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Hillerson: North Dakota Army National Guard Soldier Sgt. Blake Hillerson competes in the 20-kilometer race at the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships at Ethan Allen Firing Range in Jericho, Vt., March 4. In what he called "the race of my life," Hillerson skied and shot his way to a silver-medal finish in less than an hour (Courtesy Photo).

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A Call to Service — Both Then and Now

As I prepare to enter retirement, I'd like to reflect upon where I have been and how I got to where I am today during my long, interesting and fulfilling life journey. Hopefully, this will assist you in achieving success and meeting your career goals.

In 1971, at the age of 18, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Vietnam and Thailand for two years before returning home to Minot, N.D. By the end of my four-year enlistment, I was ready to leave the military. The Veterans of that era were welcomed home by anti-war protesters and those who harassed and criticized us for serving our country. Thankfully, we have learned from our mistakes and today's military men and women return to cheering crowds, bands and flying flags with appreciation for a job well done. If anyone had told me back in 1974 that I would make the military a career, I would have told them they were crazy. Yet 35 years later, here I am and I couldn't be in better company.

Achieving success begins by developing good leadership skills. Decisions are a fact of life and the right decision isn't always the most popular. But, "if you do the right thing, you can't go wrong."

Those in uniform have made a conscious decision to serve; and for that I applaud and thank you. Military service opens many doors and we must be receptive to the opportunities it presents. I encourage you to push your boundaries and branch out into the uncomfortable unknown. Don't be afraid to take risks and learn from your mistakes. Above all, resist the temptation to become so focused on seeking a particular job assignment that you miss out on other opportunities. The key to success is the realization that the job you have today is the most important one you'll ever have. Embrace it with zeal and enthusiasm, and when the next job comes around do the same, because you never know what awaits you around the next corner.

Communication is crucial to the success of all organizations and individual leaders.

The ability to speak publicly is often necessary for Airmen and Soldiers regardless of rank. Develop this skill early by seeking opportunities to speak in front of groups. The best advice I can give is to be yourself, speak from the heart and be honest. This is how you will inspire others.

Just as public speaking is a critical leadership skill, so is technical expertise and proficiency. Take training seriously and ensure that you carve out the time that is necessary to stay up-to-date on the latest tactics, techniques and procedures. This is a technical, complex business we are in and the cost of failure is measured not in dollars but in lives.

Mentorship is no different, and we are never too young to do it or too old to learn from it. Great mentoring doesn't always have to do with work and it isn't always pleasant. Good mentors are candid in their suggestions, both positive and negative. I also encourage each of you to seek out constructive feedback — even if it stings a bit — because that is how you learn and grow. Likewise, be open, honest and objective when others seek your opinion. Ensure that the advice you give is constructive and candid.

Teamwork, teamwork, teamwork! I know you probably think you hear that word too often, but teamwork is what enables our organization to do amazing things. There is no place for individuals who place their own interests above the needs of the organization. Back up your fellow Airmen and Soldiers and recognize that every individual plays a vital role in the success of your team's missions. Don't waste the opportunity to observe your boss and your organization's leaders. Take note of the traits you find effective and incorporate the best into your set of skills. Take pride in your work, whatever your job may be, and raise the bar by setting a positive example.

It is a leader's responsibility to lead, manage, provide resources and maintain and establish new traditions. They are the ones who identify and fix problems and they must do this without fanfare. Lead-



Command Chief Master Sgt. Brad Childs

119th Wing Command Chief
North Dakota National Guard

ers must make the right things happen while ensuring that our most valuable asset — people — are properly cared for. Never lead by using fear tactics and intimidation. This will produce inefficient, insecure and negative personnel. Instead, help your subordinates develop the tools to become better and more efficient. Do not look for things that are wrong only to make yourself look good, and never watch from the sidelines because you never took the time to learn what you need to know. Lastly, never place personal gain over mission success. Rather, make good decisions that support and develop the leaders of tomorrow.

There simply hasn't been a better time to be in the National Guard. You are the most combat-ready and combat-tested National Guard in our history. You are Airmen and Soldiers making a difference and saving lives every day. Regardless of whether you serve six years or 40 years, the experience will forever change you and America will always be grateful. So get out there, keep doing the incredible things you do every day and continue to lead by example. And while you are at it, don't forget to thank your Family for their support.

It has been my honor and privilege to wear the uniform that represents the military of the United States of America and to serve alongside our great Citizen-Airmen and Citizen-Soldiers. I am confident that history will regard you as some of the greatest warriors of all time. Thank you for all the help, encouragement, mentoring and cooperation I have received over the past several years, and I wish each of you continuing success in your life's journey.

