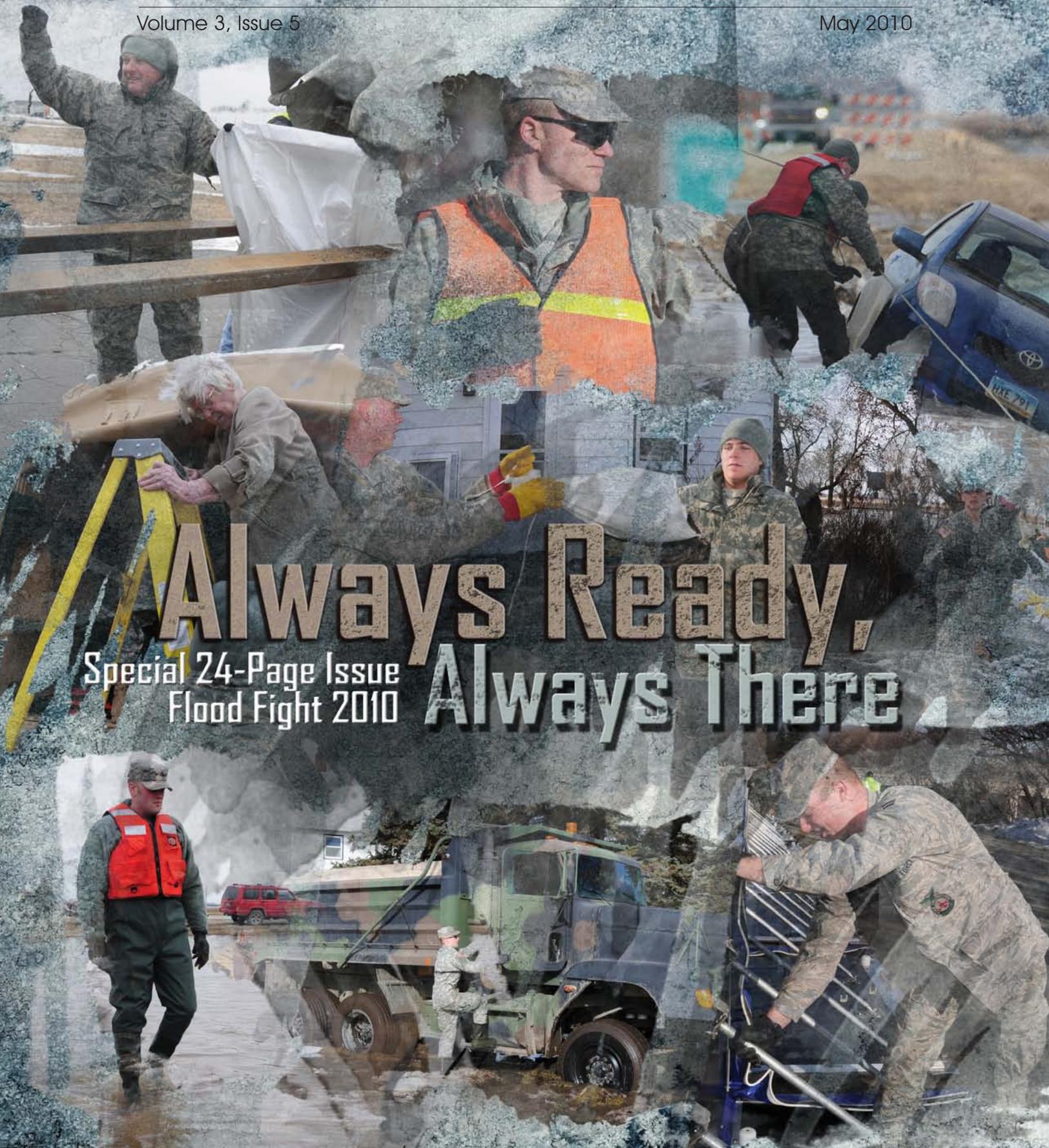




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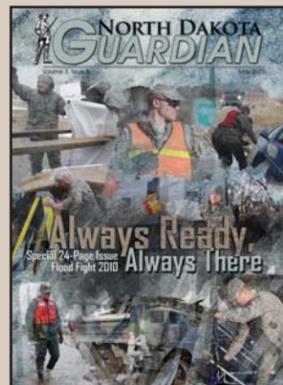
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Operation Smoke on the Water: There was a stark contrast between flood operations in 2009 and 2010. Guardsmen were on flood duty for almost three months last year, compared to three weeks this spring. A slow thaw, lower water levels and a plan devised out of last year's experiences led to another success in battling the rising waters. (Photo Illustration by Sgt. Eric W. Jensen, Joint Force Headquarters)

