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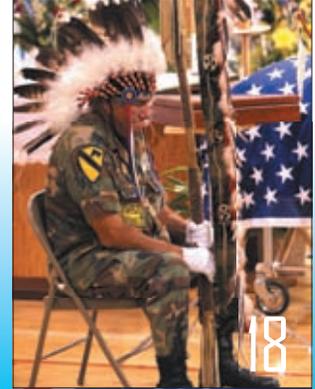
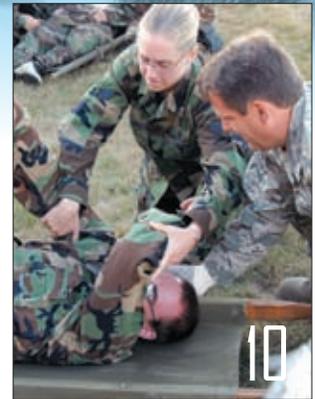
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Christmas tree located at Duke Corning Armory on Camp Rapid.
(Army photo by Ist Sgt. Don Matthews)





Happy Holidays! Gloria and I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and happy and safe New Year.

This time of year, our thoughts turn to rejoicing and reflection. Many of our Airmen and Soldiers will be far from home this holiday season, and I ask that you keep all of them close in your thoughts and prayers.



Maj. Gen. Steven R. Doohen
The Adjutant General

I want to thank each of you and your families for your extraordinary commitment to the National Guard and our nation. I understand the hardships many of you go through to keep your commitment to our organization and I salute your courage and dedication.

The South Dakota National Guard has had a successful 2009 and as we look forward to 2010, it will no doubt be another busy year. So take time this holiday to spend time with your loved ones, reflect on your successes of the past year, and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead.

Happy Holidays!

New Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator position created

Families who lose a service member now have a guardian angel. That someone is the new Survivor Outreach Services Coordinator for South Dakota. He is the subject matter expert on all local, state and federal benefits and entitlements for surviving families.

The SDS Coordinator will act as the "go to" referral source to ensure that families receive long term support in the areas of financial and estate planning, budgeting, life skills education, educational resources, and mental health counseling in addition to benefits and entitlements.

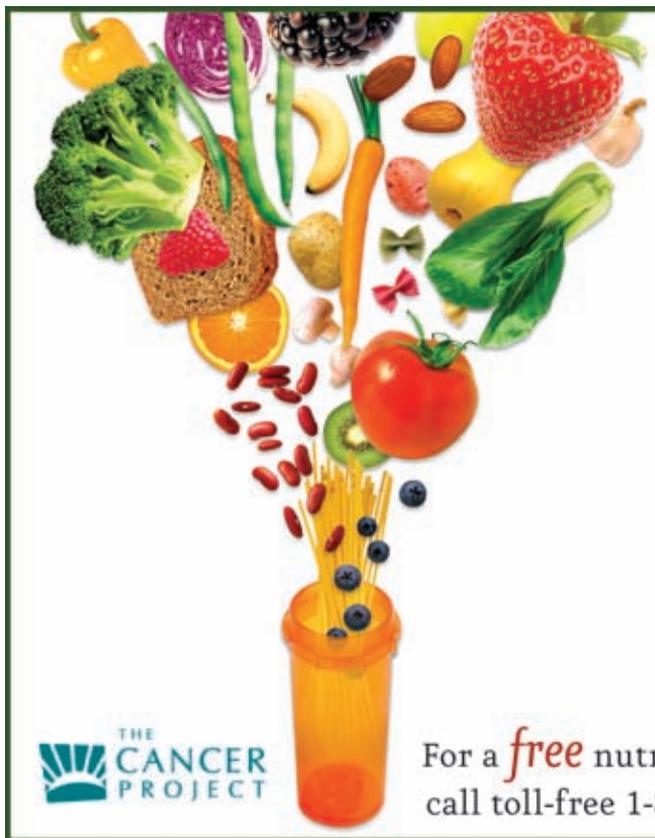
The SDS Coordinator helps the surviving family negotiate their new life and to continue as a part of the greater military family if they so choose. This relationship is available for as long as the family desires.

The SDS Coordinator will also be a Yellow Ribbon team member actively involved in pre-deployment training for service members and families.

The SDS Coordinator for South Dakota is Keith Ham. Keith has expertise in investments and insurance, and spent several years in ministry. He is a Rapid City native where he and his fiancé, Sher, are accomplished jazz musicians.

The SDS Coordinator is prepared to sit down with surviving families, assess their needs, point them to the resources that will help them most, and then follow up to ensure they get their entitled services.

You can contact Keith at 605.737.6090 or 605.521.9009 or at keith.ham@us.army.mil.



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211th Engineer Company departs for Afghanistan



Brig. Gen. Timothy Reisch, assistant adjutant general for the South Dakota Army National Guard (left), addresses the 211th Engineer Company (Sapper), of Madison and De Smet, on Oct. 26, before the unit departed for a year-long tour in Afghanistan. (Army photo by Spc. Chad Carlson)

FORT MCCOY, Wis. - More than 110 Soldiers from the 211th Engineer Company (Sapper), of Madison and De Smet, departed for Afghanistan on Monday, Oct. 26 as they left for a one-year deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The South Dakota Army National Guard unit departed from Fort McCoy, Wis., after having completed pre-mobilization training during a five week period. They trained on a variety of mission specific tasks and learned battle drills and survivability techniques.

"We're as ready as we're going to get," said Capt. Heath Abraham, 211th commander. "Morale is great and they're ready to go."

The 211th will be conducting mobility, counter mobility and survivability tasks and provide general engineering support to a maneuver unit or a support brigade in theater. The unit will specialize in route clearance operations, detecting and identifying road-side bombs through the country.

"The equipment is good and the Soldiers are fit," continued Abraham. "We didn't just bring an A-team of platoon leaders ... we have an A-team of Soldiers."

"The 211th Engineer Company is probably one of, if not the highest speed unit we have in the South Dakota National Guard," said Brig. Gen. Timothy Reisch, assistant adjutant general



Sergeant 1st Class John Dornbusch of Wessington Springs, reviews a route map with Sgt. Jeffrey Dufek of Rapid City, prior to a route clearance training exercise at Fort McCoy, Wis., Oct. 10. Both Soldiers are combat engineers with the 211th Engineer Company (Sappers), South Dakota Army National Guard. The 211th is attached to the 203rd Engineer Battalion, Missouri Army National Guard. The battalion has since deployed to Afghanistan, where it is conducting route clearance operations. (Army photo by Spc. Bruce Jones)

for the South Dakota Army National Guard.

Reisch, who has two sons deploying with the unit, spoke highly of the unit's leadership and the unit's readiness.

"I'm 100 percent confident that this unit will deploy, do its mission and come back safe, because they've got great competence in leadership," he said.

200th Engineer Co. no longer anticipating deployment

RAPID CITY - The South Dakota Army National Guard's 200th Engineer Company of Pierre, Chamberlain and Mobridge, received a notification of de-sourcing in September relieving the unit from a requirement for possible mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 200th, which is a multi-role bridge company of approximately 180 members, received a notification for sourcing in April to allow the unit time to prepare for a possible future mobilization.

The unit has not received any other notifications for other possible overseas deployments.

The 200th Eng. Co. deployed to Iraq in January 2003 in support of OIF to provide bridge support and security. The unit returned in June 2004.

Several Army Guard units change command

881st Troop Command

STURGIS - Lieutenant Colonel Barry Whitney, Rapid City, took command of the 881st Troop Command, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Sturgis Armory.

Whitney assumed the responsibilities from former commander Col. David Max, Rapid City, who served in the command position since June of 2008.

The mission of the 881st is to provide command and control, administrative, logistical and training support for nearly 300 Soldiers in 14 assigned units and detachments in four communities throughout the state.

2nd Battalion, 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute

SIoux FALLS - Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Bogenhagen, Omaha, Neb., took command of the 2nd Battalion (Modular Training), 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 7 at building 801 on the drill floor at the Sioux Falls Armory.

Bogenhagen assumed the responsibilities from former commander Lt. Col. Harvey

Fitzgerald, Hermosa, who served in the command position since June of 2008. Fitzgerald will now serve as the support services division chief at Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City.

The mission of the 2/196th is to provide a variety of non-commissioned officer development courses, the Combat Lifesaver Course, Modern Army Combatives Program and other leadership or individual skill development courses to support unit commanders in their mission and provide professional and well-trained military forces.

129th Mobile Public Affairs Det.

RAPID CITY - Captain Kathleen Dirk, Rapid City, took command of the 129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony on Sept. 12 at Camp Rapid.

Dirk assumed the responsibilities from former commander Capt. Lona Christensen, Rapid City, who served in the command position since October of 2007.

The mission of the 129th is to provide public affairs support to units deployed in support of combined, unified or joint operations. The unit has almost 20 personnel who specialize in print media and broadcasting and has a headquarters unit based in Rapid City and a Detachment in Sioux Falls.

82nd Civil Support Team

RAPID CITY - Lieutenant Colonel James Selchert, New Underwood, took command of the 82nd Civil Support Team, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Range Road Armory in Rapid City.

Selchert assumed the responsibilities from former commander Maj. John Emick, Piedmont, who served in the command position since February of 2005.

A change of authority also took place for Master Sgt. Todd Grabow, Hill City, assuming the responsibilities of the unit's senior noncommissioned officer, Senior Master Sgt. Donald Zwart, Rapid City, who served in the position since February of 2005.

The mission of the 82nd CST is to support civil authorities at a domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high-explosive incident site by identifying agents or substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with appropriate requests for state and federal support.

Det. 1, Co. B, 935th Support Battalion

RAPID CITY - Chief Warrant Officer John Wurtz, Black Hawk, took command of Detachment 1, Company B, 935th Support Battalion, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Army Aviation Support Facility near Rapid City Regional Airport.

Wurtz assumed the responsibilities from former commander Chief Warrant Officer Colin Potter, Piedmont, who served in the command position since August of 2007.

The mission of the 935th is to provide aviation intermediate maintenance support and backup aviation support, which includes aircraft armament and avionics equipment repair.

842nd Engineer Company

SPEARFISH - Captain Allen Godsell, Rapid City, took command of the 842nd Engineer Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Spearfish Armory.

Godsell assumed the responsibilities from former commander Capt. Steven Polzen, Rapid City, who served in the command position since August of 2007.

The mission of the 842nd is to provide command and control of engineer effects platoon that are necessary to conduct missions such as repair, maintain, construct air/ground lines of communication, emplace culverts, hauling, force protection, and limited clearing operations.

Guard teams no longer expected to deploy

RAPID CITY - Four nine-member Logistics Maintenance Advisory Teams (LMAT) from the 109th Regional Support Group, South Dakota Army National Guard, received a notification of de-sourcing in October, relieving the teams from a requirement for possible mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The teams were expected to deploy next year to Iraq and Kuwait, but have been notified by the Headquarters Department of the Army they will no longer be mobilized.

The Rapid City based LMATs received a notification for sourcing earlier in October to allow the teams time to prepare for a future mobilization.

The teams, which provide advice, coaching, training and mentorship to host nation

logistics forces and provide direct access to coalition capabilities and resources, have not received any other notifications for other possible overseas deployments.

