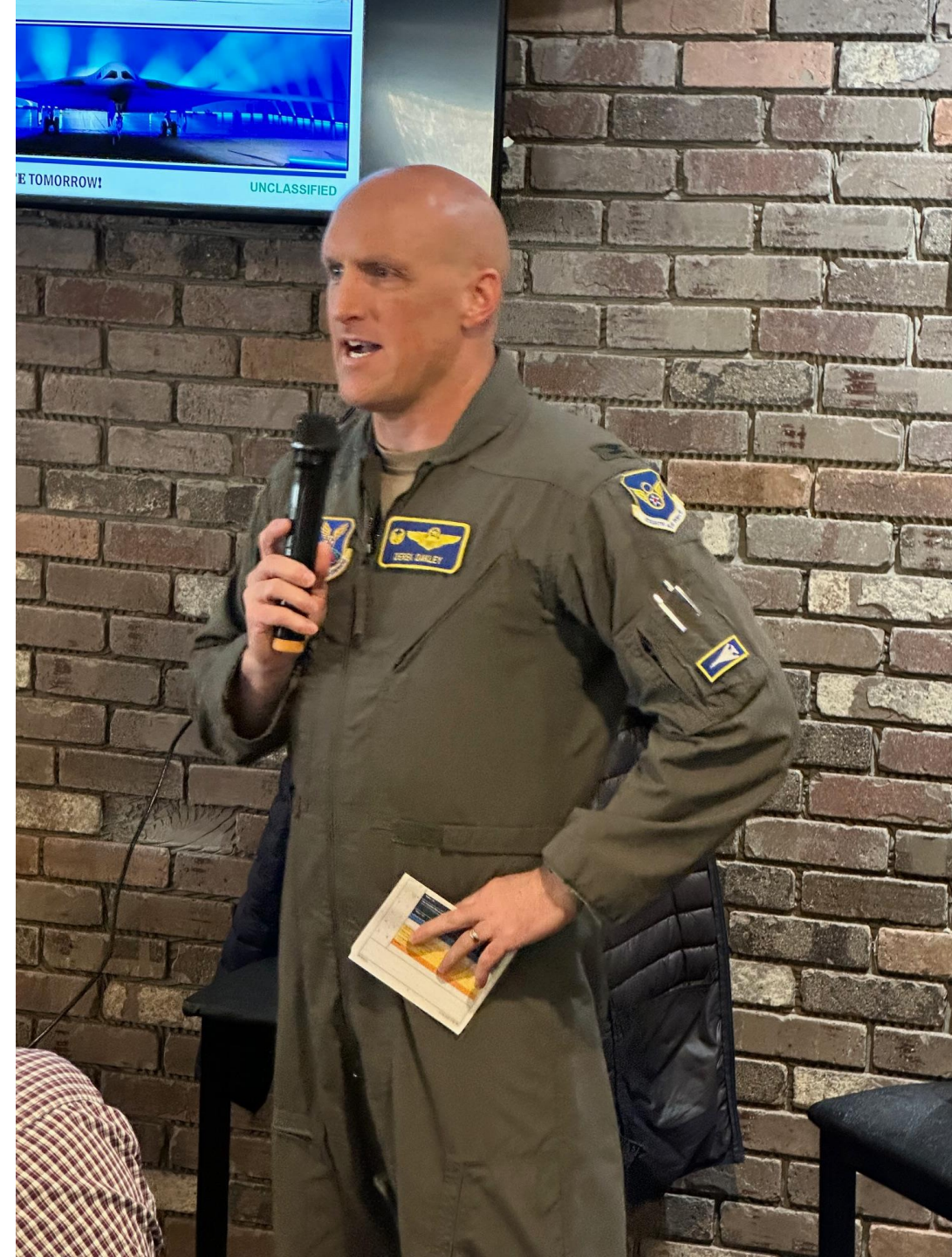
Col Oakley started his presentation by informing the group about the January 4, 2024, B1-B Lancer airplane crash on the EAFB runway.

All four aircrew members on board safely ejected from the B-1B Lancer before it smashed into the ground just before 6 p.m. at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

The crew had been attempting to land the heavy bomber jet during a training mission when it lost control of the aircraft.