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

Comments from North Dakota National Guard Leadership

Planning Instrumental in 2010 Flood Fight

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you who served in any capacity during the 2010 flood fight. From my view, as the Task Force 4 commander in Fargo, this year's effort was not without its glitches, but generally went very, very smoothly. I attribute this to several reasons:

- The water was significantly lower this year.
- The flooding was not as widespread as it was last year.
- The wealth of experience gained during last year's fight helped tremendously.
- Preplanning done prior to this year's event gave us the upper hand.

The first two reasons are beyond our control, but it certainly was good to have Mother Nature smile on us this year. We were all happy to see the flood elevations come in much lower than last year and to see them somewhat isolated in the south-east corner of the state. While these two crucial factors helped greatly in assuring a smooth operation, our experience and preplanning also contributed immensely to this season's successful fight.

Thirdly, we were far ahead of where

we were last year simply because of the experience we gained in the 2009 flood fight. Last year's event was the largest ever seen in North Dakota and when it started we simply didn't know what we didn't know. We learned through experience how to fight a massive flood on the fly; over a short time frame during the worst episode of flooding in recorded state history. We had worked floods before, but never to this degree. The 2009 floodwaters were higher and more widespread than any seen before and our response was appropriate in scope. In 2009, we accepted and developed missions that became routine this year. For example, quick reaction forces were concepts devised and fielded in 2009. It became an expected assignment in 2010.

Lastly, the planning and preparedness for this year's flood was superb. Even with the flood coming earlier than anticipated, our preliminary footwork allowed us to easily field personnel and equipment into our missions. State-wide planning began in January, with regional planning starting in February. For the regional planning, we were able to assemble a joint team that developed a plan covering all known missions. Not only did this preplanning make the fielding of missions go smoother,



Col. Ron Solberg

119th Support Group Commander
North Dakota National Guard

in most cases it also greatly reduced the numbers of required personnel. A great example of this was the planning done between N.D. National Guard personnel and the Fargo Police Department. Together they developed a scalable traffic control plan that, ultimately, could have provided the same services as last year, but with only forty percent of the personnel.

In closing, thanks again to all who worked the 2010 flood and let's all keep our fingers crossed that this doesn't become an annual event.

Sincerely,

Col. Ron Solberg

Col. Ron Solberg, the 119th Support Group Commander, right, addresses full-time N.D. Air National Guard personnel March 15, as he initiates personnel mobilization plans for the regional flood fight beginning in the Red River Valley, Fargo. The N.D. National Guard plan called for 300-400 personnel to be voluntarily placed on state active duty orders within 24-hours. The plans provided for all of the same flood fighting missions that the N.D. National Guard performed in the historic flood fight in the spring of 2009.



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Guardians by Air by Land

Inside the Flood Fight of 2010

By Pfc. Jess Raasch, Joint Force Headquarters
Photos by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing

The 2010 winter blanketed all corners of the U.S. in what seemed to be mountains of snow. While many states made jokes about the accumulation and came up with nicknames for the extreme weather, such as the Snowmageddon or the Snowpocalypse, the N.D. National Guard was preparing for a potentially wet spring.

The 2009 flood operations in North Dakota resulted in more than 2,400 Guardsmen being activated to fight floods across the state. With weather conditions during the 2010 winter being similar to those in 2009, the N.D. National Guard promptly began planning for future flooding.



Above, Senior Airman Jeremiah Colbert, of the 119th Maintenance Squadron, left, and Staff Sgt. Joshua Hahn, of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron, patrol a flood dike March 19, along the Red River in downtown Fargo. Right, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jedlicka, of the 119th Maintenance Squadron, smiles as he watches a sandbag fly through the air on route to the flood barrier he is helping to build March 17, Fargo.

Even before numerous locations in the state became listed as being under flood emergency status on Feb. 19, the N.D. National Guard teamed up with the Department of Emergency Services, the Governor's Office and other state agencies to be as prepared as possible for the expected conditions.

