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From the DAG

Dear North Dakota National Guard Retiree,

Greetings! Hopefully this issue of "Dog Tag" finds you safe and healthy. For those of you wondering "why the new name" at the end of this column, let me explain. On February 21, I will assume the duties of the Deputy Adjutant General as BG Dohrmann begins to devote his attention full-time to leading the multi-national effort in Kosovo where he will command over 2,200 Soldiers from across our nation and five NATO countries. North Dakota will mobilize around 700 of our own Soldiers for this peace-keeping mission, marking the largest single mobilization of our Guardsmen since the famous 164th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War. As part of BG Dohrmann's change in duties, I inherited this opportunity!

On October 29, 2008 Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates signed DOD Directive 1200.17, "Managing the Reserve Components as an Operational Force." Clearly, the North Dakota National Guard (NDNG) has successfully transformed from a strategic reserve force of the cold war era to a fully operational force that is ready to meet and defeat threats to our homeland and is better able to respond to state emergencies.

We have recently served, and continue to serve, magnificently in Iraq and Afghanistan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Romania, Pakistan, Ghana, and elsewhere in addition to here at home and we expect to mobilize approximately 200 more Soldiers and Airmen to support missions in Iraq, Afghanistan and Djibouti in 2009. This testament of our service members, families, and employers' commitment runs back to the foundations established by each of you. It's no wonder we continue to lead our nation in recruiting and retention, even during this time of war.

Some examples of successes and achievements include history being made in Afghanistan where the 1-188th Air Defense Artillery Battalion Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID) succeeded themselves in country with a third RAID detachment mobilized this month. The Engineer Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, the 132nd Quartermaster Company, and the 164th Engineer Battalion Security Forces returned from Iraq last year

after performing successful missions; while the 817th Sapper Company returned last summer from their second successful deployment to Iraq. Last month, the 191st Military Police Company returned from Iraq where their professional contributions near Baghdad contributed to a 95% decrease in violence. North Dakota Guardsmen also successfully supported security operations along the U.S. Mexico border. Additionally, our 81st Civil Support Team (CST) is now fully certified and providing highly trained chemical detection and response capability to the first responders.

Our nation once again demonstrated its continued confidence in our North Dakota Air National Guard's Happy Hooligans when the 219th Security Forces Squadron was partnered with their active duty counterparts at the Minot Air Force Base for a first ever joint venture in protecting our nation's nuclear missile assets. Furthermore, in addition to their daily C-21 flying missions, the 119th Wing is actively engaged in the critical mission of remotely piloting the MQ-1 Predator, an Unmanned Aerial System flying throughout the Middle East, from their base in Fargo.

Thanks in part to the distinguished legacy of you great Guardsmen that have served our nation so well in the past, our NDNG is now able to successfully meet and overcome any challenge presented. Today's successes and mission accomplishments are your successes. We will never forget those brave men and women in uniform that set this high standard for our National Guard that continues to lead our nation.

I look forward to our paths crossing in the future. Have a GREAT 2009!

PATRICK L. MARTIN
Brig Gen, N.D. National Guard

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ARMY GUARD UPDATE



Straight Arrows Stay Busy

It's been another extremely busy fall and winter for our Army Guard. We welcomed home the 817th Engineer Company last summer and the 191st Military Police Company this January from their deployments to Iraq. The 817th cleared over 82,000 kilometers of roadway and conducted over 575 combat patrols. The 191st MP contributions in the Baghdad area helped to significantly reduce violence by over 90% during their tour. The 1-188th Air Defense Artillery's (ADA) third Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment (RAID) recently left for their mobilization to Afghanistan and Detachment 42 (Det. 42), Operational Support Airlift was alerted to mobilize later this year in support of the Djibouti Combined Joint Task Force - Horn Of Africa (CJTF-HOA).

Our Army Guard recruiters won an unprecedented fourth Lewis and Clark recruiting challenge.

We retired our last two Huey helicopters and our last Vietnam Veteran pilot Colonel Gerald Heinle.

Brig. Gen. Robert Udlund retired after nearly 38 years of active and National Guard service.

The 188th Army Band retired Warrant Officer William R. Franke who served as bandmaster since 1980 as well as 1st Sgt. Jeff Sjoquist. Each served 37 years in the Guard.

Seventeen North Dakota Soldiers performed snow relief operations in Mountrail county clearing snow for two weeks this winter. This was the North Dakota National Guard's first emergency snow support since 2005.

The 3662nd Maintenance Company (The Deuce) received a national maintenance award from the National Maintenance Training Center for superior mission performance during their 2007 annual training period.

The newly formed 231st Brigade Support Battalion was named as a finalist in the Supply Excellence Award competition.