National Guard cuts down, donates Capitol Christmas tree

RAPID CITY - The South Dakota National Guard cut down and donated a Black Hills spruce tree located on Camp Rapid for the 29th Annual Christmas at the Capitol holiday display in Pierre.

The 45 foot-tall tree was cut down on Monday, Nov. 9 on Camp Rapid in front of the former headquarters building. The



Retired Chief Warrant Officer Richard Walker

Camp Rapid tree was originally planted in 1949 by retired Chief Warrant Officer Richard Walker. The SDNG tree is the feature tree at the Capitol rotunda. The display at the Capitol will run through Sunday, Dec. 27. Thousands of guests visit the Capitol each year to enjoy the decorated trees. The display will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (CST) each day.

The tree was scheduled to be removed as part of a demolition process until the notion of offering the tree to the State Capitol Christmas celebration was conceived by John Kirk from the SDNG Construction

and Facilities Management Office (CFMO) engineering section and J. Scull Construction personnel.

The tree was cut by Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry personnel with assistance volunteered by J. Scull Construction, Site Works Specialists, D & W Crane and Rigging, and the SDNG CFMO engineering section and was transported to Pierre by the Department of Transportation.

In addition to the trees, many other parts of the Capitol will be decorated, including the grand marble staircase and the Capitol grounds.

196th MEB receives mobilization order

SIOUX FALLS - The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) of Sioux Falls, received official notification in August for deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

The South Dakota Army National Guard (SDARNG) unit will mobilize about 200 Soldiers next year to provide command and control of forces assigned to an area of operation within the Afghan theater, and to enable, enhance and protect the freedom of operational and tactical action of the supported maneuver/combat force.

The unit is expected to report to Fort Hood, Texas, in May 2010 to complete all required mobilization training prior to deployment overseas, and is expected to serve for one year.

The 196th MEB is currently a headquarters unit providing command and control for three battalions in the SDARNG; supporting 13 units and their detachments, totaling about 2,000 Soldiers located in 27 communities across the state.

Det. 3, Co. A, 641st Aviation receives mobilization order

RAPID CITY - The South Dakota Army National Guard's Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment of Rapid City, received a mobilization order in November for deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 641st has approximately 12 members and specializes in providing command and

control communications, staff transports and liaison, casualty transport, and air movement of critical equipment, supplies, parts and personnel.

This is the third mobilization for the unit in support of OIF. The unit deployed in 2004 and 2007.

114th FW earns Governor's Safety Award

The South Dakota Safety Council has awarded a Governor's Safety Award to the 114th Fighter Wing for excellence in workplace safety and health. Awards were presented by Lieutenant Governor Dennis Daugaard.

The 114th is one of 49 employers who were recognized at the Governor's Safety Awards luncheon at the Sioux Falls Arena Oct. 13.

"An effective safety program reduces injuries and costs, maximizes productivity and builds morale," said Cary Swenson, executive director of the South Dakota Safety Council. "Employers like the 114th FW understand that safety is good business, now more than ever."

Since 1993, the annual Governor's Safety Awards have spotlighted South Dakota employers with above average safety records.

Participants submit injury information which is compared with state and national data, as well as the entrant's past performance.

Ongoing safety programs and activities are also considered. Winners are recognized at three levels :

- Meritorious Achievement: Better than average performance in incident rates, dependent on type of industry.
- Outstanding Achievement: Continuing improvement and/or a continuing outstanding record.
- Award of Honor : Exceptional accomplishment in reduction of injuries and illnesses in the workplace.

The 114th FW received an Outstanding Achievement Award.

The Governor's Safety Awards luncheon was part of the 17th South Dakota Safety & Health Conference, coordinated by the South Dakota Safety Council. The conference is the largest gathering of workplace safety and health professionals in the region. The South Dakota Safety Council, founded in 1949, is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in South Dakota by preventing unintentional injuries or accidents.

Marksmanship team attends national training exercise

By Spc. Chad Carlson
Public Affairs Specialist

The South Dakota National Guard Marksmanship Section attended the 39th Annual Winston P. Wilson National Matches at Camp Robinson, Ark., Oct. 24 to 31.

This year's national sustainment training event hosted 79 teams from across the country with more than 300 shooters.

"South Dakota consistently shot in the top 15 teams, despite the heavy rains and wet conditions," said Master Sgt. Scott Rosenkranz, state ammunition manager and competitive events coordinator.

The South Dakota National Guard was represented by two teams. Team A consisted of Sgt. 1st Class Darrel Beck, of the 109th Regional Support Group, Tech. Sgt. Mike Witte, of the 114th Fighter Wing, who received the Chiefs 50 Award for being among the 50 best shooters overall, Sgt. Todd Anderson, of the 842nd Engineer Company and Sgt. Matt Wells, of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, who qualified and became a distinguished shooter in the Excellence in Competition for the rifle.

Team B consisted of Sgt. Maj. Russel Young, of Joint Force Headquarters, Staff Sgt. Sam Schaefer, of Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, Staff Sgt. Ryan Tobin, of the 200th Engineer Company and Spc. Rory Kelley, of the 196th MEB.

South Dakota's Team A placed 4th in Unknown Distance (rifle, 75 to 600 yards), 5th in Rapid Fire (rifle, timed, 500, 400 and 300 yards), and 6th in Reflexive Fire (pistol, timed).

Staff Sgt. Brent Simon, of the JFHQ marksmanship section said the team will take away much more from the training exercise than the trophies and awards. "To build on marksmanship fundamentals and take the knowledge gained from experienced shooters from all over the country and then share that knowledge with our units and Soldiers back home is our ultimate goal going into each one of these exercises."

South Dakota has always placed well at marksmanship competitions and training events, consistently placing in the top 10 percent, said Simon. "I think it's because people from our part of country grow up shooting rifles. It's just a way of life here and it certainly gives us an advantage at shooting competitions. Whether it's the marksmanship team, the biathlon team, or area youth clubs, South Dakota has always done well."

Both teams were supported by the JFHQ Marksmanship Section, Master Sgt. Scott Rosenkranz, Staff Sgt. Chris Hall, Staff Sgt. Brent Simon and Sgt. Mario Volmer.

The Marksmanship team is available to interested Soldiers and Airmen; contact your unit if you would like more information.

The Marksmanship Section is also available to assist in unit training on proper shooting techniques and safety, if interested contact Master Sgt. Scott Rosenkranz at (605) 737-6589.



South Dakota National Guard Marksmanship Team A consisted of (from right) Sgt. Todd Anderson, of the 842nd Engineer Company, Sgt. Matt Wells, of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Tech. Sgt. Mike Witte, of the 114th Fighter Wing, Sgt. 1st Class Darrel Beck, of the 109th Regional Support Group and team coach Staff Sgt. Brent Simon.

South Dakota National Guard Marksmanship Team B consisted of (back row, left to right) Staff Sgt. Sam Schaefer, of Company A, 139th Brigade Support Battalion, Sgt. Maj. Russel Young, of Joint Force Headquarters, Spc. Rory Kelley, of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Staff Sgt. Ryan Tobin, of the 200th Engineer Company and team coaches (front row, left to right) Sgt. Mario Volmer and Staff Sgt. Chris Hall.





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Photocopying Military ID OK for TRICARE

By Shari Lopatin
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

When the doctor's office asks for a military ID card and makes a copy, it's OK—and usually necessary. To receive medical care, service members and their families need to show their eligibility for TRICARE. Although those who enroll in TRICARE Prime will receive a TRICARE Prime ID card, the key to showing eligibility is the valid military ID card.

Service members and their families will need their military ID card for medical care, pharmacy benefits and dental care. Many times, the doctor may copy the military ID card for the patient's records and to confirm TRICARE eligibility when submitting a claim.

Federal law prohibits photographing or making prints of military ID cards unless it is to receive medical treatment; a valid military ID card is proof of TRICARE eligibility and can be photocopied. Like everything else in a patient's record, it is protected by law.

If a patient is visiting a specialist, such as a heart doctor, they may have additional forms to fill out, just as at any first-time doctor's visit. The patient should tell the receptionist they have TRICARE; the receptionist may ask for their military ID card, which is acceptable just as a doctor's office might photocopy a private insurance card. Usually, a beneficiary's primary care doctor won't need to see a military ID card.

Service members should be aware, however, that copies of their military ID cards cannot be made for substitute cards, or for any other purpose than to show their TRICARE eligibility to receive medical treatment.

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To replace a military ID card, service members should visit their nearest military ID card office, which can be found at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl.

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216th/451st firefighters conduct collective training

By Spc. Chad Carlson
Public Affairs Specialist

STURGIS – Soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard’s 216th and 451st Firefighting Teams conducted fire rescue and vehicle extrication training along with the Fort Meade Fire Department Saturday, Nov. 7.

The 216th and 451st, of Sturgis, provide firefighting support to units within an assigned area of operations including fire protection of aviation and major facilities.

“Firefighting is a perishable skill and needs to be constantly refined and practiced,” said 2nd Lt. Billi Jo Bierle, training officer for the 881st Troop Command. “Fires can take lives and property every time, so it’s important that our firefighters are always practicing their skills.”

Staff Sgt. Jeff Matthews, readiness and training noncommissioned officer for the firefighting teams, said the collective training with the Fort Meade fire department not only helps the National Guard firefighters learn new techniques, but it also allows them to share their skills with other area firefighters.

“The training event went really well,” said Bierle. “These Soldiers are very professional and take their job very seriously. Many of the Soldiers in the unit are either on a volunteer fire department or are professional firefighters but they don’t get to practice as a team a lot, so opportunities like this training are incredible, and the unit really benefits from them.”



Soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard’s 216th and 451st Firefighting Teams conducted fire rescue and vehicle extrication training along with the Fort Meade Fire Department Saturday, Nov. 7.

In addition to the recent fire rescue and extrication training and the ongoing firefighting skills the units train on, they are working on Combat Lifesaver recertification and firefighter physical training.

Sen. John Thune presented the Medal of Merit

RAPID CITY – Sen. John Thune was presented with the Charles Dick Medal of Merit by the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) at Camp Rapid on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The Charles Dick Medal of Merit recognizes public servants at the state and federal level who demonstrate extraordinary support for the National Guard.

“I am humbled and grateful to receive this recognition,” said Thune. “The South Dakota men and women who serve in the National Guard are the ones who deserve the highest praises, and I am proud to be a voice for them in the U.S. Senate. I will continue working to address challenges facing the National Guard and all service members, now and in the future.”

The medal is named in honor of Major General Charles Dick, President of NGAUS from 1902 to 1909. Maj. Gen. Dick served in the Ohio National Guard, and served as both a U.S. Representative and Senator. While a member of Congress, Maj. Gen. Dick was responsible for the legislation that established the foundation of the modern National Guard.

The Charles Dick Medal of Merit can be awarded to members of a state legislature, state



Sen. John Thune (left) accepts the Charles Dick Medal of Merit from Maj. Todd Bartunek, president of the National Guard Association of South Dakota, at Bldg. 450 on Camp Rapid, Tuesday, Nov. 24.
(Army photo by Spc. Chad Carlson)

governors, or members of the U.S. Congress. In order to earn the award, recipients must have distinguished themselves over an extended period of time in their support to the National

Guard. This support must have a lasting positive effect that will likely outlast the office of the individual recipient.