National Guard and state and community leaders gathered to hold a practice exercise to sharpen future flood-fighting tactics during a Feb. 26 meeting at the Fargo Public Safety Building. It included a tabletop exercise to better visualize possible problems that could be encountered in the future.

Flooding in several areas of the state became severe in mid-March. As a result, local authorities and volunteers

were in need of extra assistance to help stave off the flood waters. Gov. John Hoeven officially activated the N.D. National Guard on March 15 for flood duty, and so the 2010 flood fight began.

The Guard responded with speed and efficiency once called upon. By the end of March 15, about 200 Guardsmen were mobilized in Fargo and ready to defend the city and surrounding area from the swollen Red River.

"Our men and women in uniform help

to make sure that whatever needs to get done gets done," N.D. Gov. John Hoeven said. "We would like to extend our thanks to them, their families and their employers, as well as to all of the men and women in communities around North Dakota who have participated in fighting floods in our state."

Guardsmen in Fargo performed emergency sandbagging operations, including the distribution and placement of sandbags around the city. Fargo citizens of all



ages stood side-by-side with the Guardsmen while diligently working to form a barricade to defend homes and buildings.

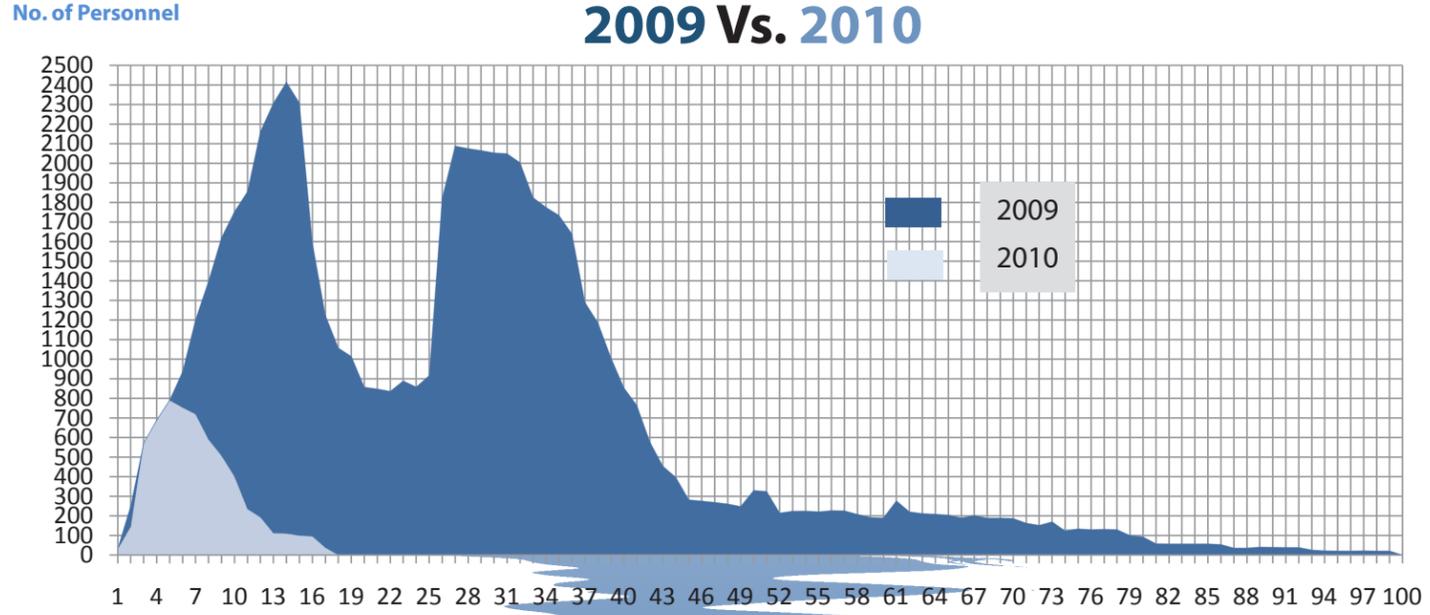
Fargo wasn't the only place threatened by Mother Nature, though. The Army Corps of Engineers entered Lisbon, N.D., March 15, and began the construction of dikes around the town. Fourteen Guardsmen were mobilized in Lisbon to perform traffic control duties so the Army Corps of Engineers could perform its duties safely and efficiently.