Leadership changes in the N.D. Army National Guard. Brig. Gen. Bill Seekins assumed duties as the Land Component Commander from Brig. Gen. Al Dohrmann last October and this month (February) a new state Command Sergeant Major was named as Command Sgt. Major Jack Cripe officially passed responsibility to Command Sgt. Major Gerald Miller.

For Ralph Metcalf by Bill Prokopyk



AIR GUARD UPDATE



Happy Hooligans Stay Busy

Everyone is busy these days - retirees are busy, the Army Guard is busy and of course the Air Guard is busy. With guardsmen deployed fighting the war on terror there is a constant stream of Airmen coming and going. As the 119th Wing, N.D. Air National Guard prepares more Airmen for a six month deployment to Iraq in February they welcomed home two firefighters on the 13th of January, eight Airmen who were civil engineers, firefighters and communications flight members from deployment in Iraq and Kuwait the week of Jan. 15 - 17 and on Friday the 23rd of January four more civil engineer and communications flight Airmen returned home from deployment in Iraq and Kuwait. Please know that we are all very proud of your service!

The 119th Wing celebrated its Outstanding Airman of the Year Banquet on Jan. 17th. The OAY banquet is an annual celebration honoring the best of the best of the enlisted force in the North Dakota Air National Guard. Supervisors nominate Airmen based on criteria focusing on the airman's exceptional service in the military and community involvement.

Out of 12 nominees, only three Airmen take home a title of 'Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year', 'Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year' and 'Airman of the year' for 2008. Master Sgt. Robert J. Vorce, Fosston, Minn., was awarded 'Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.' Staff Sgt. Brian Erdmann, West Fargo, N.D., was awarded 'Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.' Senior Airman Theta Olson, Fargo, was awarded 'Airman of the Year.'



In addition, Master Sgt. Duane Kangas, Moorhead, Minn., was awarded 'First Sergeant of the Year and Staff Sgt. Jessica Green, Moorhead, Minn., was awarded the 'Unit Career Advisor of the Year' for the 119th Wing. Congratulations to all the award recipients.

Finally a notable Hooligan retired on 17 January. Maj.Gen. Terry L. Scherling ended her successful military career at the same place it began more than 30 years ago during a retirement ceremony at the 119th

Air Guard - Continued

Wing. Scherling served as the Special Assistant to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Va. Prior to that, she served as the Director of the Joint Staff at the National Guard Bureau. She also served as Deputy Director Antiterrorism/Homeland Defense, Operations Directorate, The Joint Staff, Pentagon. Congratulations on a long and successful career and a warm welcome to the retiree ranks!

Stay warm and safe, winter is almost over - (OK half over) - - -

Tom "Tlar" Larson
Air Liaison, Fargo

Committee Reports

REGION 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My first act of the New Year is to submit the Area 1 report. Needless to say, 2008 was a busy year with oil activity in the "BOOM" category which created additional job opportunities for all of us. As we retired from one place of employment, we were welcomed to work at another new and exciting job. Good pay, long hours and no time for the breakfast get together. Our numbers are down to two or three in attendance at our monthly get together. We have lost contact with some retirees. Their e-mails come back and they haven't been seen for some time. Some have left town, some go south but there are some here that can contact me to update their contact information and hopefully join us for breakfast and a bit of reminiscing about the past and be ready to lend a helping hand to each other if need be. As we take our first steps into the New Year, let us keep in our prayers those who are still in the fight to keep us free. We are well aware that freedom isn't free.

Ken Hiltner, Region 1
Williston

REGION 2 - No report for this issue.

Joe Heiser -Region 2
Minot

Region 3

It is hard to believe that we have welcomed in a new year. What happened to 2008? I remember hearing that the older we get the faster the years seem to go by and I believe it!

Region 3 - continued

2008 was a busy year for everyone, sometimes we can't get everything done in one day. A friend told me one time that if he had a project that he didn't want to do today, he could do it tomorrow because he was retired.

Region 3 has been a little slow this past fall, with most area retirees still are working in their own shops, driving school bus, working for farmers in the area. Some have their own businesses to run or leave for "down south" early in the fall which has caused our breakfasts to be a little short of people. We do get the same 6-7 each third Monday of the month, so, if you are in the Devils Lake area on the third Monday of each month, please join us.

By the time you read this most of winter may be over with. We had lots of snow in November and December, and on the 6th of November Rugby got 15 inches of snow and even more came later. The wind just moves the snow around, and I have 4-5 foot snow banks in my drive way. Mary and I left for Arizona on the 28th of December - we'll see if the snow banks are still there when we get back.

We wish all of you a great 2009, and don't forget to keep praying for our soldiers and airmen that are fighting to keep us free.