Thank you and God bless,

Bradley W. Childs

Command Chief Master Sgt. Brad Childs

Military Service Center Opens

A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony in Bismarck Feb. 27 marked the opening of the new Military Service Center — an inclusive location for a vast array of services to Veterans of any era or military branch, current military members and their Families. Governor Hoeven, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota National Guard adjutant general, community leaders, representatives from various Veterans groups, as well as members of the North Dakota Patriot Guard and Christian Motorcycle Association were on hand for the ceremony.

The North Dakota National Guard has taken the lead on the project, but like centers of the past, draws no boundary for who they will serve. The U.S. military operates in a joint service environment, and the North Dakota National Guard believes services for military members, Veterans and their Families should be the same — all encompassing without regard to branch of service.

“We established Family Assistance Centers across the state years ago, and this Military Service Center builds on that concept by incorporating even more resources into a single location,” said Maj. Gen. Sprynczynatyk. “Taking care of Soldiers and Airmen is my No. 1 priority, so the benefits provided by this center are keeping with our commitment to military members and their Families. As far as we know, this is the first major endeavor of this nature in the National Guard and we are proud to take the lead on bringing together all of these personnel and resources to benefit not only those serving with us in the Guard, but those from any branch, whether they’re currently serving or have served in the past.”

The center, which is located at 1850 E. Bismarck Expressway, in Bismarck, houses 19 employees, including social workers, chaplains and professional advisers and assistants. It also is the new home to the Family Assistance Center and North Dakota National Guard Family Program Office.

The Military Service Center will be open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and staff can be reached by calling



Bill Prokopyk

N.D. Gov. Hoeven and Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. National Guard adjutant general, cut the ceremonial red ribbon officially opening the Military Service Center in Bismarck on Feb. 27, 2009. The Military Service Center’s mission is to serve uniform members of all branches of service, Veterans and their Families.

800-242-4940 or 701-333-4800.

142nd Cased as 141st MEB Begins

A May 2 event will ceremoniously usher out a unit of the past while embracing the elements of a new National Guard unit in the state. A Casing of the Colors ceremony for the 142nd Engineer Battalion will take place at 2 p.m. that day in the Fargo Armed Forces Reserve Center, 3920 31st St. N.W. In conjunction, the new colors and insignia of the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) will be installed. A social will follow that evening.

The 142nd was organized on Oct. 1, 1985, with its headquarters in Fargo. The battalion deployed 647 Soldiers to Iraq, from January 2003 until March 2004. Anyone who has served in the unit since it began more than 20

years ago is invited to attend the Casing.

With its headquarters in Fargo, the 141st Brigade launches the North Dakota National Guard into the new era of modular organizational structure. The new unit’s colors will be placed during the ceremony, and Soldiers will officially don the new

shoulder sleeve patch and distinctive unit insignias.

GWOT Memorial to be Built

A Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Fallen Heroes Memorial will be built through a partnership with the Bismarck City Commission and the N.D. National Guard. The memorial will act as a timely recognition of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001.

Commissioners are hoping to raise about \$50,000 for the construction of a small memorial plaza that would be built on an area directly south, or in front of, the front gate at Fraine Barracks, Bismarck. The memorial will offer a location for Families and friends to reflect on the sacrifices of local heroes. It will include plaques inscribed with all the names of the North Dakota fallen from all branches of service — active duty, reserve and members of the N.D. National Guard.

Maj. Gen. David A. Sprynczynatyk, N.D. National Guard adjutant general, is proposing a groundbreaking date for Sept. 11, 2009.

“This memorial is an appropriate way for our entire military family to honor our heroes and remember their great sacrifices in the name of freedom,” said Sprynczynatyk. “Their commitment and service to our nation will be preserved by this tribute. They will not be forgotten.”

Funds for the GWOT Fallen Heroes



Hillerson Takes 2nd at National Biathlon Competition

A North Dakota Soldier scored big at the Chief of the National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championships. Sgt. Blake Hillerson, of Fargo, earned a silver medal in what he called, "the race of my life!" He battled 53 competitors to ski into second place in the 20-kilometer race with a time of 59 minutes, 48 seconds.

It was Hillerson's best race ever. Sgt. Jesse Downs, a member of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program, who serves with the Vermont Army National Guard, won the race.

"I went out conservatively and got the first shooting bout behind me," Hillerson told a National Guard Bureau reporter, describing how he dropped his first five targets.

Biathlon combines cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship with competitors skiing loops over hills before stopping to fire at five 50-meter targets from both prone and standing positions. Hillerson says his heart rate is at 170 beats per minute when he enters the rifle range and drops to only 150 before he takes the first shot.

"We are extremely proud of our biathlon teams' achievements," said Command Sgt. Major Gerald Miller, North Dakota Army National Guard's State Command Sergeant Major. "This competition reminds us that physical fitness and conditioning is an important component to military success on the battlefield. We all know that all the Guardsmen competing in the biathlon competition have taken their conditioning to the next level."