Col Oakley said only one of the Airmen has any physical problems. He said the plane is still on the runway and will be removed soon.

He then Showed a slide of his Training around the United States.





Family



Deployed:
Diego Garcia
Al Udeid

Family





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Ellsworth AFB and 28 BW History



- **Rapid City Army Air Base – established 1942 as a B-17 base**
- **WWII Doolittle Raid**
- **Renamed Ellsworth AFB in 1953**
- **Aircraft and Missiles: B-17, B-29, B-36, B-52, Titan I ICBMs, Minutemen I & II ICBMs, B-1, KC-97, KC-135, and MQ-9**
- **Since 1997: Operations Desert Fox, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn, Odyssey Dawn, Freedom Sentinel, Inherent Resolve; and Continuous Bomber Presence**



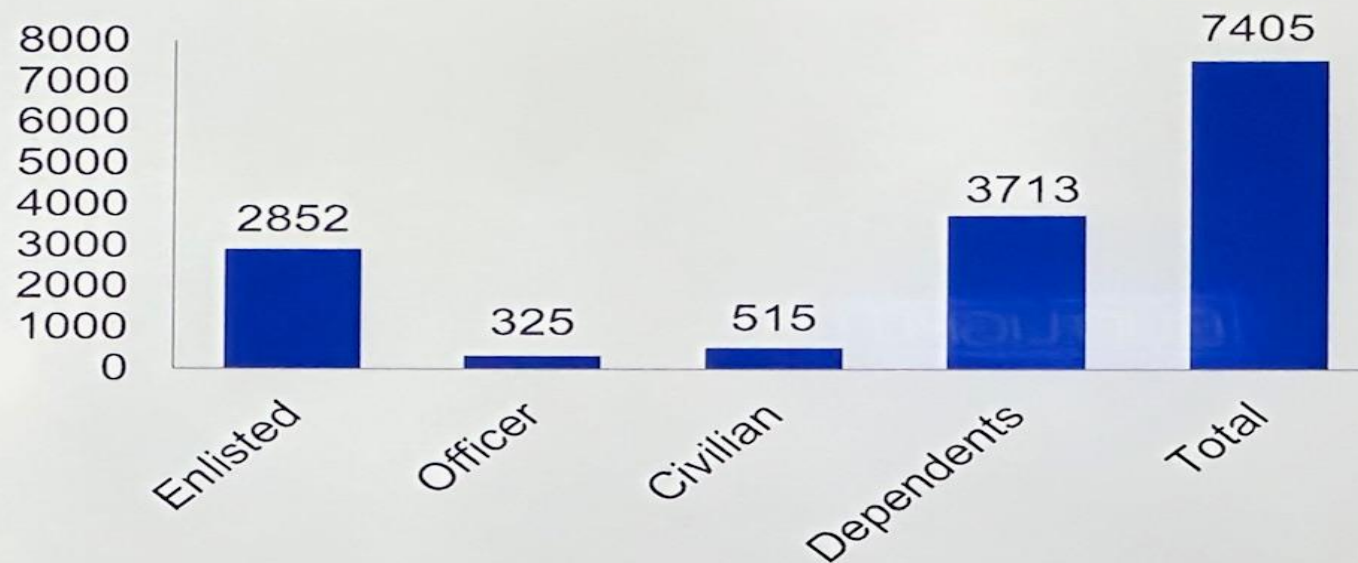
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Ellsworth AFB