Dave Cichos, Region 3
Devils Lake

REGION 4 - No report for this issue

Jill Holwerda, Region 4
Grand Forks

Region 5

The Happy Hooligan breakfasts at Fargo, Detroit Lakes, and Mesa continue to thrive and are attracting more retirees. The locations and times of breakfasts are printed in another portion of this newsletter, except the Mesa based Hooligans. Their breakfasts are at Michael's Fairway Grill, the first Thursday of each month (Nov-Apr), at 9:00 a.m. Michael's is located at Sunland Village East, 2250 South Buttercup.

On August 6th, retired Straight Arrows joined the Happy Hooligans at Fargo's monthly breakfast. Winners of door prizes, donated by the Auger Inn, Applebee's (north Fargo), the Fargo Air Museum, and the Northtown Grill were Milt Kane and Willard Krueger (Straight Arrows), Harold Danielson, Tiny Dura, Richard Ness, Les Schilling, and Gary Schulz (Happy Hooligans).

At the 10th Annual Hooligan Memorial Golf Tournament, a September event, Wally Mark took first place and Craig Cain placed 3rd.

Committee Reports Continued

Region 5 - continued

Retirees are well represented at the Auger Inn's seasonal "feeds." Some are rewarded for their attendance, of course, and are winners from a selection of the door prizes. Retirees walking home with prizes from the October Pork Alo Feed included Duane Fontaine, Larry Gilleland, Oscar Hanson, Lowell Jordahl, Tom Kolness, Jack Tietgens, and Roger Zetocha.

This year's Annual NDANG Retirees' Breakfast was exceptionally well attended. Retirees were treated as celebrities, being served at their tables and their coffee cups never reached empty. Colonel Bob Becklund, 119th Wing Commander, updated the group on the status of the Wing's current mission and Colonel Ricky Gibney presented a briefing on the UAV program.

The Auger Inn sponsored an "Old Timers' New Years Eve Party". Attending the party and pictured, are Chris & Jo Barke, Al & Dani Lerberg, Tony & JoAnne Lund, and Neil & Joyce Miller.

The Hooligram replaced the monthly Info Email in January 2009 for those of you that have made an email address available. The Hooligram is "dressed up" a bit, striving to bring forth current and timely bits & pieces of interest to keep retired Hooligans abreast of NDANG events. A section of the Hooligram will include "Jet Letter Flashbacks", excerpts from previous issues of The Jet Letter. Send your email address to jctietgens@cableone.net to receive the Hooligram, or if, for some reason, you have not received it due to an email address snafu.

Remember that all retired Happy Hooligans are encouraged to participate in the events available to retirees. Retired full time employees (air technicians), traditional guardsmen, AGR, are all welcome. Choose your level of participation, whether it be attending a breakfast or the Auger Inn socials, the semiannual WSO reunions, participating in the annual golf tournament, or keeping in touch by visiting the 119th Wing web site (www.119wg.ang.af.mil). There is a Hooligan Retirees' Corner at this web site, too. It includes the Hooligram and The Retirees' Dog Tag.

Wednesday, April 8th is the next WSO Reunion, 7:00 p.m. at the Auger Inn.

There'll be an air show in Fargo on the 22nd and 23rd of August, which will include performances by the Navy's Blue Angels. Future festivities for retirees at the Auger Inn are anticipated, so stay tuned and keep in touch!

Region 5 - continued

The main entrance to the NDANG base is now located at University Drive and 32nd Avenue North. The Freedom Community Credit Union remains adjacent to the previous entrance at University Drive and 28th Avenue North.

J. C. "Jack" Tietgens, Region 5
Fargo

Region 6

Oct 18, 2008 was a very special but bittersweet day for past and present men and women of the 141st Engineer Battalion. The colors were retired in a moving and very well done ceremony at the Hilliner Activity Center in Valley City at 1400. Major Deb Lein was the MC for the ceremony but was also the organizer who met with the planning committee several times in the months prior to the occasion. MAJ Lein and her crew from the new unit did an exceptional job of getting all the jobs done so the program went off like clockwork. Gov. John Hoeven and MG Sprynczynatyk led a slate of dignitaries that participated in the program which also included LTC (Ret) Bernard Wagner. LTC Wagner shared many stories from his many years in the 141 including several years as Battalion Commander.

Several hundred members, past and present, and their spouses enjoyed the program, evening banquet, displays, pictures and reminiscing with old friends.

It was a fitting tribute to a unit that will live in the hearts and memories of many men and women of the area and state.