While Hillerson took the spotlight at

◀ Lt. Col. David Skalicky, of the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, takes aim.



the championships, the remainder of North Dakota's team performed well, placing sixth out of eight 4-person teams in the 15-kilometer patrol race. North Dakota's team is coached by Sgt. 1st Class Steve Kilde, of Bismarck, who serves with the North Dakota National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Bismarck. Team members include Lt. Col. Dave Skalicky, of Bismarck, with the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade; Sgt. 1st Class Kent Pulst, of Penn, with the 3662nd Maintenance Company in Devils Lake; Spc. Brandon Pulst, of Grand Forks, with the 3662nd; Spc. Jordan Becker, of Grand Forks, with the 3662nd; and Hillerson, who serves in the 426th Signal Company in Fargo.

"Blake is the real story," Skalicky said of the team's success in the championships. "The rest of us skied strong with Kent (Pulst) running the second best on the team."

Hillerson was accepted onto the prestigious All-Guard Biathlon Team last year and has been competing with the small, elite team at locations around the world — from Argentina to Italy to Canada — since August. He has spent more than 700 hours training, shooting about 20,000 rounds with his .22-caliber rifle.

Memorial are being raised through the N.D. National Guard Foundation, which is a nonprofit 501 (C) charitable organization that has no paid employees and hires no professional fundraisers. The organization depends entirely on volunteer help.

Contributions to the GWOT Fallen Heroes Memorial can be sent using PayPal™ at www.ndguard.com or by mail to N.D. National Guard Foundation, PO Box 5511, Bismarck, ND 58506-511.

For more information, contact Ms. Holly Gaugler at 701-333-2079 or e-mail holly.gaugler@us.army.mil.

▶ Artist's rendering of the Global War on Terror Fallen Heroes Memorial



BRONZE PLAQUE DESCRIBING THE MEMORIAL AREA AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Using Experiences to Find 'New Life'

On April 12, Christians will celebrate Easter Sunday, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You do not need to be Christian to see the signs of new life all around us. All sorts of plant life, which appeared dead all winter, is returning to new life. The cycle of death and new life is celebrated by different cultures and religions in a host of different ways. Unfortunately, new life means that we have to suffer and die.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj.) Leo Moenkedick
119th Wing



Suffering takes all sorts of forms; personal, communal, cultural and global, to name just a few. Its causes are just as varied. It may be caused by our own irresponsible behavior; drinking, drug abuse, etc. It may be caused by other individuals, groups, cultures or nations. The depth of suffering that can be caused by just a few people motivated by hatred can be seen in the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The effects of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were immediate, far-reaching and long-lasting. Immediately, it affected those who were hurt or killed and their families. It affected those who lost jobs. It affected our economy and anyone who had investments or savings. It affected our military, those who would be deployed and their Families. It affected the direction of politics and public opinion in our country.

So how do we respond to suffering in our lives? First, we recognize that suffering is a part of life. As long as we are alive, we will suffer and eventually die. Since we are going to suffer, we need to find meaning and purpose to the suffering we encounter. In my experience, suffering has meaning when we learn from it. How can I use my experience of suffering to make my life or the lives of others better?

- » Don't repeat the same mistake. If your behavior hurts yourself or someone else, change your behavior.
 - » Don't become bitter if someone hurts you. We can't control the actions of others, but we can control our response.
 - » Learn to forgive. Holding a grudge hurts you more than it hurts the offender.
 - » Ask for forgiveness when you hurt someone.
 - » Do to others what you would have them do to you. We can avoid a lot of pain in our own life if we are careful not to cause others pain.
 - » Get help if your pain is unmanageable. We would go to a doctor if some physical pain would not go away; we should also seek help (chaplain, psychologist, etc.) for post-traumatic stress disorder, mental anguish or depression that is unmanageable.
- As we begin this season of new life, let us make a commitment to recognize the pain in our lives and find healthy ways to eliminate it. Let us acknowledge the pain we cause others and seek ways to make their lives better. New life isn't just a hope for the future, but it is a possibility for the here and now if we are willing to work at it.



ABATE Continues to Offer Free Motorcycle Safety Courses to Soldiers and Airmen in the N.D. National Guard

Riding a motorcycle requires training and skill that many riders — even those who have been riding for years — may lack. Safety courses can help riders sharpen their skills and, in turn, prevent accidents.

ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of North Dakota is once again offering motorcycle safety courses at no cost to N.D. National Guardsmen as part of its continued partnership with the N.D. National Guard. The N.D. National Guard Safety Office will provide a code to Soldiers and N.D. Air Guard Safety will provide it to Airmen, to enter on the North Dakota Safety Program Web site for registration. Be prepared to show your military identification upon arrival at the course. Typically, the Basic Rider Course costs \$100 for North Dakota residents and \$150 for out-of-state residents and the Experienced Rider Course costs \$50 and \$100 for out-of-state residents. The basic course does not require a permit or license. It runs 17 hours including five hours of classroom instruction and the remaining time spent on the range. The experienced course trains licensed riders and lasts six hours. Upon successful completion of the course, you will be issued a MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) card to carry with you when you ride your motorcycle. Safeguard this card, as replacement cost for a new card will be \$10.00.

