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SDNG Soldier promoted to chief warrant officer five

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Robert Bucholz, a member of the 88th Troop Command, South Dakota Army National Guard, was promoted to the rank of chief warrant officer five on Saturday, June 2, at the National Guard Armory in Brookings.

Attending the promotion ceremony were his parents, who had never seen him in his uniform despite serving 40 years of military service. He will retire on Dec. 30, 2007.

Bucholz is currently the site supervisor for the Security Consultants Group Inc., a company that holds security contracts through the Federal Protective Service. He served 22 years in the S.D. Highway Patrol and five years as the chief of police in Sisseton.

He joined the South Dakota Army National Guard on Aug. 2, 1967, in Deadwood, S.D. and attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. After Basic Training, he was transferred to the dump truck company in Lead, S.D., and after his first six years he transferred to the 109th Engineer Group in Rapid City.

While serving in the 109th Engineer Group he was promoted to dining facility sergeant and in 1980 was promoted to warrant officer in the 109th and served as its food service technician.

After being transferred in his civilian position as a patrolman in Sisseton, he transferred to Brookings' 139th Transportation Battalion in 1986. He went on to serve five years as the repair parts technician in the 665th Maintenance Company in Mitchell and the past 12 years as the supply technician for the 88th Troop Command.

He currently serves in the Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City.