Comments on pictures on next page:
On stage besides Major Lein were Governor John Hoeven, MG Sprynczynatyk, LTC (Ret) Bernard Wagner, SGM Brager and Chaplain Millican. LTC Wagner quite fittingly represented the past and present members of the 141st and provided several stories of people and events in its history. It was great to see so many members, past and present at the ceremony!

The casing of the colors brought a lump to the throat and probably a tear or two in this very moving occasion.

Gerry Gerntholz, Region 6
Valley City



REGION 7

Bismarck/Mandan retirees continue to enjoy the “early bird breakfast” the second Tuesday of each month at the BSC Student Union. We welcome new retirees to join us for up to date information relative to not only the latest in retiree issues, but the camaraderie we all enjoy as well. There are many “snowbirds” that weather the winter in Arizona and other warmer places so the attendance is down during the winter months. With the extreme weather North Dakota has been experiencing this winter it has been nice to be in a warmer location until spring

Since the last publication of the Retirees' Dog Tag, several of our special friends have departed. One individual known to all in the entire state was COL (Ret) Dean Hildebrand. Dean not only served as the Camp Commander at Camp Grafton but also was the Chief of Staff for the NDARNG, and later became the Director of the ND Game and Fish Dept. Another well know individual COL (Ret) Charlie Wilz also has left us. We miss not only these two well known individuals, but all of our other departed service members as well.

As this issue is being distributed the ND State Legislature is in session. We salute those guard members retired and still active for their involvement and dedication to not only state and local issues but to the betterment of the NDNG as well.

The ND Veterans Cemetery continues to be a beautiful place for all of us. For the year 2008 there were 397 interments. This is the largest number of interments for one year since the cemetery opened in 1992. Hard to believe it has been in operation for nearly 17 years. Of the internments 77% are male and as of the end of 2008 there are 3865 interments which accounts for only 23% of the space available. If projections continue there will be enough space for the next 94 years, which should take care of anyone reading this information.

With the ongoing interments at the Veterans Cemetery we need to recognize and thank the various organizations in the Bismarck/Mandan area that provide the Honor Guard. The VFW, American Legion, AmVets and Patriot Guard Riders. Each group deserves special recognition for their dedication and service to our fallen comrades.

There are too many individuals that do not keep the NG informed of their up to date addresses-especially email addresses, phone numbers, etc. Don Baglien does a magnificent job of keeping us informed of “nice to know” information via the internet. However his information is only as good as what we provide him .

Ernie Reinert, Region 7
Bismarck

Committee Reports Continued

REGION 8

Our regular meetings continue on the 4th Tuesday of each even numbered month with 12 to 15 usually attending. We have about 50 in our contacts that we send notices to.

It is a mixture of ND Army and Air National Guard, Army and Air Reserve.

The reservists are in the minority, and are learning how the guard lived and worked compared to their experiences.

The Presidential election process was the central topic of several meetings.

It brought out several interesting comments. This was especially true before the final two candidates were selected by their respective parties.

As you know, military retirees are usually not very bashful about expressing their opinions and feelings in rather colorful language.

Comments ranged from;" if so & so wins I didn't think about going to Canada during the Viet Nam war but it would be a consideration now, to this person will be the savior of the country.

Well, the election is over, and we are all waiting to see how the future President and Congress will treat our active and retired military. As mentioned above our unabashed group is full of lengthy and colorful speculation.

Medical care and medicine continue to be another basic subject. Members tell stories of experiences in that area, with tips on the quickest and most efficient way to deal with those issues. Generally those who are on Medicare and tri-care for life are not having many problems. Those under 65 are learning from those that have "been there done that."

Use of active duty bases, facilities and military travel are topics often discussed

Generally our gatherings are a time for light conversation with a few "war stories" and an opportunity to watch each other deal with aging and retirement.

We wish you a very happy and healthy new year.

Gerald Galloway
Region 8



One way to pay for the way!



In October Vern Fetch retired as the Executive Director (ED) of North Dakota's ESGR committee to be

replaced by Kevin Iverson. Kevin was the ED prior to Vern assuming the job when it became a full-time position a number of years ago. Margaret Birney also retired after more than 34 years of service in the National Guard. Both Margaret and Vern are now on a well deserved vacation in Florida.

We continue to deal with a steady number of employment conflicts that arise out of service in the National Guard or the Reserves. In most of these cases, the employer simply does not know the rules they are to follow. In other cases we probably have a number of soldiers that do not always treat their employer well.

In January we supported the demobilization of the 191 Military Police Company in Fort Lewis, Washington. This company spent a year in Iraq. Many of the soldiers are interested in returning to their employer as soon as possible while others, plan to spend some time before getting back into their old job.