South Dakota Guard runners take second at Army Ten-Miler

WASHINGTON – Two teams of runners from the South Dakota Army National Guard took second place at the Army Ten-Miler race on Sunday, Oct. 4 in Washington, D.C.

A team of five women captured 2nd place in the women’s division and a team of five men placed 8th in the men’s division at the 25th annual event.

“The members of our two teams are indicative of the quality of the South Dakota Army National Guard Soldier,” said Master Sgt. Michaellette Higgins, Recruiting and Retention Battalion. “It’s an honor to represent our state and we wouldn’t be able to experience this type of event without the wonderful support we receive year after year.”

Open to both military and civilian competitors, the event featured 30,000 registered runners and is considered the largest 10-miler race in the U. S. and the

“It was amazing to be shoulder-to-shoulder with so many people and it was an honor to run with wounded warriors, service members and their family members.”

— Capt. Rebecca Trygstad

second largest in the world.

“It was an incredible experience,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Harming, 881st Troop Command. “I really enjoyed the camaraderie of our team, it was an experience I will never forget.”

Starting at the Pentagon, the course crossed the Potomac, followed through the streets of Washington, D.C., and finished at the Pentagon – passing such national treasures as the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and the Capitol.

“Running with 30,000 people is exciting and makes you forget your own discomfort,” said Maj. Orson Ward, 196th Regiment. “The spectators were amazing, inspiring us all to dig deep and do our best.”

The goal of the Army Ten-Miler is to promote the Army, build esprit-de-



Ten members of the South Dakota Army National Guard competed in the 25th Annual Army Ten-Miler race on Sunday, Oct. 4, in Washington, D.C., finishing in 2nd place in the women’s division and 8th place in the men’s division. Back row: Capt. Michael McDaniel, Maj. Orson Ward, Maj. Brendan Murphy, Staff Sgt. Richard Harming, Capt. Don Johnson. Front row: Capt. Rebecca Trygstad, Maj. Jonette Murphy, Master Sgt. Michaellette Higgins, 2nd Lt. Marie Fritza, Capt. Rebecca Hoffman.

corps, support fitness goals, and enhance community relations with all proceeds benefiting the Army’s Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program.

The MWR program has a comprehensive network of support and leisure services designed to enhance the lives of Soldiers and their families.

“I’m humbled by this experience,” said Capt. Don Johnson, Counter Drug Program. “It’s a great way to honor those who have served, are serving or have made the ultimate sacrifice defending this great country.”

Participants can sign up as individuals or in teams. More than 700 military and civilian teams vie for team titles, such as the Commander’s Cup, International Competition, and USCAA Ten-Mile Championship.

“It was amazing to be shoulder-to-shoulder with so many people and it was an honor to run with wounded warriors, service members and their family members,” said Capt. Rebecca Trygstad, 139th Brigade Support Battalion. “Running in the Army 10-Miler is something I will remember for the rest of my life.”

RUNNERS AND RESULTS:

SDARNG Women’s Team – 2nd Place

Maj. Jonette Murphy ----- 1:19:44
Black Hawk
2nd Lt. Maria Fritza ----- 1:20:38
Sioux Falls
Capt. Rebecca Hoffman ----- 1:22:24
Sioux Falls
Capt. Rebecca Trygstad ----- 1:27:46
Volga
Master Sgt. Michaellette Higgins --- 1:41:43
Black Hawk

SDARNG Men’s Team – 8th Place

Capt. Michael McDaniel ----- 1:10:36
Rapid City
Maj. Brendan Murphy ----- 1:11:39
Black Hawk
Maj. Orson Ward ----- 1:16:28
Lead
Capt. Don Johnson ----- 1:16:58
Sioux Falls
Staff Sgt. Richard Harming ----- 1:23:40
Summerset



Clinic performs mass casualty exercise

Medical personnel with the 114th Medical Squadron attend to a casualty during the Mass Casualty exercise held at Joe Foss Field Sept. 20.

By Staff Sgt. Quinton Young
114th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

JOE FOSS FIELD – Members of the 114th Fighter Wing Medical Group tended to several waves of simulated wounded student flight members during the annual Mass Casualty exercise at Joe Foss Field, Sunday, Sept. 20.

Senior Master Sgt. Todd Boone, superintendent of the 114th Medical Group, says that the mass casualty exercise is to be held annually in accordance with Air Force Instruction 41-106.

“It is designed to give our medics, doctors and other staff of the clinic an opportunity to triage personnel and gives our members an idea of what a real-life situation would be like with a large group of injured people,” said Sgt. Boone.

Half of the clinic staff attended a mass casualty exercise in Alpena, Mich., in August where even the administration personnel were called upon to assist the injured.

This exercise is one of many different training opportunities that the clinic has to perform on an annual basis. They would

normally have a Medical Command and Control Center (MCC) set up to take the information up the chain of command. Since this is an internal only exercise they will end the exercise at our level.

Flight surgeons were present as evaluators to assess the sense of urgency and the quality of care which the clinic staff provided to the wounded Airmen.

The wounded arrived in groups to an outdoor location where they were assessed by medics and officers. The staff performed triage on the groups and determined (by severity of injuries) the order the patients would be treated. The wounded were then moved to an indoor facility where they underwent a second triage to determine the course of treatment and in what order the patients would be seen.

This type of hands-on exercise gives clinic personnel invaluable practice of their skills and may one day be needed in a real-life scenario.



Lieutenant Colonel Ruth A. Siem, physician assistant with the 114th Medical Squadron attends to a simulated casualty during the Mass Casualty exercise held at Joe Foss Field Sept. 20. (Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Quinton Young)

Fire training gives 114th Fire Department realistic opportunity

By Master Sgt. Sara Hilmoe
114th Fighter Wing

JOE FOSS FIELD - Training is something we all have to do, whether it's ancillary training or on-the-job. For the 114th Fire Department, their yearly training gives pyromaniacs a thrill.

"Every year we are required to do live-fire training to meet not only Air Force standards but FAA regulations as well," said Master Sgt. Tom Krier, fire chief for the 114th Fire Department.

Most years the team travels to other bases with fixed training sites, but this year they thought they'd bring the training to Joe Foss Field.

"This gave us a good opportunity to also train with the mutual aid departments like the city fire department," Krier said. Many of the members of the Joe Foss Fire Department are also part of volunteer departments in smaller surrounding cities, as are many in the Sioux Falls Fire Rescue Department.

"You can train all you want with PowerPoints," Krier said, "but until crews get out and work together, you don't have the optimal training experience."

The base has mutual aid agreements with fire departments in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties. Krier said, "That means if something happens at the airfield, we would call the city to come in under that mutual air agreement to help. We are also able to respond off base if our assistance is needed outside the wire."

Much of the air traffic for Sioux Falls is cargo haulers, but if a passenger plane were to go down, that quickly becomes a mass casualty situation where an "all-hands-on-deck" approach is needed.

The training was four-days long with a phase of hand-line training, i.e. hoses. Firefighters practiced suppressing simulated liquid fuel fires around the fuselage with the handlines. They would approach the plane, enter and rescue the fire training dummies, known as "Rescue Randy's."

There was also a phase of truck turret operation, which is most of the fire fighting the base does, with high and low nozzles directing water directly at the fire source.

"This is also a great opportunity for us to become more proficient with our equipment," Krier said. "Our equipment is very specialized to put out liquid fuel fires, so it also benefits the city to see how the equipment works."

The training also consisted of a command and control exercise where an incident commander called the shots, aiding the city and military to recognize and learn the how to communicate with each other during a mass casualty event.



Members of the 114th Fire Department, South Dakota Air National Guard, direct a hose and nozzle at the base of simulated plane fire during fire training at Joe Foss Field.



Members of the 114th Fire Department, South Dakota Air National Guard, extinguishing a plane during fire training at Joe Foss Field.

THE FUTURE IS NOW

The Expeditionary Combat Support System

By Maj. Ed VanDerWolde



The Air Force is in the midst of a historical transformation. The way the Air Force is organized and the way that airpower is employed are changing in revolutionary ways. Also changing are the ways in which Air Force Logisticians provide support to Warfighters.

The Expeditionary Combat Support System is the cornerstone enabler of the logistics transformation effort. Using an Enterprise Resource Planning software solution, ECSS is applying the best commercial practices and using industry-proven tools to establish the Air Force's first capability to globally view and manage its logistics resources (i.e., major end items, material, people, and funds).

But ECSS is much more than an IT system. It will fundamentally change business processes, personnel roles, and jobs across the spectrum of the Air Force Logistics community. Locally, ECSS will drive dramatic changes and improvements in the way logistics is done.

For example, the process of scheduling a repair currently means setting a repair date at the base level without the ability to ensure technicians, parts, facilities, tools, etc., are available Air Force-wide. With ECSS, an integrated global view of people/parts availability will enable greater scheduling effectiveness and ultimately increase availability of repaired components or major end items.

Simply put, Air Force Logisticians will have what they need to get the job done when repairs are system-scheduled under ECSS.

Citing another example, today Air Force Logisticians collectively rely on paper forms and enter data into multiple base-level systems.

This labor-intensive effort will be replaced by entering data once into one system. When fully implemented, ECSS will replace hundreds of logistics information systems and will be the single source of truth for logistics information.

While it will be several years before ECSS reaches full operational capability and its benefits are fully realized, the implementation process is already underway. That process will affect Sioux Falls very soon.

ECSS will be fielded throughout the Air Force in multiple releases

and Sioux Falls will see ECSS fielded in November 2011. While that may seem to be a part of the distant future, the reality is that we need to begin preparing for ECSS now.

To help with that preparation, the ECSS program conducted its kickoff meeting with the 114th FW leaders and ECSS users on Oct. 29, 2009. During that meeting, ECSS program officials delivered an informational and educational briefing about ECSS, its goals, program timelines and how the Air Force will be affected.

The kickoff represented the beginning of the ECSS organizational change management program, which is designed to help prepare everyone for this transformation effort. History tells us that no change is ever successful until individual behaviors change. The people who perform Air Force Logistics processes must personally engage in the transformative aspects of ECSS in order for it to succeed.