Classes take place between May and September and are offered at various days and times to accommodate most people. Numerous cities host the classes, including Bismarck, Bowman, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Grand Forks, Fargo, Hazen, Jamestown, Minot, Wahpeton and Williston. For more information or to register for a class, go to www.ndmsp.com.

N.D. Army Guard Continues to Meet Recruiting Goals

Courtesy of the Recruiting and Retention Office

The North Dakota Army National Guard continues to bolster its ranks through recruiting efforts despite changes to incentive programs.

Recently, National Guard Bureau announced that it would restructure the way the Army National Guard pays out bonuses in response to funding challenges the organization has faced due to the country's current economic environment. Re-enlistment or extension bonuses, in particular, have been adjusted.

In recent years, the standard re-enlistment bonuses have paid up to \$15,000 for a six-year commitment. This amount has changed depending upon the type of unit into which a Soldier re-enlists. If a Soldier re-enlists into a qualifying critical unit, they can receive \$5,000 for a three-year service obligation or \$10,000 for a six-year service obligation. Some of these critical units include medical, military intelligence and transportation. Regardless of what unit a Soldier re-enlists into, they will still be eligible for a \$5,000 bonus for a six-year service obligation.

Also, the North Dakota Army National Guard is still offering enlistment bonuses for as much as \$20,000 for qualifying non-prior service enlistees. This includes a \$10,000 bonus for enlisting into a qualifying critical unit in conjunction with a \$5,000 quick-ship option bonus for recruits who are willing to ship to basic combat training (BCT) within 45 days of enlisting or adjusting their ship date to assist with management of training slots available at BCT schools. An additional \$5,000 off-peak ship option bonus is available to enlistees who are willing to ship to BCT between Oct. 1 and May 31, which are relatively slow months at BCT schools.

"What's important to remember is that enlistment and re-enlistment incentives constantly change to meet force requirements," said Maj. Daryl Roerick, officer-in-charge of the Recruiting and Retention Command. "The opportunity to earn \$20,000



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. 1st Class Dean Lundin, Devils Lake recruiter for the N.D. Army National Guard, accepts the Director's 54 award for having the top recruiting accession percentage in the state from Lt. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard.

is still there to qualified recruits and they are now eligible to receive an additional \$30,000 in student loan repayment."

Previously, the Student Loan Repayment program paid up to \$20,000. As of March 1, this incentive was increased to \$50,000 for qualifying Soldiers.

"Even with all of the changes, the N.D. Army National Guard is still having a banner year and is still out-producing last year's recruiting numbers," said 1st Sgt. David Peterson of the Recruiting and Retention Command. "Currently the North Dakota Army National Guard has 172 enlistments this fiscal year (since Oct. 1, 2008) compared to 158 enlistments last year at this time. In fact, more Soldiers are coming back to North Dakota. This fiscal year, we've enlisted 29 Army National Guard members from other states compared to last year's 19."

For more information on the North Dakota Army National Guard, the National Guard Bureau approved critical skill military occupational specialties or these new incentives, bonuses and the eligibility requirements, call a local recruiter at 1-888-ND-GUARD or visit www.ndguard.com/recruiting.



Employment Opportunities Available in Recruiting and Retention

The N.D. Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion is looking for qualified personnel to become strength maintenance noncommissioned officers. These positions include a variety of incentives including:

- Career advancement up to the rank of Sgt. 1st Class or E-7
- Housing Allowance (Tax-Free)
- Subsistence Allowance (Tax-Free)
- Special Duty Assignment Pay (\$450/month Tax-Free)
- Out of pocket expenses for work related activities
- Personal leave of up to 30 days a year
- Paid medical and dental insurance
- Active Duty Retirement
- Professional Sales Training
- Community Involvement
- Flexible Hours

For more information on full-time recruiting employment opportunities, contact Sgt. Maj. Brad Heim at 701-333-3134 or 701-799-7168.



Kevin Iverson, executive director of the North Dakota Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve, right, with N.D. Family Program volunteer Alyson Beseman, Family Program Workshop March 14 at the Best West in Fargo. Gene Orson, a volunteer with Employer Support of the Reserve, looks on.

Family Matters

Volunteers Honored, Provided Tools for Deployments

By Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
Joint Force Headquarters

Volunteers with the North Dakota National Guard came away from a weekend workshop with a little more recognition for their dedication and accomplishments and a box of tools to use as they continue to support their Families and other military Families around the state.

It was all part of “Volunteers Are Our Shining Stars,” the 2009 State Family Program Workshop in Fargo.