This winter we gained two new valuable members: The first is Arline Schubert, a retired attorney and the wife of the Grand Forks' Regional Co-chairman, George Schubert. Arline has already completed the online training to become one of our new Ombudsman and is scheduled for training in Atlanta, GA next month.

The other new member is Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Larry Anderson. Larry is the Talent Coordinator at the Division of Workforce Development, North Dakota Department of Commerce. As such, Larry works with numerous employer groups in the state and helps develop workforce policy. Both will be great additions to our ESGR committee.

This summer Chief Warrant Officer Shelly Sizer, a member of our full-time team deploys to Kosovo for a year as part of Task Force Falcon. This is our opportunity to experience what our employers deal with when National Guardsmen and Reservists are activated.

Kevin Iverson
ESGR

Committee Reports Continued

Family Support

The North Dakota National Guard sponsored Military Service Center (MSC) opened January 1, 2009 to assist ALL military service members, veterans and their families. With our veterans outreach team/program, we are able to make direct contact with all North Dakota veterans to ensure their needs are being met and to facilitate necessary care and/or treatment. We have developed partnerships with veterans organizations and providers across North Dakota to include both government and civilian agencies for mental health needs.

We have a very robust team that is here to serve. Please give us a call or stop in and visit.

You are especially invited to our Open House on February 26-27, 2009 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. We will have a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, February 27 from 11:00 to noon.

The MSC is located at 1850 East Bismarck Expressway across from Fireside Office products.

The Military Service Center includes the following services:

1. Family Assistance Center
2. Family Program Office
3. State Youth Coordinator
4. Reintegration-Yellow Ribbon Team
5. Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
6. Suicide Prevention
7. Outreach
8. Military One Source
9. Transition Assistance Advisor
10. On Call: Chaplains, Licensed Social Workers, and very soon a Clinical Psychologist

You can reach us at 701-333-4800 or toll free at 1-800-242-4940.

Rob Keller

Not Getting The New North Dakota Guardian

The new publication. If you are not getting The North Dakota Guardian send your name and address to:

Penny.ripperger@ndfarg.ang.af.mil
or by mail: 119th WG/PA, Attn: Capt Penny Ripperger, 1400 28th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102

New Retirees

The following Guardsmen and Women have retired since 1 July 2008

RNK	NAME	CITY	BR
JULY 2008			
SFC	CLYDE L SMESTAD	WEST FARGO	ARMY
SGT	DALE D AMAN	ELLENDALE	ARMY
SSG	EDWARD C PERGOTSKI	JAMESTOWN	ARMY
MSG	FRANCIS J ROERICK	BISMARCK	ARMY
SFC	JACK W WILLSON JR	WEST FARGO	ARMY
1SG	JAMES D GORRES	HATTON	ARMY
MSG	KEVIN A MAYER	CASSELTON	ARMY
SFC	RONALD E SELL	WEST FARGO	ARMY
COL	RORY T FROELICH	FAIRFAX	ARMY
AUGUST 2008			
SGT	BERNARD K LAUDER JR	ELLENDALE	ARMY
SMSGT	CAMERON S MCCULLOUGH	BISMARCK	AIR
SSG	ERIC J SCHRADER	ADRIAN	ARMY
COL	GERALD M HEINLE	BISMARCK	ARMY
1SG	JEFFREY L SJOQUIST	WEST FARGO	ARMY
MSG	KENNETH R HOSTETTER	ABERDEEN	ARMY
SSG	KEVIN D HAMLIN	LAMOURE	ARMY
MAJ	MARK A CUTSHAW	REYNOLDS	ARMY
SFC	MATTHEW L MATHERN	EDGELEY	ARMY
SSG	MICHELE C OLSON	FARGO	ARMY
SSG	STEVEN E MONTPLAISIR	MOORHEAD	ARMY
MSG	ROBYN O KELLER	BISMARCK	ARMY
CW4	WILLIAM R FRANKE	MANDAN	ARMY
SEPTEMBER 2008			
CW3	BONNIE J LAHR	BISMARCK	ARMY
MSGT	DINO J OLIVIERI	MOORHEAD	AIR
SSG	DOUGLAS M VOLK	BISMARCK	ARMY
SSG	GRANT R NELSON	MOORHEAD	ARMY
1SG	JEFFREY J CAPP	LARIMORE	ARMY
CMSGT	LARRY R GILLELAND	FARGO	AIR
SMSGT	MARK S FERGUSON	FARGO	AIR
SFC	MARVIN W BALLENSKY JR	HAZEN	ARMY
SGT	MATTHEW C BECK	BISMARCK	ARMY
SMSGT	MILES R MCALLISTER	MOORHEAD	AIR
SFC	RICHARD W ANDERSON	NEW ROCKFORD	ARMY
MSGT	ROGER J ZETOCHA	STERNUM	AIR
SFC	SCOTT D REDDING	BURLINGTON	ARMY
MSG	SHAWN M FRANEK	HARWOOD	ARMY
SGT	THOMAS L DAVIS	FARGO	ARMY
CW4	WAYNE A FYLLING	JAMESTOWN	ARMY
OCTOBER 2008			
SMSGT	ADAM T CAMP	HALSTAD	AIR
SSG	DOUGLAS S BYKONEN	CHAMPLIN	ARMY
MSGT	ELIZABETH A BAUER	ROOSEVELT	AIR
SSG	JOHN A WAGENDORF	LEMMON	ARMY
SMSGT	LAWRENCE S NELSON, JR	NEWPORT NEWS	AIR
COL	MICHAEL J HALL	BISMARCK	ARMY
SSG	SHELDON D MOHR	JAMESTOWN	ARMY
SGT	STEVEN L BAKKEN	FARGO	ARMY
LTCOL	WILLIAM T PALLAN	FARGO	AIR