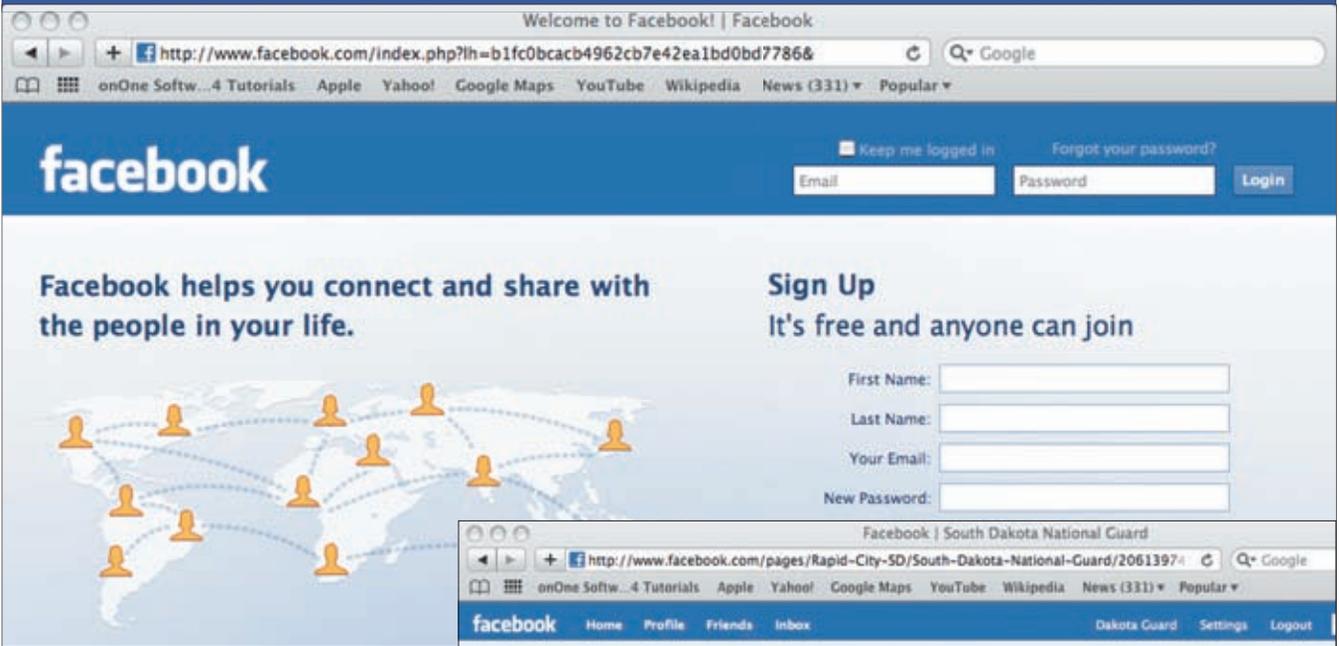
As is always the case, these sweeping changes will not be easy, as long-standing ways of doing business will either dramatically change or completely disappear. ECSS will pull people from their comfort zones and cause them to do new tasks in different, unfamiliar ways. To help logisticians navigate these changes, the ECSS program will provide education and training programs for those who will use the new system.

An Air Force-wide change agent network, supported by an ECSS program team, will share information on ECSS activities, schedules, and lessons learned and conduct local problem-solving meetings to help smooth implementation at each installation. This same network will support the sustainment of ECSS after fielding is completed.

ECSS will drive changes in the way the Air Force does business and the way logisticians perform their jobs. The result will be an Air Force enterprise better enabled to provide its Warfighters the right material at the right time. Expeditionary Combat Support System will also enable logisticians to use their time more productively. This will significantly reduce the cost of accomplishing the Air Force Logistics mission.

To learn more about the Expeditionary Combat Support System, contact visit <https://www.ecss.wpafb.af.mil>.

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SOUTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

NCO & SOLDIER OF THE YEAR 2010

By Spc. Chad Carlson
Public Affairs Specialist

The South Dakota Army National Guard named Sgt. Chasity Oswald, of Viborg, as the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year and Pfc. Andrew Bogenrief, of Milbank, as the Soldier of the Year. Each award is the top honor for both the noncommissioned officer and enlisted corps within the state's Army National Guard.

To make it this far Soldiers have to be both physically and mentally fit, and willing to really dedicate their time to studying a wide range of Army information and field skills. Oswald and Bogenrief have made it through three levels of competition, to include company, battalion and state level boards.

South Dakota Army National Guard State Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Zimmerman said the NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year competitions show "the cream of the crop" when it comes to South Dakota's NCOs and Soldiers, but this year's competition was even more demanding than in previous years.

"This was the first year that South Dakota did the full Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year program," said Zimmerman. "We ran them through a confidence course or obstacle course, we did weapons qualification, and we did land navigation in addition to the interview boards.

Zimmerman added the South Dakota National Guard is going to keep increasing the intensity and competition level. "I want to stretch our state competition out a little to make it more realistic for them and better prepare our Soldiers for the regional competition," said Zimmerman.

NCO OF THE YEAR - SGT. CHASITY OSWALD

Oswald works full time as a unit administration NCO for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) in Sioux Falls. She has been in the National Guard just short of nine years. She will deploy for the first time with the MEB to Afghanistan in May.

Oswald said she joined the National Guard for the college benefits.

"I was going to do my six years, collect my bonus and GI Bill and get out," said Oswald. "Then, when the time came, I decided I didn't want to get out. I enjoyed being in the Guard too much to leave. It really is like a second family for me."

"Since there were so many areas to be tested on, I look at it as a true test of how well rounded a Soldier is," said Oswald. "My fellow competitors and I all have our own strengths and weaknesses and because of this, it was a tough competition. At the end of the

competition we truly did not know who would win. It was an honor within itself just to compete against the other NCOs."

When asked what kind of advice she would pass along to upcoming NCOs she explained how important it is to set goals and map out a plan to achieve those goals. "They should always be thinking of the next step and how to get there," added Oswald.

Oswald explained that throughout her career she has had leadership with drastically different styles and effectiveness, good and bad, all of



which shaped her into the leader she is today.

“When I think about the great leaders I’ve had, they all led by example, were considered the subject matters experts in their field and never asked other Soldiers to do what they would not do themselves,” said Oswald. “I hope to reflect these same qualities and principles as a leader.”

Oswald has her future goals mapped out and is currently putting together her packet to pursue a commission as a warrant officer. She said if that should not work out for some reason, she hopes to retire as a sergeant major.

“I am honored to have been chosen to represent South Dakota at the regional competition,” said Oswald. “I always strive to do my best and it’s an accomplishment like this that helps me realize how much my hard work has paid off.”

“It’s a select few, so it’s a great privilege and honor for them to win. It’s a title they’ll have for the rest of their lives,” said Zimmerman.

SOLDIER OF THE YEAR – PFC. ANDREW BOGENRIEF

Bogenrief is a motor transport operator in the 740th Transportation Company of Milbank, and has been in the National Guard just under a year-and-a-half.

Bogenrief said he joined the National Guard because both his brother and sister serve in the military and he wanted to follow in their footsteps and serve alongside them. His sister, Sgt. Kayla Bogenrief, served 18 months in Iraq. His brother, Spc. Casey Bogenrief, once a member of the 740th, is now serving full time in Alaska.

“They gave me the strength to know that I could do anything that I wanted to, if I gave it everything I had,” said Bogenrief.

Bogenrief explained that he hopes the time spent studying for the competitions will not only prove beneficial for himself, but his fellow Soldiers as well.

“I’ve become very knowledgeable on a lot of military information, which I hope to someday pass on to others, so that we can all become better Soldiers and keep improving,” said Bogenrief.

In addition to the knowledge he’s gained, Bogenrief explained the competitions have made him a more confident Soldier. “It has given me confidence beyond belief; if you can go in front of a board of six sergeant majors, you can probably do anything,” said Bogenrief.



Bogenrief added that he hopes to one day wear the rank of Sergeant Major.

Bogenrief and Oswald will represent the South Dakota Army National Guard at the Region 6 Best Warrior Competition in Alaska in January, where they will compete against Soldiers selected from seven other states. Competitors will be assessed on their knowledge and field skills of up to 27 categories of military tasks. Tasks range from Army Warrior Tasks and Battle Focused Training to Drill and Ceremony and Land Navigation.

SOLDIER, SINGLE, MOTHER of four prepares for challenges of year-long deployment

"Every time we would get off the phone, he would grab his coat and shoes and say, 'Mommy is coming to get me! Mommy is coming to get me!' He didn't understand when I told him I would see him soon, it was still going to be a while before I got home."

— Sgt. Roxy Peterson



By Spc. Charlie Jacobson
129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The alarm blasts at 4 a.m. and another day in the life of Sgt. Roxy R. Peterson has begun. She typically starts her day off with a cup of yogurt, followed by a bit of quiet time while she gets herself ready for her day as a mother and Soldier.

Her solitude is short lived as a single mother of four awakes her kids, makes sure they have eaten and are prepared for school and day care.

By 5:30 a.m., she is out the door en route to the Sioux Falls National Guard Armory where she is currently the facilities manager and in charge of the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) I.D. card program for Soldiers and family members.

Peterson's responsibilities of balancing the roles of "mother" and "professional" do not make her situation unique in comparison to other single working parents. What makes Peterson's situation distinctive is that she is preparing to spend a year in Afghanistan as a member of 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

When Peterson and the 196th MEB depart for their mobilization station at Fort Hood, Texas, it will be the second time in the past six years she will have said goodbye to her children in order to serve her country.

Peterson spent a year in Iraq from 2003-2004 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As difficult as it will be for her to spend another year away from her four kids who are

ages 2-9, she feels the experience from her first deployment and an improved outlook has better prepared her to deal with the emotional struggles of being away from home during a deployment.

"I know what to expect this time and how to deal with my kids being disappointed that mommy is not home every night," Peterson said. "My 9-year-old (who turned four during Peterson's first deployment) does not remember details of when I was gone. He just remembers me being gone."

Peterson stated her son does not remember the details of her last deployment.

"Every time we would get off the phone, he would grab his coat and shoes and say, 'Mommy is coming to get me! Mommy is coming to get me!'" said Peterson. "He didn't understand when I told him I would see him soon, it was still going to be a while before I got home."

She will now look to her 9-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter for support with home life while she is away.

"They know when mommy is gone, the things they need to do for granny, for their dad, and what to do to help with the babies," she added.

While deployed, Peterson looks for technology to be a solid bridge for communication between her and her family – something not available to her during her first mobilization.

"I will be able to use Skype and will also be able to communicate with my family using my

Blackberry global plan," Peterson said.

Skype is a program that allows people to chat via internet connection with a camera.

She said having her Blackberry will enable her to call and text much more frequently than in the past.

During this deployment, Peterson will also lean on her newfound passion for physical fitness to help her deal with the stresses of being away from her young family.

Since January 2009, Peterson has lost 50 pounds and improved her Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT). She said she was only able to perform 20 push-ups in the past, but now she can do more than 60.

She has also made a big improvement in the sit-up portion of the APFT.

"I told myself that getting fit was something I needed to do," Peterson said. "I had issues with my PT test before, and I also wanted to feel better."

Peterson is confident that her increased level of fitness will allow her to accomplish any mission she may face while overseas.

"I definitely know that if I am faced with a physical challenge while I am overseas I can overcome it," she added.

For now, the challenge at hand is the 80-mile journey back to Ethan, after her 10-hour workday. The demands of her young family await her. Dinner needs to be on the table. The kids need to be bathed and tucked in for their 9 p.m. bedtime story. But for Sgt. Roxy R. Peterson, it is just another day of being "mommy."

THE WHALER LEGACY

Mother and son enlist in the Air Guard together



Airman Vince Whaler and his mother, Staff Sgt. Dawn Whaler, enlisted into the South Dakota Air National Guard together in February 2009.

By Staff Sgt. Miranda Skiles
114th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In the South Dakota Air National Guard, it is quite common for multiple members of the same family to be in the unit. However, it's not too common for a mother and son to enlist at the same time.