“Taking care of Soldiers, Airmen and their Families is my No. 1 priority,” Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota National Guard adjutant general, told the workshop attendees. “We want every deployed Guard member to be confident that their loved ones will be cared for and assisted as part of the North Dakota National Guard family. Providing our military Families with the skills for surviving a deployment is incredibly important.”

The tips for deployments ranged from heartfelt advice — “laugh every day” — to the practical and quirky — “buy more underwear.” Those were just two of the tips offered by keynote speaker and author Karen Pavlicin. Pavlicin, of Woodbury, Minn., turned her challenging, yet positive, experiences with her Marine husband’s deployments into two books — “Surviving Deployment: A Guide for Military Families” and “Life After Deployment: Military Families Share Reunion Stories and Advice.” The lessons shared during the weekend stemmed from her experience

and writings.

“Think of what’s taking up your time that’s really not that important,” Pavlicin told the crowd of about 75 Family Readiness Group leaders and other volunteers. “Laundry is not that important. Buy more underwear.”

Ann Dolence, of Moorhead, Minn., a certified recreation therapist working in psychiatric treatment, also addressed workshop attendees, talking about “Attitudes are Contagious.” Several breakout sessions provided more tools and tips, and volunteers were recognized for their efforts during a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday.

“Our volunteers are absolutely key to ensuring the best care and support network possible for all of our military Families,” said Rob Keller, director of Service Member and Family Support for the North Dakota National Guard. “We can’t thank them enough for their dedication in partnering with us to guarantee the best care and resources are provided to all of our military Families who serve alongside their Soldiers and Airmen.”



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Something for the Kids

Program Supports Military Members' Children

By Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp
119th Wing

North Dakota is helping children stay connected with their military service member parents through Operation Military Kids and mobile technology labs.

Operation Military Kids is a special program designed to help children of military members in all branches of the service. It was created specifically for the children of members of the National Guard and Reserve who may be dispersed geographically across the state and may not have access to some of the support programs located on military installations.

It is a collaboration of state organizations including the state 4-H Youth Development Program and a group of representatives from military and non-military organizations across the state. It is funded by a grant through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Defense.

The North Dakota Operation Military Kids Program has two mobile technology labs that contain equipment like laptop computers, printers, digital still cameras and video

cameras. Children can make hero cards, videos and zoom photo albums, which were designed to fit in a service member's pocket.

One of the mobile technology labs made an

appearance for children of military members and state family program volunteers attending the 2009 State Family Program Workshop Mar. 14-15 in Fargo.

"Today, we're having the kids make hero cards for their service member to show their appreciation for the sacrifices their loved ones are making and to help children and parents stay connected," said Diane Hahn, who is a point of contact for Operation Military Kids for the state of North Dakota.

"It's a good thing that military kids can get together and talk about things that they share in common with each other," adds Hahn.

"I think it is really cool. You can write whatever you want in a card and put your pictures on it. It's super fun!" said Trystan Simek, son of Sgt. Jeffrey S. Simek, of Bismarck, who is a combat engineer with Headquarters Company of the 1-112th Aviation Battalion.

"I want to make them feel happy and thank them for keeping our country safe. Using the computers is easier than writing everything out and drawing the pictures



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Dane Haugen, of Dickinson, in the foreground, designs a greeting card for his father Sgt. 1st Class Rick Haugen, of the North Dakota Army National Guard, at a computer during the 2009 state Family Program Workshop. The computers are supplied by Operation Military Kids, which is a program designed to aid children of deployed military members as they cope with having mothers or fathers serving overseas.

on a card," said Dane Haugen, whose father, Staff Sgt. Richard D. Haugen, of Dickinson, serves in the 816th Engineer Company (Horizontal).

While the hardships of deployed military members are very apparent, the Families and children of the deployed military members also experience stress when the parents are deployed. Operation Military Kids aims to raise community awareness and foster understanding and support for

children of the deployed military members and provide some resources to keep the children and parents connected during their time apart.

Military members and their Families can obtain more information about Operation Military Kids by calling 701-231-7253 or 701-231-9601.

"I want to make them feel happy and thank them for keeping our country safe."

— Dane Haugen, son of Staff Sgt. Richard Haugen of the 816th Engineer Company (Horizontal)

a committee for the visits at a display booth during the 2009 state Northern Doublewood Inn report of the Guard and



Rob Keller, director of Service Member and Family Support for the North Dakota National Guard, shakes hands with Staff Sgt. Jessica Clark, of the North Dakota Air National Guard. Clark was recognized for her efforts in support of family members of North Dakota National Guard personnel.

The North Dakota National Guard's band marks 50 years in Fargo on April 1.

While the band can trace its roots to Dakota Territory, it was reborn in 1959 when it was moved from Lisbon and designated the 188th Army Band.