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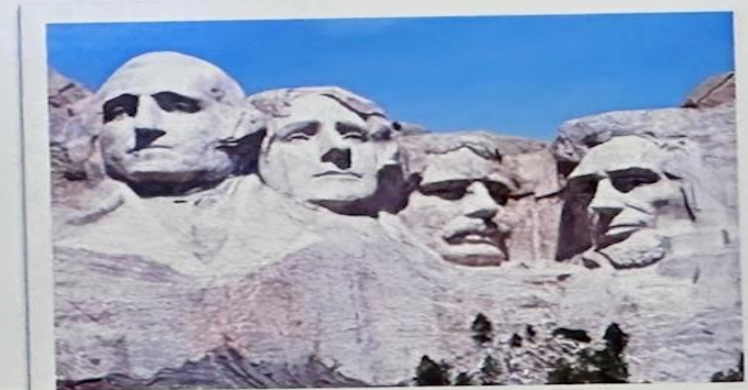
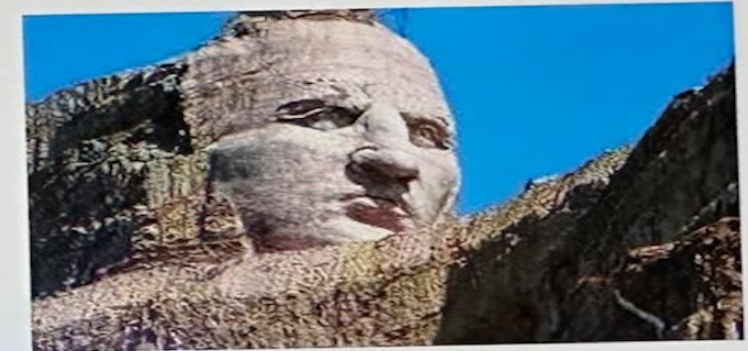
- 5,356 acres of land
- 328 buildings (4.2 million square feet)
- **500** Homes
- 9 dormitories for **886**
- **1.5 million square yards** of airfield
- **13,500'** runway

Physical Impact

- 2nd largest employer
- 10th largest school district

Economic Impact – \$489M Annually

- Annual payroll
- Annual expenditures
- Estimated dollar value of jobs created



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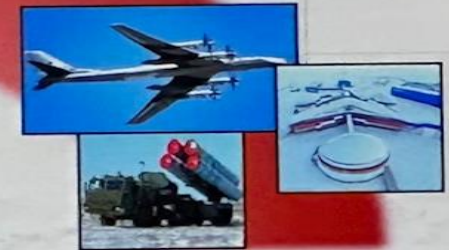
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Key Challenges to a Free and Open Indo-Pacific



China
Greatest Threat to Global Order and Stability



Russia
Strategic Threat, Modernizing Conventional Threat



North Korea
Near-Term and Regional Threat



Terrorism
An Enduring and Evolving Regional Threat



Natural Disasters
A Persistent Threat ... and an Opportunity

The return of great power competition shapes INDOPACOM strategy

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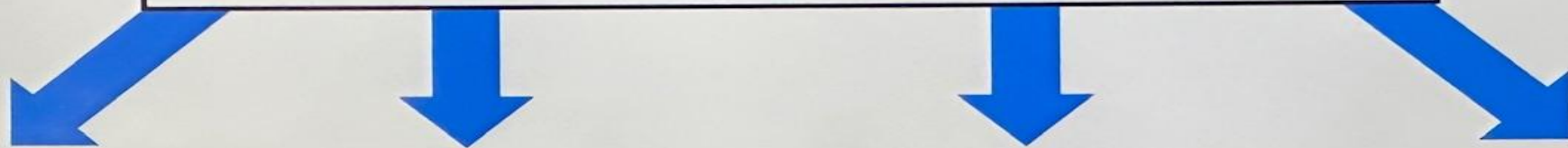
MISSION

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VISION

WORLD CLASS AIRMEN

building on our **RAIDER LEGACY**,
leading the **PREMIER BOMB WING**
in **CUTTING EDGE LONG RANGE STRIKE!**