That is exactly what took place for Staff Sgt. Dawn Whaler and Airman Vince Whaler. The second child in a family of 11 kids, Vince Whaler started exploring military options towards the end of high school to get money for college. When he started talking to active duty recruiters at his school, Dawn told him he needed to visit with the SDANG recruiting office to ensure he could make an informed decision.

That's when she accompanied him to a meeting with recruiter Master Sgt. Eric Tidemann. While they were getting

information about Vince's future, Dawn asked questions of her own and learned she could rejoin the unit fully qualified. She had previously been in the unit from 1987-1992. She joined during her senior year of high school and left for Basic Training about two weeks after graduation.

After she finished her first enlistment and had gotten out of the unit, Dawn reflected on her time in the military and had always wondered what life would have been like if she had stayed in the unit. She realized it might be a good idea for her to rejoin for various reasons, including health insurance. So in February 2009, mother and son enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard together.

Vince left for Basic Training in June. After completion of Basic Military Training, he returned home to Sioux Falls for seven months before attending technical school at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, for his

position in the 114th Engine Shop. He says the guys he works with in the Engine Shop are the best part of his military experience so far. Dawn works in the Maintenance Personnel section. Her favorite part of being in the military is the pride of belonging to the organization and the sense of serving her country.

Dawn's advice for her son, "Pursue your options in the military and fully explore your opportunities."

Vince says mom's military experience helps him out, "because she has been there and done that and she can give advice on what I should do."

The Whaler legacy in the SDANG may continue to grow. Two of Dawn's daughters came out for career day this year to explore what the unit may have in store for them. One of them even went home and tried on her uniform.

LAI TO REST

Korean War veteran's remains returned home after 59 years

Story and photos Sgt. Lance Alan Schroeder
129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



Larry Hale, a member of the Red Feather Society, guards the flag-draped casket of Sgt. 1st Class Arthur F. "Bluie" Jewett at his funeral held in Eagle Butte on Sept. 25.

A slow, rumbling drum beat echoes across the hillsides of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation as drummers lead a somber procession down a gravel road toward a small, prairie cemetery near the banks of Jewett Creek. At the center of this march is a polished, wooden casket resting quietly on a horse-drawn wagon.

An American flag respectfully covers the casket, and several like it can be seen in the hands of the many family, friends and tribal honor guard members who walk nearby as they escort the fallen Soldier's remains to their final resting place. The wagon driver stops outside the front gates of the cemetery, and a senior noncommissioned officer in an Army dress blue uniform steps down from the seat next to him and onto the ground.

As the pallbearers prepare to carry the casket through the gates, the Soldier moves to his position near the entrance and stands at attention. It has been his solemn duty to escort the remains here from Hawaii, and he salutes as they are carried past him toward a waiting burial plot.

Inside the cemetery, members of the South Dakota Military Funeral Honors team are ready to carry out their duty to this fallen veteran by conducting a full military burial. The service will include a color guard, rifle volley, the playing of taps by a lone bugle, and the folding and presentation of the American flag to the surviving family members, who have been waiting 59 years for this day to come.

On September 25, 2009, family members of Army Sgt. 1st Class Arthur F. "Bluie" Jewett, a member of the Cheyenne River Indian Tribe and a Korean War veteran declared missing-in-action after 1950's Chosin Reservoir Campaign, were finally able to say goodbye to their cherished loved one by laying him to rest near the ranch where he was born.

Jewett was born on August 26, 1928, on a ranch east of White Horse. The fourth of ten children, Arthur was just minutes older than his twin brother, Albert, and quickly acquired the nickname that he

would carry throughout his life.

"They wrapped him in a blue blanket," said Louis Jewett, Arthur's older brother, about his birth. "A few minutes later the other one was born, so they wrapped him in a pink blanket. Nobody knew them as Arthur and Albert, it was always 'Bluie' and 'Pinky'."

Like the rest of his siblings, Arthur grew up working on his family's ranch and riding horses bareback across the prairie hills around their home, said Louis.

After graduating from high school, Jewett enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948 at the age of 19. He was stationed in San Francisco and Japan before being sent to Korea as a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment under the 7th Infantry Division.

The last letter Jewett's family members received from Bluie was dated in late November, 1950, while his unit was moving north, up the Korean peninsula. In it he talked about his plans for Thanksgiving.

"He made the comment 'We'll be eating our turkey on the run'," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Thomas H. Forbes, the casualty assistance officer assigned to the Jewett family by the South Dakota Army National Guard. "The battle of the Chosin being what it was, with the battle lines changing constantly, (Jewett's) platoon ended up being wiped out."

The Chosin Reservoir Campaign began on November 27, 1950, when a force of roughly 60,000 Chinese attacked and surrounded 30,000 United States Soldiers and Marines at the Chosin Reservoir, in the mountains of northeastern North Korea. The battle continued for 17 days, through snow and sub-zero temperatures, as the U.S. forces attempted to break out of the Chinese encirclement.

On January 13, 1951, almost six weeks after the Jewett family received Bluie's last letter, the county sheriff delivered a government telegram to his parents at their ranch, telling them that their son was M.I.A., said Louis.

"It was just a shock," he said. "They just could not believe it. My dad went up on a hill behind the house, gave out a yell and cried. The saddest moment of my life was hearing my dad cry."

Jewett's body was never recovered after the battle, and it was only later that the Army changed his status from Missing-In-Action to Killed-In-Action, using the date of December 2, 1950, said Forbes.

Louis said the uncertainty of Jewett's status, and the confusion surrounding the circumstances of his death haunted his family from then on.

He said that until her death many years later, his mother, Keva, developed a habit of peeking out the window of the ranch toward the road, and his grandmother, Julia, would pray with her rosary every night before bed, hoping that Bluie was all right, and would soon return.

Though Jewett's death was a hard blow to overcome, it also held the family together through the years, with stories of his life passed down to his nieces and nephews and their children.

"Our family has stayed intact," said Julie Marshall, Arthur's oldest surviving sister, who was 10 years old at the time of her brother's death. "Every one of us has thought, everyday in our lives, 'Are we going to find him?', 'Is he going to come home?' We didn't say it out loud, but we were all thinking about it."

These lingering thoughts continued through the year 2000, when tentative steps were taken in an attempt to bring closure to Jewett's family. A class of elementary students and their teacher from Spearfish, took it upon themselves to research South Dakota service members who were listed as M.I.A.

"They contacted my dad and asked if he could tell them more about his brother, Arthur," said Jennifer Schoelerman, Bluie's niece and daughter to his younger brother, Keith. "They began talking about how (the U.S. government) uses DNA testing. At that point it was just this big dream in the future."

With the information gained from talking to the student's teacher, Keith contacted the U.S. government, asking to be placed on their lists for possible DNA testing should any remains be found, Schoelerman said.

In 2002, unbeknownst to the Jewett family, North Korea allowed a team from the U.S. into their country to recover remains of service members who were lost during the Korean War, said Forbes. Once there, the team was led to a site where they discovered the remains of seven people, five of which were Americans.



Sgt. 1st Class Arthur F. Jewett

These remains were taken to Hawaii, where anthropologists and archeologists went to work in an attempt to discover their identities, he said.

Schoelerman said that it was 2005 when the government tried to get in contact with her father, hoping he could submit a DNA sample to compare with that of the remains found three years earlier. By this time her father Keith had been diagnosed with leukemia, was very ill and was unable to be reached, she said. So they contacted her uncle Louis.

Louis gave his DNA sample in January, 2006, as did his sister, Iyonne, and after three more long years, the results had finally come in.

Arthur 'Bluie' Jewett had finally been found.

On August 25, 2009, Forbes and Rena Thompson, a mortuary affairs specialist from the Department of the Army's Headquarters for Mortuary Affairs, the agency who had found

and identified the remains, arrived in White Horse to meet the Jewett family and to start the preparations to bring their long lost brother back to South Dakota.

Arthur's remains would be flown from Hawaii to South Dakota on a military aircraft, escorted the whole time by a member of the U.S. Army, to be buried with full military honors by the country he gave his life defending.

For the Jewett family, the news was met with a combination of shock and relief, said Schoelerman, but there was also a great deal of sorrow for those who were no longer alive to hear it.

In the 59 years that had passed since 1950, Arthur Jewett was joined in death by his grandparents, parents and six of his brothers and sisters, including Keith, Iyonne and his twin brother Albert. Only his brother Louis and younger sisters Julie and Juanita remain.

"When we heard (that Arthur had been found) I was so shocked," Julie said. "I couldn't say anything. I just sat there and thought that the day is finally coming that we are going to bring him home, and there are only three of us left. All the rest are gone. It was bittersweet."

Though it is hard to ignore the feelings of sadness for those who couldn't see it, little sister Juanita Gable, only 8 years old when he died, is simply happy to have her brother home.

"It is just so amazing that this could happen," Gable said. "I think we are lucky that we have found our brother, and if this happened to us, it could happen to anyone who has someone still missing. This is a good thing."

As friends and loved ones crowd closely around them, Louis, Julie and Juanita look on quietly as the Military Funeral Honors team concludes their honorable ritual.

The rifle volley is fired, the haunting notes from the bugle are sounded, and the American flag is taken from the casket, folded crisply and presented to the family. Words of comfort are spoken by both priest and medicine man, and the casket is lowered to its final resting place, while traditional songs are sung to the beat of a tribal drum.

As the crowd begins to leave, and members of the family begin to respectfully cover the casket with earth, two UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the South Dakota Army National Guard fly slowly above their heads before disappearing over the horizon.

From the ranch where he was born and raised, to the freezing, mountainous battlefields of Korea where he gave his life, and back again 59 years later, Sgt. 1st Class Arthur F. Jewett has been on a long journey. Now, in his resting place on the banks of Jewett Creek, that journey has finally come to its end.



Members of the South Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors team fold an American flag during the burial ceremony for Sgt. 1st Class Arthur F. "Bluie" Jewett at St. Theresa Catholic cemetery near White Horse on Sept. 25.

'Going Home' sculpture honors fallen heroes

By **Spc. Charlie Jacobson**

129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

SIOUX FALLS - Sunny skies and a gentle autumn breeze greeted all those who attended the unveiling of the "Going Home" sculpture, Saturday, Nov. 7 at Veterans Memorial Park in Sioux Falls.

A somber crowd of more than 200 people gathered to be the first to witness the symbolic piece of artwork, which will forever honor those service members who have given the ultimate gift to our country - their lives.

"Going Home," created by artist Sondra L. Jonson, depicts an angel lifting a fallen Soldier to his final heavenly resting place from a foundation consisting of an American flag.

Jonson, a Philadelphia native, who now resides in Cambridge, Neb., found inspiration through Scripture in designing the piece.

"I wanted to bring comfort to families of fallen Soldiers and somehow say that death is not defeat - that life is eternal," Jonson said.

"It's a moving tribute to all service members, past and present," said Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Zimmerman, state command sergeant major for the South Dakota Army National Guard. "As the South Dakota National Guard continues to send Soldiers and Airmen overseas, it's an honor to have this kind of symbol in the state to remind us all of the sacrifices made by the people who wear the uniform, and the families who support them."

A downsized version of the patriotic piece was first on display in the Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk exhibit during the summer of 2007. This is where Jonson's hopes of providing comfort may have taken its deepest root - in the hearts of the Rolwing family of Sioux Falls.