New Retirees -continued

The following Guardsmen and Women have retired since
1 July 2008

RNK	NAME	CITY	BR
NOVEMBER 2008			
LTCOL	CRAIG R SCHROEDER	FARGO	AIR
LTCOL	DIANE I MODEROW	CASSELTON	AIR
LTC	JAMES M. BENNINGTON	CHURCHS FERF	ARMY
MAJ	JOEL M BICKFORD	LAMOURE	ARMY
LTCOL	MICHAEL P NELSON	BARNESVILLE	AIR
BG	ROBERT J UDLAND	FARGO	ARMY
DECEMBER 2008			
SFC	DAVID J MEBERG	FARGO	ARMY
MAJ	JASON J STECKLER	BISMARCK	ARMY
SPC	JOHN F OURADNIK, JR	BISMARCK	ARMY
CW4	MARGARET E BIRNEY	MANDAN	ARMY
MSG	MICHAEL J LUHMAN	CHURCHS FERF	ARMY
SMSGT	OSCAR V. HANSON	DAVENPORT	AIR
JANUARY 2008			
LTC	MARK A FRIESE	ARGUSVILLE	ARMY
CMSGT	MICHAEL D REITAN	WEST FARGO	AIR
SGM	WILLIAM M LEACH	DICKINSON	ARMY

**Thank you for your service
and welcome to the ranks
of the Retired Military!**

Retiree Information

The Retirees' Advisory Board maintains a database of all North Dakota National Guard Retirees, a list of over 2100 names. To assist us in maintaining its accuracy, if you have a change of address please contact Verena Schauer at (701) 333-2012 or email her at verena.schauer@us.army.mil. We are also trying to add current email addresses to the database. If you want to have your email address added to the database please let Verena know that as well.

Don Baglien serves as the Communications Director for the Board. Don puts out useful, informative, and timely emails to any National Guard Retiree or spouse that would like to be on the email list. You can let Don know your would like to be added by emailing him at dbaglien1@msn.com.

Army and Air Guard Retiree Reunion Mesa, Arizona

When: March 8th. 2009, 2:00PM to 5:00PM.

Where: Apache Wells Country Club Room A of the Activity Center.

What to bring: A dish to pass and your beverage of choice. (BYOB)

Please RSVP to Larry Liere E-Mail lliere@gondtc.com or snail mail Larry Liere, 5701 E. Lockwood St., Mesa, AZ 85215



On McKellips Rd. going either East or West you will come to a stop light at 56th St. Turn North on 56th St. As you travel north on 56th St., on the East side of 56th St. you will see the Apache Wells Homeowners Assoc. Building. (Big sign out front) Just to the north of this building is a large parking lot turn east onto the parking lot and the Activity Center is on the east side of it. The Activity Center is a long building and Room A is almost in the middle of the building.

On the chart below is a list of the current retiree groups and when they meet. All Military Retiree's are welcome to attend and or all of the group meetings they want. Most groups meet as breakfast clubs and meet with very informal agendas. If you would like to start a Military Retiree Group in your town the Retiree's Advisory Board stands ready to assist you in organizing your group. Give Verena a call at 333-2012 to have a Board member get in contact with you.

Please join a regional meeting and reconnect with your Guard Retiree Family.