Leading People

Improving the Unit

Managing Resources

Executing the Mission

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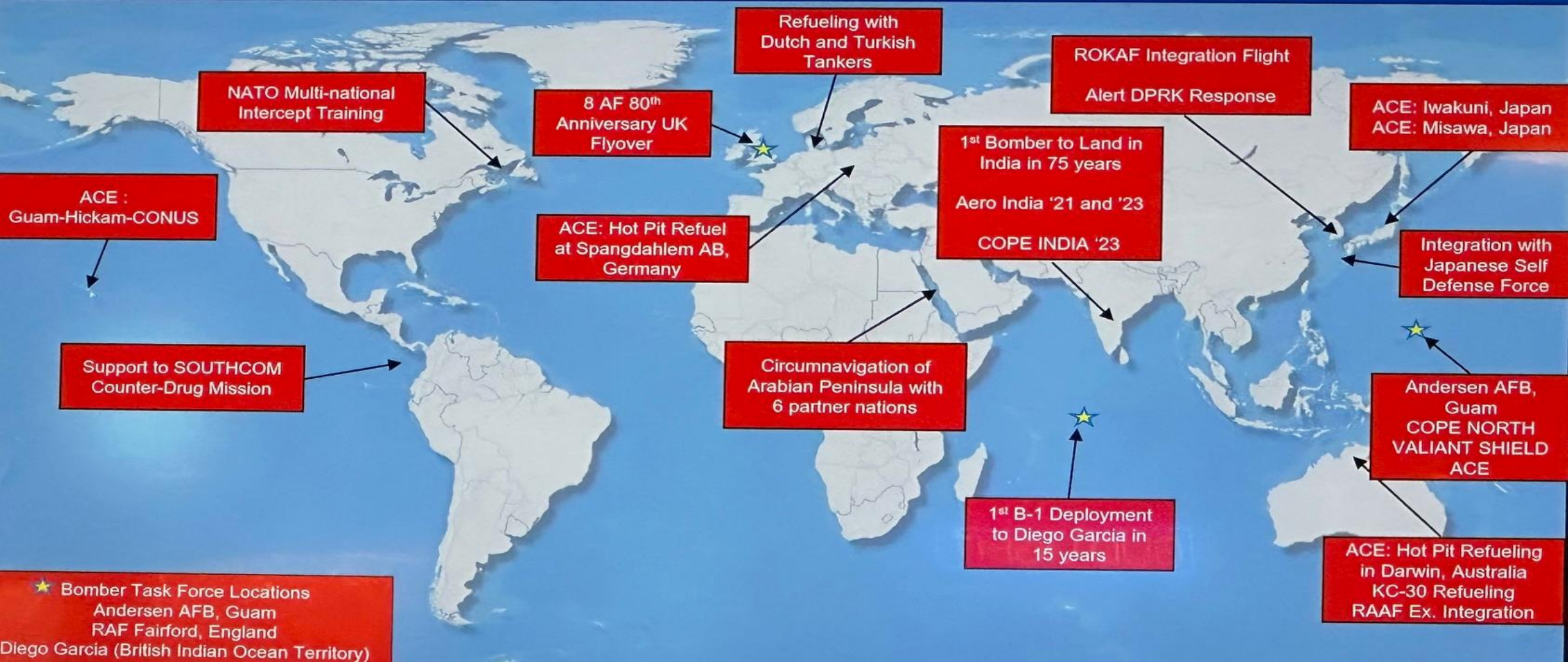


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Recent B-1 Operations

Bomber Task Forces: INDOPACOM, EUCOM, CENTCOM | 20+ CONUS-to-CONUS (Global) | 20+ Joint, Allied, Partner Integration





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B-21 Raider Overview

Development

- Conventional & Nuclear Capable
- Primary Contractor: Northrop Grumman
- Ellsworth AFB Designated MOB 1: Jun 21
- Aircraft Rollout: 2 Dec 22, Palmdale, CA
- Currently in Flight Test at Edwards AFB, CA
- Six Test Aircraft in Production
- Inventory - Minimum of 100 Aircraft



- Major Ellsworth AFB Efforts
 - First Aircraft Arrival – Mid-2020s
 - Operations & Maintenance
 - Command and Control
 - Medical
- Over 35 Projects
 - Over \$1.5B total
 - First Construction Project Funded FY 21
 - 9 Projects Already Awarded

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Fairchild Trophy – Best Bomb Wing