On the evening of June 29, 2007, the Rolfings - Rex, his wife, Margie, and children T.J. and Tiffany - encountered "Going Home" after a family dinner in downtown Sioux Falls. The family took a particular interest in the piece as their son and brother, Staff Sgt. Robert Rolwing, was serving with a division of the Army's Special Forces in Iraq.

The next day, the Rolwing family realized a family's worst fears - Robert had been killed from small arms fire in Iraq. The Rolfings learned that he had lost his life at approximately the same moment they observed Jonson's "Going Home" exhibit.

Rex and Margie have since been the driving force behind the fund raising necessary to bring "Going Home" to Veterans Park. Rex addressed the public prior to the sculpture being unveiled.

"Today you will see the culmination of not only the love and respect for just one person, but one that honors and bestows love and respect on all those who were put in position to give the ultimate gift to their country," Rolwing said.

In a suspense-filled moment with American flags proudly dancing in the background, Jonson and the Rolwing family performed the honor of unveiling "Going Home" to the public.

"I hope this sculpture reminds you of whose arms they rest in now," Jonson said. "I hope when you see this sculpture you almost hear the same voice they heard saying, 'Well done my good and faithful servant. Now enter into the joy of your Father's house.'"

Sondra Jonson's "Going Home" sculpture unveiled Nov. 7, at Veterans Memorial Park in Sioux Falls. (Army photo by Spc. Charlie Jacobson)



Army Guard leaders key to maintaining ready and capable force, says acting director

Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter, acting director of the Army National Guard, addresses senior leaders and conferees Nov. 19 at the National Guard Bureau's Joint Senior Leadership Conference at the National Harbor outside Washington. (Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith, National Guard Bureau)

By Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith
National Guard Bureau

WASHINGTON - The quality and readiness of the Army Guard is in the hands of its senior leadership, the Army Guard's top officer told more than 2,000 officers and senior NCOs in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 19.

"Historically, the National Guard has always been responsible for manning the National Guard, and that has not changed," said Army Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter, acting director of the Army National Guard, who spoke at the National Guard's first ever Joint Senior Leadership Conference.

Pointing out the "absolutely tremendous" accomplishment of recruiters and retainers in meeting the Army Guard's end strength in 2009, Carpenter told those gathered that the component's level of readiness and quality of its ranks this year were the highest in its modern history.

"The readiness inside your formations, out there in hometown America, is better than it has ever been in terms of people we are bringing in and the people who are coming to drill," he said.

The Army Guard's end-strength goal for fiscal year 2010 is 358,200 Soldiers.

Carpenter told the audience that finding quality recruits in hometown America to maintain that end strength will become increasingly challenging.

Tying the future of the nation's youth with the future of the Guard, Carpenter called on leaders to continue their engagement in programs that mentor and assist the nation's growing percentages of troubled youth.

He pointed out the success of the Guard's community programs, including the Patriot Academy, Youth Challenge, About Face, Partners in Education and Forward March, as well as many other programs in the states and territories that support hometown America.

"We live in these towns, and if we don't [help] solve the problems [of this nation] we will also be the benefactors of what we have not taken care of," he said. "I applaud all of you for what you are doing."

Carpenter also said that one of the greatest success stories in his more than 42-year military career was the rebuilding of the NCO corps of the U.S. Army.

The NCO corps of the Army National Guard is a strategic asset to this nation, he said.

The Army and the reserves celebrated their enlisted forces in 2009, calling it the "Year of the NCO."

In the last 11 months, the Army Guard sponsored many events paying tribute to the competence, qualifications, experience and leadership that NCOs provide the Army Guard every day, he said.

"It has truly been a great year of the NCO," said Carpenter. He asked the audience to stand and applaud NCOs in all service components.

"Next week, we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time to count our blessings. I would hope that as you give thanks, one of the blessings you count is the modern day National Guard and Army National Guard. It's truly a treasure, and that treasure is the Soldiers, families, friends, communities and employers who are on-point for this state and nation," said Carpenter.

National Guard drug program receives recognition

Students from Knollwood Elementary School use their bodies to form the shape of a key while observing Red Ribbon Week on Oct. 16 in Rapid City. (Army photo by Staff Sgt. Lance Alan Schroeder)

By Sgt. 1st Class Kristi Palmer
109th Regional Support Group, UPAR



RAPID CITY - The South Dakota National Guard's (SDNG) Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program received recognition in October for their support of the Red Ribbon Week campaign in Rapid City.

The SDNG DDR program was recognized by the Rapid City Schools System for their support in helping to educate area schools in the dangers of alcohol and drugs; providing awareness and prevention classes.

Red Ribbon Week (RRW) is a nationally recognized event and is celebrated in memory of DEA agent "Kiki" Camarena who was killed in the line of duty. The Red Ribbon campaign also became a symbol of support for the DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs.

Pam Teaney Thomas from the Rapid City Schools System Adolescent Substance Abuse Coalition, presented the SDNG's DDR program with an award on Oct. 17 for their support of Red Ribbon Week activities.

"The South Dakota National Guard DDR program had been a major support in the area of drug and alcohol prevention among the adolescents in our community for more than 13 years," said Thomas. "Without their dedication, participation and leadership we would not have seen the success in reducing drug use among the youth."

By wearing a red ribbon during the last week of October, South Dakotans can demonstrate their opposition to drugs.

The SDNG DDR program provided support in the following areas during the 2009 Red Ribbon Week: Dinosaur Ribbon Tying, RRW Parade, Mayor's Rally at Halley Park, Showcase Day judging, billboard and PSA contest judging event.

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS:

The RRW began with the unique event of tying a large red ribbon on the dinosaur that sits above Rapid City. Students from area schools signed a red ribbon to pledge to be drug free. Members from each school then gathered together at Dinosaur Park to tie all the individual school ribbons into one large ribbon. This was placed around the dinosaur's neck. The ribbon serves as a visual reminder to the community of the youth's commitment to be drug free.



Pam Teaney Thomas (left) and Linda Colhoff-Glover present an award to Sgt. 1st Class Kristi Palmer of the South Dakota National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction program, for their support of Red Ribbon Week at the Red Ribbon Week parade luncheon on Oct. 17 at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology campus. (Army photo Sgt. 1st Class Kristi Palmer)

The Mayor's Rally at Halley Park was an attempt to paint the town red, to show the community the commitment youth have for being drug free. Students gathered at this centrally located and highly visible park, tied red ribbons around trees and hung banners throughout the area. The Rapid City mayor then signed the official proclamation, to declare Red Ribbon Week.

The RRW Decoration Day contest commenced when students decorated their schools inside and out, to include: hallways, doors, lockers, common areas, rest rooms, bulletin boards, cafeterias and the exterior of the school. Community members formed teams to travel to the schools to judge their Red Ribbon spirit.

The RRW Flyover was the most popular and widely known RRW activity throughout the state. Forty-two schools from western South Dakota participated in the flyover by forming their bodies in a sea of red. A SDNG Counterdrug OH-58 helicopter flew over these schools and a photograph was taken of their design. Photos were then placed in a template and later presented at a school assembly.

The culminating event was the RRW parade with 900 participants and a large gathering of people lining the streets of Rapid City. Schools and businesses had the opportunity to show their RRW pride to the community. Awards were presented to parade entries in categories of most creative, reddest entry, most participants and the best 'Ask Me...See Me...' drug free message. A luncheon followed the parade supporting 1,000 community members.

Volunteers prepare packages with care for SD Guard members

Story and photos by Capt. Anthony Deiss
Deputy Public Affairs Officer

RAPID CITY – South Dakota Army National Guard members serving overseas received some care from home, after a volunteer organization packaged up some mementos in appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, or RSVP, assembled more than 370 care packages on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at the Range Road Armory in Rapid City that were sent to members of the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, as part of the program's Make a Difference Day project.

About 40 boxes of packages were sent containing everything from edibles to drink mixes to games and magazines. Program volunteers also added a little something special to each package.

"The good thing about these packages is, every person selected an individual, so they created a package specifically for that person, wrote thank you cards for them, prayed over them, sent their best wishes," said Angie Weeks, director for the RSVP. "It's just really inspiring."

According to Weeks, the program asked for volunteers and donations from around the community and the response was incredible.

"We just can't believe the kind of support we've received from these volunteers, businesses and other organizations," added Weeks.

The Watertown, Aberdeen, Mitchell and Yankton based unit has been serving in Kuwait since July in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and received the packages just before the Thanksgiving holiday, making the gifts all the more meaningful.

"Number one, it's from home, that's the most important thing. Number two, it's put together by people they know really support them," said Lt. Col. Timothy Moran from the SDNG's Family Readiness office. "It is such a huge morale booster, I can't put it into words. It is really neat, that's all I can say."



Staff Sgt. Michael Huitema (front), Sgt. 1st Class Eric Jennings and Officer Candidate Douglas Johnson from the 109th Regional Support Group, South Dakota Army National Guard, help to load more than 40 boxes of care packages at the Range Road Armory in Rapid City, on Thursday, Oct. 8 to be sent to their fellow Guard members overseas from the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery. The care packages were put together by members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and donated by area organizations and businesses.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council members Mark Kline (right) and Janelle Finck tape up boxes containing care packages for South Dakota Army National Guard members from the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, at the Range Road Armory in Rapid City, on Thursday, Oct. 8.



SD GUARD MEMBERS MEET THE "TEST"

During the past year-and-a-half, South Dakota National Guard members have taken more than 230 DANTES exams resulting in the awards of nearly 650 college credits. This has resulted in a calculated savings of more than \$162,000 in tuition fees. Two outstanding performers each tested out of a complete semester in about two month's time. With good study guides and great study habits they scored 12 credits each on a series of DANTES exams.

While waiting on test results can be a nail biting experience, the knowledge that you have done all you can to prepare often boosts the confidence level. Practice tests are powerful tools to improve scores for academic tests and exams.

"I get really nervous when I take tests," says a recent user of Peterson's test preparation resources on the Department of Defense MWR Libraries Education Lifelong Learning Resource Center web site. "I think that having a practice test online helps a lot; it gets you out of the freeze zone."

This sentiment describes the anxiety most people feel as they think about taking a standardized test. The feedback from this user also illustrates one of the main benefits of online practice tests. Whether it's a college entrance exam, like the SAT or ACT, or a DSST or CLEP test, knowing what to expect on the real test is the first step to overcoming test-taking anxiety. There are numerous practice tests on the DOD MWR site - 106 online practice tests and 17 paper printable practice tests

The practice tests are proven to help people get into their comfort zone and improve their test scores.

Here are five ways people can take advantage of the power of practice tests:

Learn the test's format

In order to ensure success, it's critical to get familiar with the format of the test you are planning to take. The practice tests are designed to be just like the real tests, so you learn exactly what types of questions you will be asked to answer.

Practice your pacing

You'll have a set amount of time to answer a group of questions on any given test, so you need to develop the habit of not spending too much time on any particular question. The practice tests help you do this by simulating the real test-taking experience with timed sections for every test.

Develop a study plan

You'll get the most out of a practice test if you use the results to develop a study plan. The practice test provides detailed explanations for each question, so as you review your test results, you'll find out where your strengths are and identify areas where you need to improve.