A shift in responsibilities occurred March 16. Sandbagging was still a mission for many Guardsmen, but dike construction and patrols became a necessity. Soldiers and Airmen were placed in counties throughout southeastern North Dakota to patrol for any possible leaks in the dikes.

The Guard made up several quick reaction forces (QRFs) throughout the state, with a heavy concentration in Fargo, to respond to any necessary emergency evacuations. Just outside of Fargo, QRFs in Kindred and Harwood saw the most action during the flood, responding to seepage and worse with sandbags and heavy



N.D. National Guard Flood Personnel 2009 Vs. 2010



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equipment, evacuating an elderly woman and even carrying small farm animals to safety.

“What’s admirable about our Guardsmen is how versatile they are as citizen-Soldiers and citizen-Airmen,” said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. National Guard adjutant general. “We ask them to accomplish a variety of missions and they complete any task that is set out in front of them each time they are called upon.”

After about two weeks of continual effort around the state, ideal weather conditions slowed flooding in most locations. Lt. Col. Jon Erickson, N.D. National Guard deputy operations officer – director of military support, said that the cool temperatures during the day accompa-

nied with below-freezing temperatures at night made for a moderate melt.

“Conditions prior to the spring melt in 2009 and 2010 were very similar. The extreme melt cycle in 2009 and near opposite melt cycle in 2010 made the difference,” he said. “We prepared for the worst and expected something less to happen, knowing if it did get worse, we would be ready.”

River levels in the Fargo and Jamestown

“The bottom line is whenever we’re called upon, the Guard will be ready, the Guard will be there.”



Staff Sgt. Neil Horner splashes a sandbag into place as he creates a flood barrier March 21, in rural Kindred, N.D., at the home of Dave and Susan Hartfiel. Horner is part of the 815th Engineer Company, of Wishek, N.D., quick reaction force (QRF) team. QRF personnel and equipment were on alert at their staging area at the Hickson, N.D., community center when they got the emergency call to create a flood barrier against the rising overland floodwater, which had begun to creep into the lower level of the Hartfiel house.



Guardsmen worked through muddy conditions resulting in boots like these on a Soldier sandbagging near rising water near Lisbon, March 17.

areas began to lower March 23, resulting in the decision to pull out the majority of the Guardsmen in both locations March 24. Missions in many other locations also began to wind down. By the last weekend in March, fewer than 100 Guardsmen remained on state active duty.

At the peak of the flood fight, more than 750 Guardsmen were serving. Extreme preparedness and training combined with better-than-expected weather allowed the N.D. National Guard — along with state, county and city leaders — to accomplish its mission in a timely matter.

“The bottom line is whenever we’re called upon, the Guard will be ready, the Guard will be there,” Sprynczynatyk said. ■

TO THE RESCUE

Story by Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
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GUARD'S QUICK REACTION FORCE TEAMS TALLY UP SAVES DURING FLOOD

Fifteen kicking goats, 10 squealing pigs, five stubborn cattle and a sweet old lady living all alone. The list of N.D. National Guard rescues during 2010 flood operations reads like a quirky holiday song. Throw in a few thousand sandbags that saved some houses from taking on water, and it's "Mission: Possible" for the Guard's quick reaction force (QRF) teams.

At the height of flooding in southeastern North Dakota, nine teams stood ready to respond 24/7 to any flooding emergency with personnel, engineer equipment, high-wheeled vehicles and sandbags.

“Whenever the city, county or an individual needed the assistance of our QRF teams, they were there and ready to help in a matter of minutes,” said Col. Ron Solberg, commander for flood operations in southeastern North Dakota. “Without these teams in place, there may have been significantly more damage in Cass and Richland counties.”

Dozens of residents in those areas know that all too well.



2nd Lt. Chad Worrel, with sandbag, and his fellow quick response force (QRF) team members from the 815th Engineer Company, of Wishek, N.D., rush into action to place sandbags in the way of overland floodwater March 21, at the rural Kindred home of Dave and Susan Hartfiel. The QRF personnel and equipment were on alert at their staging area at the Hickson, N.D., community center when they got the emergency call to create a flood barrier against the rising floodwater, which had begun to creep into the lower level of the Hartfiel house.