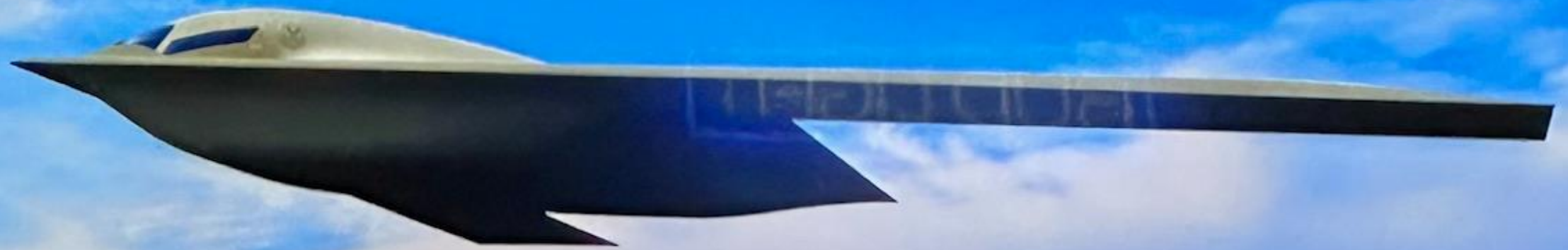
Ellis Giant Sword Trophy – Best Bomber Maintenance

Mitchell Trophy – Best Bomb

Best Conventional Maintenance Team

Best Conventional Weapons Load Crew























28th Bomb Wing

Colonel Derek C. Oakley
Commander























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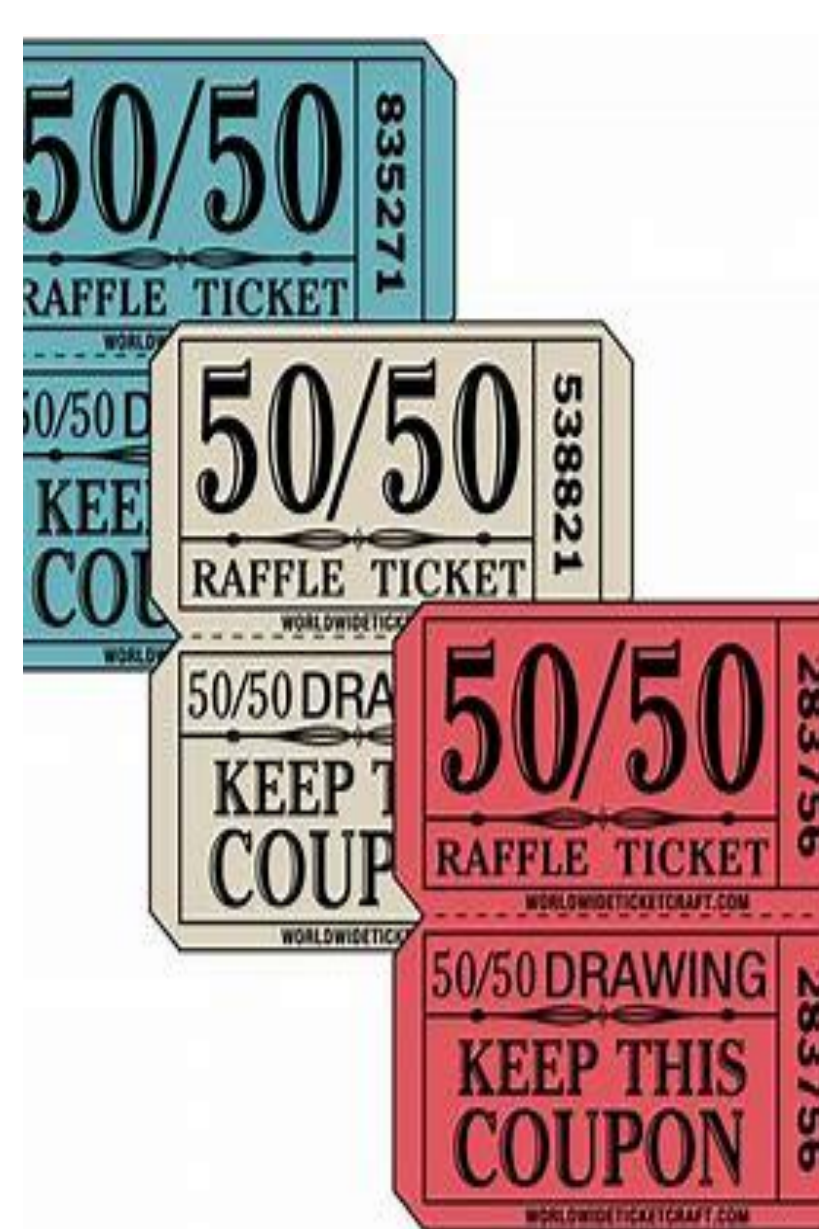