Calm your nerves

Practice tests will help you get to your comfort zone. On test day you'll know the types of questions that are asked, the subject matter the questions cover, and the amount of time you have to spend on questions.

Practice makes perfect

The more you rehearse, the better your test scores will be. Use the multiple practice tests provided to see your progress from one test to another. Learn from the answer explanations as much as possible and you will see your confidence soar which will translate into better test scores.

For more information about practice tests and online courses available at no cost to military personnel, visit www.militaryonesource.com (> tools > career and education > libraries > dod/mwr libraries) or www.myarmyonesource.com

For more information contact Lt. Col. Charles Blasdel at 605.737.6729.

SDNG Youth Council

By Candice Tvinnereim
Youth Coordinator

The South Dakota National Guard Youth Council was established in 2005 and comprises 10 members dispersed throughout the state of South Dakota. The members of the Youth Council are extremely driven and talented young adults from the ages of 13 – 18. They were brought together to work closely with the South Dakota National Guard State Youth Coordinator in developing partnerships and curriculum for implementation during all National Guard events to include youth.

The Current Youth Council members are: Casey Callies – President, Adair Chase – Vice President, Jeff Nelson – Spokesperson, Danielle Griese – Secretary, Elizabeth Foy – Research and Advertising Manager, Brittini Kirkpatrick – Photographer, Michael Rensch, Maggie Lambert, Amber Couser, and Austin Chase. These 10 members go through training throughout the year to gain teambuilding skills, leadership and character skills, mentoring and relationship skills and much more. The Youth Council members are also key components on all DCS Family Day Events as well as our National Guard Youth Leadership and Teen Camps. In addition to the responsibilities listed above, the Youth Council members assist the Family Readiness staff, commanders, and Lead Volunteers in all areas of the Family Readiness Program upon request.

Each Youth Council member's term ends upon graduation from high school. Throughout their term there are a few guidelines that all members must meet. They must be 13 years of age, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 to remain active, and uphold our zero tolerance policy of drugs and/or alcohol use throughout their term. These young adults must also commit to attend 50% of the meetings and conference calls held throughout the year, as well as be present at required training such as; drug and alcohol awareness, personality awareness and assessment, teen bullying, and Character Counts, to name a few.

A few of the upcoming events that the South Dakota National Guard Youth Council members will be involved in are the State Volunteer Conference and Youth Symposium 13 -14 March in Chamberlain, the 2010 Youth Leadership Camp 21 – 25 June at Cedar Canyon Wesleyan Camp in Rapid City and the 2010 Teen Camp 19 – 23 July at the RTI in Sioux Falls.

In close, the South Dakota National Guard Youth Council works hard to provide a networking system and maintain a strong connection for all South Dakota's military children and teens. They are the heart of the National Guard Youth Family, and it is my privilege to work with these young adults. I look forward to their continued excellence in providing support to the South Dakota National Guard, for they are our future and the hope for tomorrow.



NOMINATE YOUR EMPLOYER FOR THE FREEDOM AWARD



Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, announced the opening of the nomination season for the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

National Guard and Reserve members and their families are eligible and encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of military employees above the federal law requirements. Nominations will be accepted at www.FreedomAward.mil until January 18, 2010.

The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government to employers for their outstanding support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

The 2010 recipients will be announced in the spring and honored in Washington, D.C. at the 15th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony on September 23, 2010.

Recipients of the 2009 Freedom Award met privately with President Barack Obama and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates.

For information regarding the Freedom Award nomination process, visit www.FreedomAward.mil or contact Capt. Lona Christensen, SD ESGR Executive Director at 605-737-6540.



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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

LTC ALHOLINNA, NATHAN _____ 175TH FS
 MSGT ANTONSON, BRADLEY _____ 114TH LRS
 CPT CHRISTENSEN, LONA _____ 129TH MPAD
 SGT CLEMENS, CHAD _____ DET I, CO A, 139TH BSB
 MSGT HALVERSON, GEORGE _____ 114TH LRS
 SFC HANSON, PAUL _____ HHD, 139TH BSB
 SFC HINKER, TIMOTHY _____ 82ND CST
 CPT JOLLEY, NATHAN _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 CMSGT LARSEN, RUSSELL _____ 114TH MS
 ISG MURPHY, PHILLIP _____ CO D, 1/189TH AV BN
 CPT NILSON, KERRY _____ C BTRY, 1/147TH FA
 CPT POLZEN, STEVE _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SMSGT ROEMEN, DEAN _____ 114TH CES
 MAJ STORMS, CHRISTOPHER _____ 730TH ASMC
 CPT TEMPLETON, LEEJAY _____ HQ, 196TH RTI
 CW2 TORRES, JOSEPH _____ HHD, 139TH BSB
 TSGT WITTE, MICHAEL _____ 114TH MS
 SMSGT ZITTERICH, JULIE _____ 114TH MSG



ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

CPT ABRAHAM, HEATH _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SFC BEGLEY, CORY _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 SSG BORAH, ERIC _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 CPT BREKKE, RYAN _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 1LT CODY, CORY _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 SFC DELOY, TED _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 CPT ENGELMANN, KERRY _____ JFHQ
 WO1 FLEMING, JAMES _____ 109TH RSG
 SPC GROVER, ETHAN _____ 155TH EN CO
 CPT HUXFORD, KEVEN _____ 155TH EN CO
 SSG JOHNSON, DOUGLAS _____ 109TH RSG
 SPC MACARTHUR, KARLA _____ REC & RET BN
 SSG MAHONEY, MARK _____ 109TH RSG
 SSG SPAANS, JAY _____ DET 2, 155TH EN CO
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 SGT WALRAVEN, DANA _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 SFC WEISS, DEAN _____ JFHQ
 CW2 WHITE, WILLIAM _____ DET I, FSC, 153RD EN CO



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 SSGT LEECH, MICHAEL _____ 114TH MS
 MSGT RUESCH, DANIEL _____ 114TH CF
 TSGT SCHADE, STEVEN _____ 114TH LRS



ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

SGT AANNING, BJARNE _____ 730TH ASMC
 CPT ALLMENDINGER, BRIAN _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SFC ANDERSON, WILLIAM _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 SGT BLOOM, DANIEL _____ 147TH FSC
 SPC BRENDEL, ASHLEY _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SGT BROWN, PATRICK _____ C BTRY, 1/147TH FA
 SFC BUSCHENFELD, MARK _____ A BTRY, 1/147TH FA
 2LT BYRUM, CODY _____ 740TH TRANS CO
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 SSG DEGEN, THOMAS _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SGT DUFEK, JEFFERY _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SSG ERICKSON, DELANE _____ 881ST TC
 SGT GRIEVE, TREVOR _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 SSG HAAS, ADAM _____ B BTRY, 1/147TH FA
 MAJ HARDER, MARK _____ 109TH RSG
 SGT JACKSON, ROBERT _____ 109TH RSG

SSG KLENTZ, MEGAN _____ MED CMD
 SFC KOEPE, JEFF _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 SFC LAMP, BENJAMIN _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 SFC MURTHA, DAVID _____ 881ST TC
 SGT MYERS, MARTY _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 MAJ NORRIS, JEFFREY _____ 109TH RSG
 SGT OSWALD, CHASITY _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 CPT PAULSEN, THOMAS _____ JFHQ
 SPC REISCH, MICHAEL _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SFC ROBISON, HELEN _____ MED CMD
 SSG SCHREIBER, JOHN _____ 881ST TC
 SGT SCHROEDER, LANCE _____ 129TH MPAD
 SFC SCHMITZ, CHADWICK _____ 152ND CSSB
 SGT SIHRER, CHRISTINA _____ 881ST TC
 MSG SLABA, ROBERT _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC SLUNECKA, MATTHEW _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC SDORELL, KELLI _____ 109TH RSG
 SGT TAYLOR, CASEY _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SGT THOMPSON, ROBERT _____ 147TH FSC
 SGT VANHOORN, RONALD JR. _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 SGT VOIGHT, BRIAN _____ HHS, 1/147TH FA
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 SPC WERMERS, MICHAEL _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC WHALEY, RACHEL _____ 152ND CSSB
 CPT WIKA, CHAD _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 CPT WILCOX, THOMAS _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SGT WILKINSON, SHANE _____ HHS, 1/147TH FA
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 CDT WOODMAN, EMILY _____ HSC, 153RD
 SSG YOUNG, ROBERT _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO



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SSGT JACOBS, MICHAEL _____ 114TH AMS
 SRA LINDSAY, DANIEL _____ 114TH MS
 SSGT NIEDERT, KRISTINA _____ 175TH FS
 TSGT OLSON, SCOTT _____ 114TH LRS
 TSGT PHILLIPS, KATHRYN _____ 114TH LRS
 SSGT PORTICE, CHRISTOPHER _____ 114TH AMS
 TSGT THREADGOLD, ERIC _____ 114TH LRS
 TSGT ZICKRICK, KEVIN _____ 114TH OSF



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SFC BERGER, BRIAN _____ 152ND CSSB
 SFC CHRISTIE, CALVIN _____ 152ND CSSB
 WO1 TROCHKINDINEN, SANDI _____ JFHQ



ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

SFC GROSS, KURT _____ 935TH AV
 SFC MAAS, DAVID _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 SFC ORTIZ, KRISTI _____ 196TH RTI



SOUTH DAKOTA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

SGT BAKER, ALLAN _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC BAUER, JUSTIN _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SGT BAUMAN, DONALD II. _____ DET I, 1742ND TRANS CO
 SPC BECK, STEVEN _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC BERGER, KAREN _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 1LT BIERLE, MICHAEL _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC BISBEE, JON _____ 152ND CSSB
 SGT BLANKENBILLER, GEORGE _____ 109TH RSG
 SPC BRANICH, KENNETH _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 SPC BULTSMA, JARROD _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 MAJ CARLIN, JOSEPH _____ 109TH RSG
 SSG COLE, ROBERT _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 PFC COLLINS, MICHAEL _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC COOK, ROGER _____ DET I, 1742ND TRANS CO
 CPT DARLOW, GREG _____ 109TH RSG
 SPC DEMPSEY, SHAUN _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)