Chief Warrant Officer Morris Tingstad was the 188th's first commander. A World War II Navy veteran, Tingstad built a civilian career as a school band director in Cando, West Fargo and Glyndon, Minn.

Tingstad said finding the right people was his biggest problem in the 188th's early days.

"I don't think we ever got over 22 or 21 people altogether," he said. "I had a drummer that could hardly find the bass drum and then I had a trombone player that was one of the finest trombone players in America."

Tingstad said that two of the "boys in the band" during its early days in Fargo were Collin Peterson, now United States Representative for Minnesota's 7th Congressional District, and William Marcil, longtime publisher of the Fargo Forum.

"I want to tell you something about

in the bay while they were driving trucks in and out."

The band would not get its own practice facility until 1993, when it moved into the Fargo Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Stordalen said the big event for the band in his day was annual training at Camp Grafton.

"We went to Guard camp with everybody else," he said. "On Flag Day, there was a big celebration out on the parade field, the band would line up and play while everybody marched onto the field for the pass and review. That was the big day -- nobody went home that weekend."

The band would "troop the line" daily, marching through camp playing loud music in the very early morning. Also every day, one of the band's trumpet players would "blow the flag up and down" using a

giant megaphone at the old headquarters.

Stordalen said serving with the band was a great experience.

"There were a lot of good guys in the band back then that wanted to work and rehearse" he said. "We got them organized

and played a bunch."

Between 1959 and 1980, the band had five commanders. Then, Chief Warrant Officer William Franke, a music teacher from Mandan, took over. He served as the band's commander until 2008, when he hit the mandatory retirement age of 60.

"One year led to the next," he said. "It is the greatest job in the Guard, no doubt about that."

Franke served more than 37 years in the Guard. When he joined in 1971, he was in the military police. In 1973, he became a trumpet player in the band.



Retired Chief Warrant Officer William Franke leads the 188th Band during his last performance as Bismarck. Franke retired in August 2008 after 37 years of service.

"I was one of the boys for seven years, just blowing my horn," he said.

Annual training was still the highlight of the year when Franke joined.

"Camp was great; we loved it," he said. "We never did tours back then. For one thing, we weren't a very big band. It got down at one point to 13."

By the 1980s, the band's mission began to change, said Franke. The band deployed to Jamaica in 1989, to Australia in 1990, and to Germany in 2006. The band also traveled to California, Minnesota, South Dakota, Virginia, Wisconsin and Washington, D.C.

The band's most fulfilling missions, however, took place close to home, said Franke.

"Playing for the Freedom Salutes, when the troops began coming back from war, that was a first for us to be at the forefront of playing for those great men and women," he said. "That's our finest hour."

Franke said that the best part about being band commander was the people.

"There is very much of a family type feeling among everybody in the band," he said. "They are the finest people I've ever worked with."

With Franke's retirement, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Nagle became the "old timer" of the

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

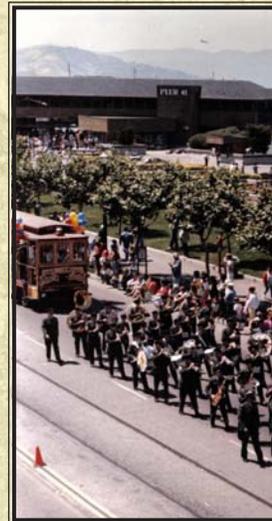
188th Band Celebrates 50 Years

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Mike Hagburg
141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

these people who were in my Army band," Tingstad said. "They were always thumbs up. We had one real staunch group."

The band remained a small unit in the late 1960s when Warrant Officer Karlton Stordalen took charge. He joined the Guard in 1966 as a combat engineer. After finishing college and taking a teaching job in Enderlin, he became the 188th's commander.

"The band was kind of a problem for the Guard because we were too small a group for them to handle," he said. "They wanted us to rehearse in the rifle range or



The 188th Army Band marches in the Training 1986.



Bandmaster at Fraire Barracks,

band. Nagle joined the Guard in 1978 and served as a combat engineer until 1980, when he entered the band. A middle school music teacher in Grand Forks, he is in charge of musical operations for the band.

Nagle said that he and the band have hit many high points over the years: Marching and playing on the field at Candlestick Park, an outdoor concert in the middle of downtown Montego Bay, Jamaica, singing the National Anthem at the National Enlisted Association Convention in Bismarck, singing to a hometown audience in Valley City, and conducting in a packed auditorium, downtown Brisbane, Australia.

Nagle said the main quality that has carried the band through 50 years has been “perseverance.”

“There was a time when the band was not the elite performing force it now has become,” he said. “We have been given challenging missions and tasks no one thought we could

obtain and we accomplished them with smiles on our faces.”

Warrant Officer Candidate David Stordalen, the son of former commander Karlton Stordalen, is now in charge of the band. He is a middle school band director and coach in St. James, Minn.