Sgt. Preston Steele, right, and Spc. Jeremy Kasperson, both of the 815th Engineer Company, attach a towing chain to a partially submerged vehicle March 25, on a washed out portion of a gravel road a few miles west of Harwood, N.D. Steele and Kasperson were part of the QRF team that was called to the scene by the Cass County Sheriff's Department to assist with the vehicle recovery. Cass County Tactical Operations Center Liaison Officer Capt. Grant Larson, of the 119th Maintenance Squadron, N.D. Air National Guard, can be seen giving guidance from the cab of the truck. The driver of the vehicle was able to get clear of the car and make his way through the freezing water to safety before help arrived.



Staff Sgt. Neil Horner, of the 815th Engineer Company, sprints to get into place in order to direct a QRF truck into position to help save the home of Dave and Susan Hartfiel near Kindred, N.D., March 21.

EMERGENCY SANDBAGGING

Floodwaters don't always follow predictions or historical paths. That was the case March 21, when Dave Hartfiel found his home near Kindred quickly surrounded by water that broke through the banks of the Sheyenne River. The Guard's QRF was on site within 15 minutes of receiving the call, and immediately got to work.

"I'm very, very appreciative for you guys coming out," Hartfiel said. "Last year (during the flood), we stayed high and dry. This year, even before it hit flood level, we started jumping the banks over in the back, and never really expected it to get this bad."

His property went from a dry field and gravel driveway to a lake with a shallow river flowing down the driveway and out to the road.

Soldiers from the Wishek detachment of the 815th Engineer Company brought a 20-ton dump truck filled with more than 1,000 sandbags as well as a skid-steer loader and high-wheeled vehicle to Hartfiel's house. The team of 10 Guardsmen, along with the homeowners and neighbors, quickly started building a sandbag dike around the home.

"Since we've been here, the water has come up," said 1st Lt.

"... THIS IS HOW WE TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE IN NORTH DAKOTA, AND WE DO IT AS A TEAM."

Dan Otto, the liaison officer between the county and the QRF teams. "We're building a dike around his house, and had we not shown up with the sandbags and the people to do that, his house would've went under."

Despite the cold water rising and splashing around them, the Guardsmen were glad to be there.

"I live in Fargo, so it's nice to help the community," said Sgt. Robert A. Rau, who was on the QRF team along with his brother, Spc. Steve Rau, of Bismarck.

It was the third QRF sandbagging response within 24 hours for the Harwood- and Hickson/Kindred-based QRFs, but not the last. A similar situation had played out a few days prior in Walcott and Lidgerwood, N.D., as well.

While emergency sandbagging and dike reinforcement provided the bulk of the missions for the QRF teams, they did not hesitate to respond to other flood-related calls.

One early-morning mission on March 23 had the team responding again near Kindred. Not as many sandbags were needed to protect the leaking dike around the Schmidt house there, but animals at the hobby farm needed to be rescued from the rising waters.

Four Guardsmen with the QRF team put on waders to carry out about 15 goats and lead five cattle to drier ground. While the goats weren't exactly thrilled to be rescued, the 10 pigs were

even more stubborn, said 2nd Lt. Chad A. Worrel, of Mandan, the officer-in-charge of the QRF response that day. The homeowner decided the pigs would be fine where they were.

More than animals needed rescuing during this year's flood, though.

EVACUATING MILI

At 84 years old, Mili Sherman has spent nearly half of her life in her home just west of Harwood. It sits above the swollen Sheyenne River, just out of the water's reach. The road out, however, was a different story in late March.

Floodwaters rushed quickly across the gravel road that runs out to the highway, making it dangerous for any vehicle to attempt to pass through.

Capt. Grant Larson, a N.D. National Guard liaison officer working at the Cass County Emergency Operations Center, said Cass County Chief Deputy Sheriff

Jim Thoreson had contacted him "and said that he knew Mili for many years and that her kids were concerned because she was out there by herself and 84 (years old). They asked if we'd be able to provide a high-profile, high-wheeled vehicle."

Larson contacted the Guard's QRF evacuation team that was based out of Olivet Lutheran Church in Fargo. They had a bevy of high-wheeled vehicles that could move into areas considered dangerous for smaller vehicles due to water levels and potentially washed out roads.

Given Sherman's age, the team decided to send a 2.5-ton truck, which would be easier to get in and out of than some of the Guard's other large vehicles.

Sgt. Brian T. Steckler helped coordinate the team's response, pulling out waders for Pfc. Richard P. Olson, of Fargo, who volunteered to walk in front of the truck and guide it in.