PFC DENISON, TRAVIS _____ DET I, 1742ND TRANS CO
 SGT DREWS, SCOTT _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC DVORAK, JAMES _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC ENGLE, REED _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SSG ERNSTER, MATTHEW _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC ESTLING, TRAVIS _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 SPC FAWCETT, JEREMIAH _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 CPT FLINT, ROBIN _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 SGT FRANCISCO, MARK _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SSG FREIDEL, DARREN _____ 109TH RSG
 SPC GRABER, LINDSEY _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 SSG HAHNE, JACK _____ 1978TH CCT
 SPC HALLER, JESSE _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC HANSON, JD _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SSG HEINERT, JOHN _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 SPC HENDRICKSON, JONAS _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC HITTLE, JOHN _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 PFC HODNE, BLAKE _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SSG HOSS, FRANK _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SPC HOWARD, MATTHEW _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC HULBERT, SHAWN _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 SGT JENSEN, ERIC _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SGT JENSEN, LEVI _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SSG JOHNSON, RUSTIN _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SSG JOHNSTON, CHRIS _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC JONES, BRUCE _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC JUNGBEMANN, JEREMY _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC KLEINSCHMIDT, MATTHEW _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC KUHARSKI, SHAUN _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SGT LAABS, BEN _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC LANZ, BRIAN _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC LARSON, DANIEL _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SGT LARSON, JOSEPH _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 1LT LONG, CHRISTOPHER _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SSG LUDWIG, JOHN _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SPC LYNCH, CAMERON _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC MARTIN, MICHAEL _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 SPC MASTERS, APRIL _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC MCCORMICK, THOMAS _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SPC MCKINNEY, CHRIS _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC MEAD, ROGER _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC MOHR, MICHAEL _____ DET I, 1742ND TRANS CO
 PFC MURTHA, THOMAS _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC MURTHA, WILLIAM _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 PFC MUSHITZ, ELLISON _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 SGT PETERSON, CORBIN _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 SGT PETRIK, BEN _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC REISCH, TIMOTHY _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC REISCH, TREVOR _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 PFC ROSE, KAHLAB _____ DET I, 1742ND TRANS CO
 1LT ROSELLES, MICHAEL _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC SCHAEFER, KATHERINA _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 SPC SCHALLER, RYAN _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC SCHINDLER, COLIN _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SGT SIRVAS, CHRISTOPHER _____ DET I, 740TH TRANS CO
 SGT SPILDE, MATTHEW _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 SPC STERUD, AARON _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC SUDBECK, WESLEY _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC SWAN, DUSTIN _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC THASING, ABRAHAM _____ DET I, 1742ND TRANS CO
 SPC THIELE, PAUL _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 SPC TSCHUMPER, TRAVIS _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SPC VANHECKE, TYLER _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SSG WALLIN, NEIL _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 PV2 WALTERS, MATTHEW _____ CO D, 1/189TH AV BN
 PFC WEAVER, ALYSSA _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 SPC WEBER, LEE _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 PFC WOLLES, TYLER _____ 1742ND TRANS CO
 SGT WRIGHT, JUSTIN _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SGT ZERFAS, AMY _____ HSC, 153RD EN BN
 SPC ZIRPEL, TYLER _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN

PROMOTIONS

COLONEL

BURRIS, LARRY _____ 114TH MDG
 CROYMANS, THOMAS _____ 109TH RSG
 KUMAR, ASHOK _____ MED CMD
 MAX, DAVID _____ JFHQ
 PASQUALUCCI, ROBERT _____ JFHQ
 RESEL, PAUL _____ HQ, SGANG
 MEYERS, MICHAEL _____ 114TH DG
 WEBSTER, JAMES, JR. _____ JFHQ

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

BOGENHAGEN, DOUGLAS _____ JFHQ
 HARRINGTON, PATRICK _____ 175TH FS
 JACOBSON, BRYAN _____ JFHQ
 JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER _____ 175TH FS
 MCCARTY, DONALD _____ JFHQ
 WIESNER, MARK _____ HHC, 196TH MEB

MAJOR

BREKKE, RYAN _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 KODISTRA, STACY _____ 114TH FW
 MURPHY, JON _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 NELSON, THOMAS, JR. _____ JFHQ
 THOMPSON, MURRAY _____ 114TH MDG

CAPTAIN

CLEVERINGA, ERIC _____ 175TH FS
 DODDSEN, JEREMY _____ 175TH FS
 FORBES, JAMES _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 FREIDEL, CONNIE _____ MED CMD
 KETCHAM, DAREN _____ 152ND CSSB
 KETCHAM, SALLIE _____ HQ, SDANG
 LUKKES, NATHAN _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 MITCHELL, CATHERINE _____ 730TH ASMC
 SIEMONSMA, ANTHONY _____ 114TH FSS
 SMIT, SCOTT _____ 114TH OSF
 TIDEMANN, LISA _____ 114TH LRS
 WILCOX, THOMAS _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN

FIRST LIEUTENANT

BLOOMGREN, JARED _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 GROTHORN, JERRY _____ 114TH STUF
 LOCKWOOD, LANCE _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 MARTIN, ROY _____ 114TH STUF
 MEYER, DAVID _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 OLSON, JONATHAN _____ 114TH OSF
 SPANN, CODY _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)

SECOND LIEUTENANT

CHAPMAN, PAUL _____ 129TH MPAD
 MORRIS, ARTHUR _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 PEDERSEN, ROSS _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 POORE, BRENDAN _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 WARKENTHIEN, MICHAEL _____ HHC, 196TH MEB

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (1-5)

CW4 AKERS, WANDA _____ JFHQ
 CW4 ALAN, CARSTIN _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 CW3 HALL, HALSEY _____ JFHQ
 CW3 SCHNEIDER, JOHN _____ DET 3, CO A, 641ST AVN
 CW2 ADEL, BRIAN _____ JFHQ
 CW2 HILES, PATRICK _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 CW2 MULDER, MATTHEW _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 CW2 SPAANS, MATTHEW _____ DET 2, CO A, 1/112TH

WOI BORAH, ERIC _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 WOI EIMERS, KIMBERLY _____ JFHQ
 WOI HOEY, TERRY _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 WOI KEHN, MARK _____ FSC, 153RD EN BN
 WOI LEIN, WADE _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 WOI NOBLE, MATTHEW _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 WOI PODZIMEK, THOMAS _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 WOI SAMPSON, ERIC _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 WOI TROHKIMOINEN, SANDI _____ JFHQ
 WOI VOGT, TYLER _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 WOI WILSON, SCOTT _____ JFHQ

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR/SERGEANT MAJOR (E-9)

CMSGT DEHAAI, JIMMY _____ 114TH OSF
 SGM KOSTAL, SCOTT _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 CMSGT WEBER, DANIEL _____ 114TH OSF

FIRST SERGEANT (E-8)

URBAN, KORY _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN

MASTER SERGEANT (E-8)

DEVRIES, GARY _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 MALLON, JASON _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 MONTILEAUX, AUDREY _____ 109TH RSG
 ROSENKRANZ, SCOTT _____ JFHQ
 SLATER, JAY _____ 109TH RSG

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT (E-8)

DEYONG, JEFFREY _____ 114TH CES
 JONES, MYRNA _____ 114TH CES
 RIDNS, MARCELLA _____ 114TH LRS

SERGEANT 1ST CLASS (E-7)

BAUMANN, JOSEPH _____ 82ND CST
 DEJONG, MICHAEL _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 KARN, JOHN _____ MED CMD
 KROGMAN, BRYAN _____ 152ND CSSB
 MACIECH, STEFAN _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 MAUSBACH, PAUL _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 RICHMOND, JASON _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 SERBDOUSEK, DAVID _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 SPEAR, TROY _____ 82ND CST
 WILLIAMS, JOSEPH _____ HHC, 196TH MEB

MASTER SERGEANT (E-7)

BERTRAND, MICHAEL _____ 114TH MXS
 DOHN, DAVID _____ 114TH FSS
 GANTER, DENNIS _____ 114TH AMXS
 GREER, SHAWN _____ 114TH MDG
 LUETH, MARK _____ 114TH MXS
 MARINO, PATRICK _____ 114TH SFS
 NOTT, BRIAN _____ 114TH AMXS
 SCHELKSKE, DARREN _____ 114TH MXS
 SCHROEDER, BRETT _____ 114TH MXS
 TOMSHACK, KEVIN _____ 114TH SFS
 WINTER, KEVIN _____ 114TH MXS

STAFF SERGEANT (E-6)

ALLEN, STEVEN _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 BRAATEN, SARA _____ MED CMD
 BRYANT, KEITH III _____ 82ND CST
 CARLSON, JAMES _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 DAVIS, NATHANIEL _____ 152ND CSSB
 GLOE, JESSE _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 LERE, CARL _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 MAGEE, DOUGLAS _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 MARR, AMANDA _____ 152ND CSSB

OLIVIER, SHANE _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 POLREIS, NICOLE _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 REPELLE, MICHAEL _____ MED CMD
 SAMPSON, JERAD _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 SANDNESS, CLINT _____ MED CMD
 SCHMIDT, ROBERT _____ HHC, 196TH MEB
 SCHROEDER, LANCE _____ 129TH MPAD
 SHEFNER, GREGG _____ DET 1, 1742ND TRANS CO
 SPENCER, WESLEY _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 TESCH, CHAD _____ 152ND CSSB
 WEBSTER, ANDREW _____ 147TH ARMY BAND
 WHITFORD, CRAIG _____ HHC, 196TH MEB

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

HOFF, JENNA _____ 114TH FW
 HOOGENDOORN, ERIC _____ 114TH CES
 KRUGER, LANCE _____ 114TH LRS
 NIEDERT, KRISTINA _____ 114TH FSS
 SAZAMA, GEORGE _____ 114TH CES
 SEMRAU, NATHAN _____ 114TH AMXS
 SNYDER, JASON _____ 114TH LRS
 SUSIE, TYLER _____ 114TH OSF
 VOGT, SONDRRA _____ 114TH FSS

SERGEANT (E-5)

BERGMAN, KEVIN _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 BISBEE, JON _____ 152ND CSSB
 BURGER, MARK _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 CLARKE, KEVIN _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 DARRACH, NATHAN _____ JFHQ
 DAUWEN, ADAM _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 DUCHENEAUX, KC _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 EARL, ANNA _____ 842ND EN CO (HORZ)
 ENGLE, JOEL _____ 740TH TRANS CO
 FETERL, JAMESON _____ 1742ND TRANS CO
 FUERST, TODD _____ 200TH EN CO (MRBC)
 GRIM, KYLE _____ DET 1, 740TH TRANS CO
 GROENEWOLD, KYLE _____ 730TH
 KOLBECK, JUSTIN _____ 155TH EN CO (VERT)
 LEE, ROBERT _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 LINDHOLM, JEREMY _____ 211TH EN CO (SAPPER)
 LOWMANCRAIG, DARCY _____ 730TH
 MARK, STEPHANIE _____ MED CMD
 MEHRER, KATHERINE _____ DET 1, 740TH TRANS CO
 REINDL, MATTHEW _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 RICHARDSON, RILEY _____ CO C, 1/189TH AV BN
 SCHIELKE, SAMUEL _____ 935TH
 TAYLOR, CASEY _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 WEIDEMAN, CURTIS _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN
 ZERFAS, AMY _____ HHC, 153RD EN BN

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

DECURTINS, AARON _____ 114TH MXS
 DETERS, JENNIFER _____ 114TH CF
 GUENTHER, ERIC _____ 114TH CF
 KIRCHBERG, KEVIN _____ 114TH MXS
 JORGENSEN, ZACHARY _____ 114TH CES
 HELTZEL, EMMY _____ 114TH CES
 JACKSON, QUENTIN _____ 114TH CES
 LAMBERT, KELSEY _____ 114TH LRS
 LANG, TYSON _____ 114TH CES
 LINDSAY, DANIEL _____ 114TH MXS
 MITCHEL, CARL _____ 114TH MXS
 NIMICK, RYAN _____ 114TH MDG
 REID, LINDSEY _____ 114TH MXS
 SLIETHER, JOSHUA _____ 114TH FSS
 SMEENK, TRISHA _____ 114TH OSF
 VANHILL, BRIAN _____ 114TH LRS
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