Regional Meetings

As of 1 January 2007

Region	Meeting Date	Time	Location
1 - Williston	2nd Tuesday of every month	0700-0830	Dakota Farms
2 - Minot	2nd Tuesday of every month	1130-1230	Marco's Restaurant
3 - Devils Lake	3rd Monday of every month	0730-0900	White House Café
4 - Grand Forks	3rd Monday of every month	0800-0900	Holiday Inn
5 - Fargo	1st Wednesday of every month	0800-0930	Northtown Grill (I-29 & 12TH Ave)
6 - Valley City	Last Tuesday of every month	0830-0930	Broken Spoke
7 - Bismarck	2nd Tuesday of every month	0700-0830	BSC Student Union
8 - Dickinson	4th Tuesday of even months	0800-0900	Days Inn at Dakota Lodge
Detroit Lakes	3rd Saturday of even months.	0800-0930	Club House Hotel (Detroit Lakes)

Red Cross Looking for Help!

At the last board meeting a representative of the West Dakota Chapter of the American Red Cross provided a presentation on the operations of the Red Cross. She also requested that our retirees be asked to consider volunteering with the Red Cross. They have been stretched very thin over the past few years with all they have been asked to support. If you would like more information on how you can help please contact Jutta Hopkins.



American Red Cross

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Bismarck, ND 58503
Tel: 701-223-67600
Fax: 701-223-0966
Cell: 701-226-0368
jhopkins@ndredcross.org

Jutta U. Hopkins, RN, PhD
Chief Executive Officer

Retiree Legal Assistance

Another Great Benefit Available To You The Retiree

The Army Legal Assistance Program is the commander's program to provide legal assistance that improves readiness, morale, discipline, and quality force.

Persons eligible to receive legal services include:

- 1) AC and RC members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are receiving military retirement or disability pay (and their family members)
- 2) Surviving family members of AC, RC and retired members of the Armed Forces of the United State who would be eligible for legal assistance if the service or retired member were alive.

Client Services Available:

- 1) Estates. Legal assistance will be provided on Wills and Testamentary Trusts for the benefit of minors, guardianships, and the designation of beneficiaries under life insurance policies.
- 2) Every effort will be made to assist PNOK in probating Wills and Settling Estates.
- 3) Power of Attorney designation
- 4) Notarization services
- 5) Living Wills, Health Care Power of Attorney forms.

Legal Service for retirees and or spouses can be requested through the North Dakota National Guard Legal Office:

**Capt Michelle Hagel at (701) 333-2019 or
CW2 Amber Wilson at (701) 333-2021**

in the North Dakota National Guard upon their return from deployments, often times we find that there are a number of Veterans who are not aware of the programs and benefits available to them," Walters said. "By launching the Military Outreach program we are able to foster a community that takes pride in giving our Veterans the proper welcoming home they deserve."

Christensen said the outreach team finds clients through referrals made by the different Veterans organizations as well as Job Service North Dakota and homeless shelters. They also contact Veterans via phone calls and by dropping off business cards with local vendors. Walters said word-of-mouth and reaching out to the communities helps reveal the benefits that the Military Outreach team can provide.

In addition to meeting with North Dakota's Veterans, the Outreach Team can assist family members and employers.

"We're more than happy to meet with anyone," Christensen said. "We may not always be able to give them what they're looking for, but we can evaluate their needs and find out who can best help and serve them."

While the Military Outreach program has only been operational for two months, the Outreach Team has established a number of long-term goals including initiating contact with every North Dakota National Guard Veteran who has served in the Global War on Terrorism by telephone or letter. So far, they have reached 90 clients whom they have helped with various resources, including Veterans from the Korean War, Vietnam War and even World War II.

Christensen said another goal is to reach Veterans who live in the rural communities of North Dakota. These service members do not always have access to information about Veterans' programs and incentives.

"Programs and resources are always changing, too," Christensen said. "It makes it very difficult to keep up on these benefits. We're glad to be able to help out with that."

Outreach Team Helps Veterans Find Programs and Benefits

A team of six outreach specialists are blanketing the communities of North Dakota in search of Veterans from all services to aid them in finding programs and incentives available to them. The Outreach Team for North Dakota Veterans is a confidential service that follows up with Veterans within the state and provides care by working in conjunction with local Veteran organizations including County Veterans Service Officers, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Vet Centers.

"What we do is connect North Dakota Veterans from any service, or any time of service, with resources they need," said Angela Christensen, military outreach specialist. "These resources can include information on educational programs, financial assistance, marital counseling, help with substance abuse and a variety of other areas."

The Military Outreach program was initiated to support the North Dakota National Guard's Reintegration Program, which is designed to support North Dakota Guardsmen and their families as they return home from active-duty mobilizations.

1- Lt. Rachael Walters, North Dakota National Guard Reintegration officer, said the Military Outreach program was an obvious and necessary addition to the Reintegration Program.