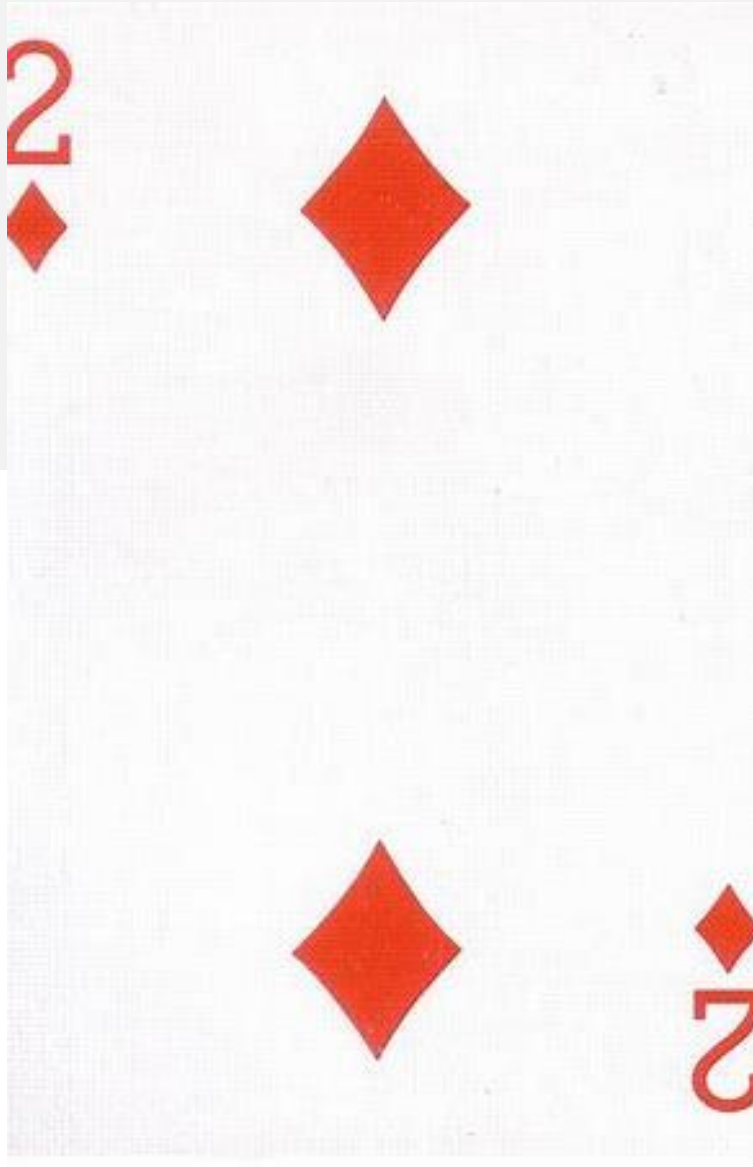
Kelly Whiting was the Lucky Mr X for the Day. He Won \$7.00 Dollars.



Nancy Trautman, Club President, brought the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.



Becky Kerr was the lucky 50-50 Winner. She won \$10.50 Dollars and gave it back to the Club.



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Jim Schuh was the Lucky 2 of Diamonds Winner. He drew the King of Spades. There were 27 Cards left and it was worth \$219.00 Dollars.

Upcoming Cosmopolitan Meetings

January 29, 2024. Brain Mueller Pennington County Sheriff

February 5, 2024. Tobin McClosky from Journey On.

February 12, 2024. Valentines Day Luncheon.

February 19, 2024. No Meeting Presidents Day.