Stordalen joined the Guard and the band in 1987. In 1993, he set out on an odyssey that took him to Fort Sam Houston’s active duty Army band, back to North Dakota, and off again to Minnesota’s Guard band. He returned to the 188th in 2006.

“I grew up in North Dakota and always felt like this was my home unit,” he said. “I am really excited about the prospect of leading the band.”



Band at the San Francisco Cable Car Parade during Annual

Stordalen sees the band playing a bigger public relations role as it moves into its next 50 years.

“We play for people in towns where they never see anyone else in the military or the Guard,” he said. “So we need to be sending the right message and portraying the Guard the best we can.”

Deployment is another issue the band will confront in the future, said Stordalen.

“Bands do get deployed. The Minnesota Guard’s band is part of a deployment and they will be in Iraq for a year,” he said. “We’d be proud and ready to go if we got called. We have had band members who have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan and we have two band

members who are getting ready to go to Kosovo.”

Like the commanders who came before him, Stordalen credits the band’s people for its success.

“I think this band is more of a ‘unit’ than any other band I’ve served in,” he said. “We really hang tightly together. Often, that comes through in our musical performance. We love to get out and perform for other soldiers in the Guard and we’re proud of that.”

A Musical Legacy

188th Band’s Rich Heritage Pre-Dates North Dakota’s Admittance Into the Union



🎵 **Aug. 13, 1887** — First Dakota Infantry Band is organized in Valley City (Dakota Territory).

🎵 **Nov. 2, 1889** — On the day of North Dakota’s admission (to the Union) the band is re-designated as the First North Dakota Infantry Band.

🎵 **1891** — The band is reorganized and moved to Lisbon where it and its successor units will be located for the next 68 years.

🎵 **May 2, 1898** — Eight infantry companies from the North Dakota National Guard are federalized for service in the Philippine Insurrection. In addition, a 12-member Bugler Corps accompanies the North Dakota contingent. The rest of the band remains in Lisbon during the war.



First North Dakota Infantry Band

🎵 **June 16, 1916** — First North Dakota Infantry is called for federal service on the Mexican border. The band is among the units that are federalized.

🎵 **1917** — The First North Dakota Infantry is once again called into federal service – this time for World War I. The North Dakota National Guard is authorized by Congress to “organize and enlist” a new infantry regiment. The new regiment is known as the Second North Dakota Infantry Regiment. The Second North Dakota Infantry Band is assigned to the 116th Engineer Regiment resulting in the North Dakota National Guard having two official service bands at the same time.

🎵 **April 4, 1922** — The band is reorganized as the Band Section of Headquarters Company (Lisbon), 164th Infantry. With the 116th Engineer Band (formerly the Second North Dakota Infantry Regimental Band) deactivated, the 164th Band is again the only service band in North Dakota.



🎵 **1932** — Band is selected to play at the cornerstone laying ceremony in Bismarck for the new state capitol building.

🎵 **October 13, 1942** — The 164th Infantry Regimental Band arrives on Guadalcanal for service in World War II. The band’s 45 members receive training in first aid and are split into four groups. Each group is assigned to support one of the 164th Infantry Regiment’s four medical aid stations. Instead of instruments, the band members carry weapons – a number of them receive Bronze Stars and Combat Infantry Badges. One Soldier received a Silver Star and the unit received several unit citations. They later perform as musicians at Suva (in the Fiji Islands) and finally at the Phillipine Islands, where they spend the remainder of the war as a band unit.



164th Regimental Band performs during a Flag Day parade at Suva (Fiji Islands), June 14, 1943.

🎵 **1944** — After World War II, the band becomes known as the 294th Army Band.

🎵 **April 1, 1959** — Lisbon’s long association with North Dakota National Guard band units comes to an end as the 294th becomes the 188th Army Band and is stationed in Fargo.

Making Headlines

Guardsmen Take Top Honors in Journalism Competitions

*Courtesy of the
116th Public Affairs Detachment*

For the third time in his military career, Senior Master Sgt. David Lipp, of the 119th Wing, placed in the national Air Force Media contest, putting him among the best military journalists in the Air Force component.

This year, Lipp won in two photography categories including third place in the sports category and first place in the picture story category. He is one of only a few Air National Guardsmen that placed this year. National Guard journalists must first place within the top three at the National Guard Bureau Media contest before moving on to the Air Force-wide national competition.

"It's rare to see Guardsmen even place in the media contest at the Air Force level. The fact that Senior Master Sgt. Lipp not only placed, but placed twice in highly competitive categories speaks volumes about his talent and dedication to tell the National Guard story through photojournalism. Our unit is very lucky to have him," said Capt. Penny Ripperger, 119th Wing public affairs officer.