"While we make every effort to care for Soldiers and Airmen

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Year Group Photos from Retiree Weekend



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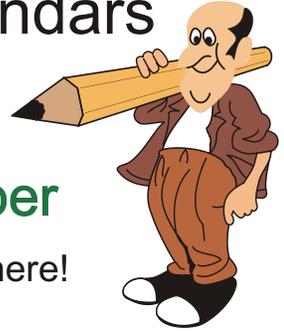


Mark Your Calendars

Retiree's Weekend
Camp Grafton

11-12-13 September

We hope to see you all there!



The rest of the pictures on this page are of attendees that were not staying for year group pictures on Saturday night.



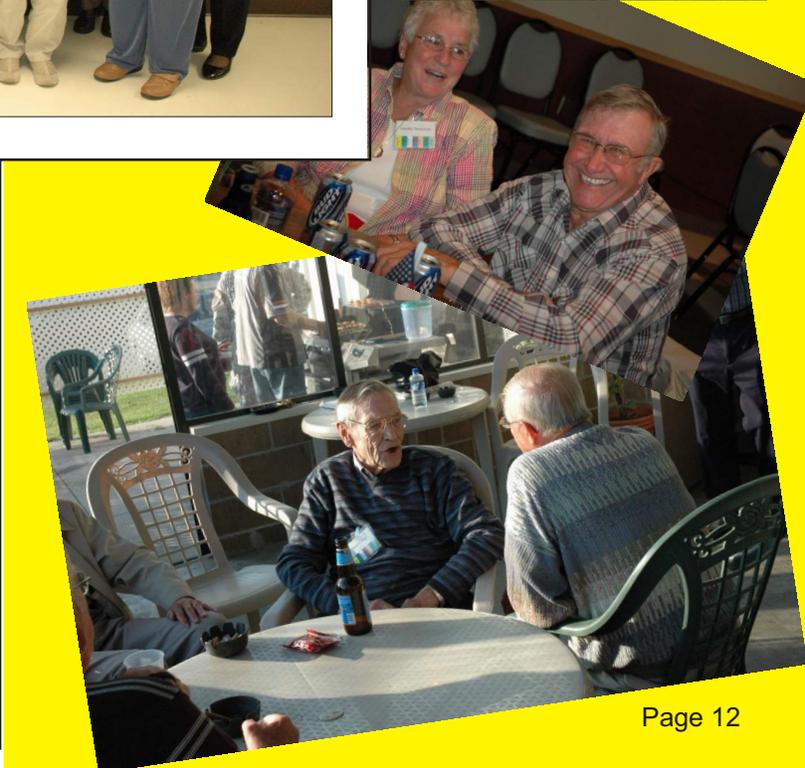
Spouse Group Photos from Retiree Weekend

2008 Retiree Weekend (Camp Grafton) Scrapbook

Spouse Group 1



Spouse Group 3



2008 Retiree Weekend (Camp Grafton) Scrapbook



Photos - Annual NDANG Retirees' Breakfast - 5 Nov 08

The annual NDANG Retiree's Breakfast was a great success this year. A good time was had by all.





15 July 2008 through 31 December 2008

**COL Dean Hildebrand
September, 10 2008**

**Albinus "Al" Stockert,
October 9, 2008**

**Lt. Col. James F. Winkler
November 20, 2008**

**Valentine "Val" Bosch
November 5th, 2008**

**LTC Walter Mellum
November 24, 2008**

**CW4 Bryan "Bud" Baldwin
December 1, 2008**

**Col. Richard A. Ames
December 1, 2008**

**North Dakota Service Members
Who Have Died in Support of
OIF and OEF**

Cpl Christopher Kleinwachter, 29 Nov 2006
Cpl Nathan Goodiron, 23 Nov 2006
Cpl Paul A. Beyer, 23 June 2006
Spc. Jeremiah S. Santos, June 15, 2006
Cpl. Curtis Mehrer, June 6, 2006
Sgt. Travis Van Zoest, June 6, 2006
Spc. Michael Hermanson, May 23, 2006
Spc. Dennis Ferderer Jr., Nov. 2, 2005
Spc. Cody Wentz, Nov. 4, 2004,
Pvt. 1st Class Anthony Monroe, Oct. 10, 2004
Staff Sgt. Lance Koenig, Sept. 22, 2004
Spc. James Holmes, May 8, 2004,
Spc. Philip Brown, May 8, 2004
Staff Sgt. Ken Hendrickson, Jan. 24, 2004
Sgt. Keith Smette, Jan. 24, 2004
Spc. Thomas Sweet II, Nov. 27, 2003
Pfc. Sheldon Hawk Eagle, Nov. 15, 2003,
Spc. Jon Fettig, July 22, 2003

*We apologize for those we may have missed
or are not included at the time of printing.*