February 26, 2024. . Jason Young Red Rock Pro PGA on Veterans Golf

March 4, 2024. Meeting

March 11, 2024. Meeting

Member Birthdays

Name

Date

Magnuson, Rosa
Reuwsaat, Chuck
Rose, Kathy
Goodsell, G.
Johnson, Brenda
White, Bob

January 1
January 4
January 16
January 22
January 24
January 28



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

Anniversaries for August

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Ferley, Stephen</i>	<i>17 years</i>	<i>Jan. 31 2007</i>
<i>Whiting, Kelly</i>	<i>16 years</i>	<i>Jan. 08 2008</i>
<i>Elder, Barry</i>	<i>14 years</i>	<i>Jan. 05 2010</i>
<i>Doshier, Steve</i>	<i>8 years</i>	<i>Jan. 04 2016</i>
<i>Merbach, Carol</i>	<i>8 years</i>	<i>Jan. 04 2016</i>
<i>Yantes, Maureen</i>	<i>8 years</i>	<i>Jan. 04 2016</i>



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<i>Merbach, Karl</i>	<i>8 years</i>	<i>Jan. 04 2016</i>
<i>Johnson, Doug</i>	<i>8 years</i>	<i>Jan. 04 2016</i>
<i>Johnson, Brenda</i>	<i>8 years</i>	<i>Jan. 04 2016</i>
<i>Daughters, Dave</i>	<i>6 years</i>	<i>Jan. 08 2018</i>
<i>Carda, Jared</i>	<i>6 years</i>	<i>Jan. 08 2018</i>
<i>Newell, Michael</i>	<i>5 years</i>	<i>Jan. 29 2019</i>



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Anniversaries for August

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<i>Versteeg, Lynn</i>	<i>5 years</i>	<i>Jan. 29 2019</i>
<i>Carlson, Bryan</i>	<i>5 years</i>	<i>Jan. 29 2019</i>
<i>Luitjens, Cherry</i>	<i>2 years</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2022</i>
<i>McGriff, Marge</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>
<i>Daughters, Deb</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>
<i>McGriff, Jim</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>



Date Joined RC Cosmopolitan Club

Anniversaries for August

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>
<i>Creager, Cindy</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>
<i>Edelen, Richard</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>
<i>Bachi, Kav</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>
<i>Bachi, Erin</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Jan. 01 2023</i>



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President Chuck Reuwsatt
Rapid City Club President

Cosmopolitan International Executive Director



- The close of our 2022-2023 year is now history and it was closed out in grand fashion with a fun filled convention. Not only the fun, there was also the opportunity to attend some outstanding education seminars in marketing, membership and more. If you were at International convention, you were able to bring home many ideas to share with the members of your club and it is now time to use those ideas as you look to the future***

Melvina Newman

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***WHAT IS YOUR WISH FOR
COSMOPOLITAN INTERNATIONAL –
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!***





International President Dick Gorton

- We are fortunate to have some really talented people serving as officers who will help with the implementation of our programs. Plus, you have Candy to help me and for that you are most fortunate! Most of you have had some contact with her as she contacted your clubs to update member rosters, current club officers, and names of members who have passed away this year for memorial recognition at the International Convention. Speaking of the International Convention, I can't remember the first convention Candy and I attended. It's been a few years ago. It may have been the convention in New Orleans; that was certainly a memorable one as we paraded down Bourbon Street complete with marching band! The conventions offer a number of opportunities and benefits. The first is to renew old friendships and make new ones. As a member of Cosmopolitan you will be able to participate in our business meetings and make decisions that are critical to our success. You will also visit some interesting places, places that you might not have seen if it were not for our conventions. Places like Gettysburg, New Orleans, Calgary, Rapid City, Omaha, Las Vegas, and Norfolk. Lastly, our conventions provide the latest information on what is happening with diabetes research and offer the opportunity to develop a new Cosmo project to help find a cure for this dreaded disease!
- Dick Gorton Cosmopolitan President.
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VP of Membership - Tim Dollens, Columbia Luncheon & Breakfast Clubs

VP of Marketing and Fundraising - Sheila Anderson, Sioux Falls Evening Club

Judge Advocate - Jim McVay, Omaha Cornhusker Club

Capital Federation Governor - Perry Johnson, Norfolk Club

Cornbelt Federation Governor - Gery Whalen, Omaha 1-80 Club

Mid-States Federation Governor - LaVonne Hawking, Aurora Club

Mo-Kan Federation Governor - Dayton Shepherd, Columbia Show-Me & St. Charles County Clubs

North Central Federation Governor – Nancy Trautman Rapid City Club

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