Lipp works as the multimedia manager for the 119th Wing. He joined the N.D. Air National Guard as a still camera photographer in 1989. During his time of service, he has won a number of national military journalism awards for photography including nine first-place submissions in the National Guard Bureau Media contest in the past two years.

Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, of Joint Force Headquarters, won top honors as well in the Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware Journalism Awards competition, which recognizes military print and broadcast journalist excellence Army-wide. She placed first in the

sports feature writing category.

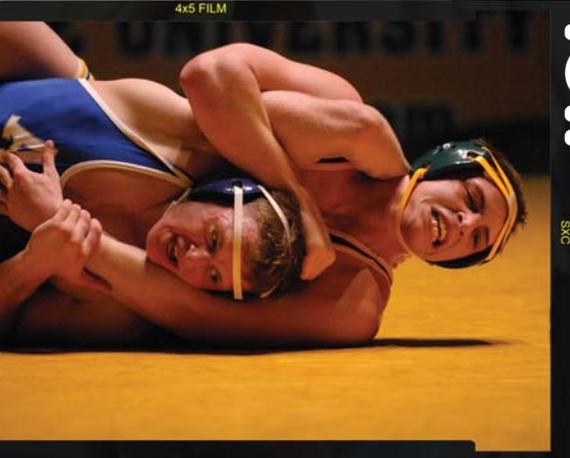
In addition to Lipp and Willson's achievements, a number of N.D. National Guard public affairs Soldiers and Airmen also placed in various categories at the National Guard Bureau Media contest.

Capt. Ripperger won third place in the Journalist of the Year category. In the N.D. Army National Guard, Willson took second place in the sports article category and second place in the arts/graphics in support of a publication category. Sgt. 1st Class David Dodds, of the 116th Public Affairs Detachment, won third place in the photojournalism category and Sgt. Eric Jensen, also of the 116th, won third place in the arts/graphics in support of a publication category.

The N.D. Army National Guard also had Soldiers place in stringer categories. These awards are reserved for Guardsmen who do not hold a public affairs designator, but still contribute photos or articles to unit publications.

Sgt. Kristi Dump, of the 164th Engineer Battalion, took first place in the stringer (writer) category. In the stringer (photographer) category, Staff Sgt. Thomas Webster, of the 191st Military Police, took first place and Spc. Roy Neset, of the 164th Engineer Battalion, took second. Webster went on to win second place in the Keith L. Ware competition.

"Having multiple wins in the stringer categories this year shows the effectiveness of our Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR) program," said 1st Lt. Dan Murphy, N.D. National Guard state public affairs officer. "By taking the one-day UPAR course, Soldiers throughout the N.D. National Guard are able to communicate their units' achievements during deployments or otherwise. This shows that the UPARs are telling those stories very well. North Dakota National Guard Public Affairs Soldier and Airmen, in general, are telling the organization's story very well."



Top, One of a handful of photographs from Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp's first place picture story entry from the Air Force Media contest. Corey A. Arnold, of the 191st Military Police Company, left, extricates simulated victims Spc. Nicholas Meadows, of the 818th Engineer Company, and Jennifer Dubord, civilian, from a Humvee during combat lifesaver training at the North Dakota Armed Forces Reserve Center in Fargo, N.D., on Jan. 16, 2008.

Lipp's third place award in the sports category is an image of U.S. Air Force Academy wrestler Tyler French, in blue, attempting to score a reversal against North Dakota State University wrestler Shannon Fetting during their 174-pound match at the Bison Sports Arena in Fargo, N.D. on Feb. 15, 2008. The NDSU Bison hosted the wrestling match against the Air Force Academy and designated the event as military appreciation night.

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Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Preventative Measures: Spc. Joshua Klundt, of the 817th Engineer Company (Sappers), pulls one end of a collapsible barrier device called a HESCO March 24 in Fargo, N.D. The sections of HESCO are being linked together and filled with sand to create a flood barrier from the rising waters of the Red River.



Sgt. Ann Knudson

A Helping Hand: Sgt. 1st Class Mike Maples, of the 112th Aviation Battalion, helps evacuate a citizen of Linton, N.D., from his home after the community was hit by rapid flooding March 22. Eighteen Guardsmen responded on the evening of March 21 to assist in evacuating citizens using Humvees and Light Medium Tactical Vehicles.



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Chain Reaction: Soldiers and Airmen of the North Dakota National Guard pass sandbags along a human chain to build sandbag dikes March 25 in Fargo, N.D. By that date, more than 1,100 North Dakota Guardsmen were on flood duty throughout the state.

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Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

A Combined Effort: Spc. Francisco Raatz, of the 188th Air Defense Artillery, left, and Tech. Sgt. Robert Robinson, of the 119th Communications Flight, load sandbags March 23, at what has become known as "Sandbag Central" at the Fargo City garage. The sandbags are being loaded on trucks and delivered to various flood fighting locations along the Red River.