"You've got to put a life vest on, too, in

case we hit a big hole. Nobody has been across in a while," Steckler, of Buffalo, N.D., told Olson before they moved in.

Olson walked through without a problem and the Guard's cargo truck carrying Thoreson and additional Soldiers followed through the water and down the road to Sherman's house.

Thoreson greeted Sherman at the door and helped her get her belongings. Then the Guardsmen loaded her things into the back of the truck, helped Sherman up a ladder and into the back, and headed slowly out through the water. It ended up being the only evacuation required during 2010 flooding.

VEHICLE RECOVERY

Not everyone heeded the advice to avoid driving on washed out roads, however, and the Guard's QRF team in Harwood was called to assist the Cass County Sheriff's Department in one such incident.

"This is a perfect example of the partnership we have with the Guard," said Cass County Sheriff Paul Laney. "We respond together. We deal with these events together. I can't say enough about the Guard. They have a major part in our partnership here as we prove over and over again — this is how we take care of our people in North Dakota, and we do it as a team."

A man driving a few miles west of Harwood became partially submerged on a washed out portion of a gravel road. The driver was able to get out of the car, and he made his way through the freezing water to safety before the QRF arrived.

Once on scene, Sgt. Preston L. Steele and Spc. Jeremy Kasperson, both of Fargo, attached a chain to the partially submerged car and, with the help of their team, freed it from the washout.

After 18 days of flood duty, the QRF teams could boast a clean record: with about 40 direct saves of people, animals, cars and homes from floodwaters, and zero losses.

"Now that's service North Dakotans can count on," Solberg said. "The N.D. National Guard is always ready, always there." ■



Cass County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Jim Thoreson helps Mili Sherman up a ladder and into a N.D. National Guard QRF truck March 22, in rural Cass County. Thoreson and the QRF team assisted Sherman to temporarily vacate her home because the rising over-land flood water covering her access road had made it dangerous to drive in and out of her roadway.

All Part of the Plan

Story and Photos by
Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp
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Guard's Blueprint for Flood Operations Crucial to Staving Off High Waters



Spc. Danny Gross, of the 191st Military Police Company, directs traffic at a busy intersection March 17, in Lisbon, N.D. Gross, of Enderlin, N.D., stopped traffic to assist clay carrying dump trucks with timely access to the front lines of the flood fight in Lisbon. Fargo and Lisbon were areas of concern for flooding in 2010 because of estimated flood crest predictions on the Sheyenne and Red River by the National Weather Service. Below, the flooded area of Mickelson Park along the Red River between Fargo and Moorhead can be seen from this aerial photo. A clay dike runs along Second Street North (at the bottom of the photo), protecting Fargo from the floodwaters.

more efficiently. Fewer people were used to watch the flood levees, partly because of lower water levels, and partly because of the experience gained by past floods.

“The biggest change made between the 2009 and the 2010 flood is that we acquired a number of homes that would have been flooded this year, even with the lower crest,” Bittner said. “We’ve had nothing but great luck with the Guard. They really make a difference. There is a lot of authority behind that uniform – it provides a lot of stability and peace of mind for the citizens to see the military out there during a flood fight.”

Most people in the region would agree that it is better to build a flood levee a foot or two higher than necessary rather than to build a little lower than the level of the flood crest.

The flood fight of 2010 required fewer people and resources to hold back the lower water crest, but to the 800 Airmen and Soldiers who came to help at the request of the communities at risk — it was no easy task. ■

From left to right, N.D. National Guard members Capt. Grant Larson, the Cass County Tactical Operations Center liaison officer, Col. Steve Tabor, the vice-task force commander for southeastern N.D., and Col. Ron Solberg, the task force commander for southeastern N.D., review maps while making flood fighting plans March 18, Fargo, N.D.



When asked where the floodwater would have reached if the earthen levees were not in place in downtown Fargo, N.D., city engineer Mark Bittner replied “I would have been standing in a couple feet of water here at City Hall.”

“Flood water would have reached to about Fourth Street North and then started running into the low sections in Fargo, covering about 50 percent of downtown,” he added.

While the flood of 2010 was not met with the same urgency as the flood of 2009, and fell four feet short of last year’s record crest, it was still the seventh highest in recorded history for Fargo. And, it was the earliest flood crest on record.

“The flood crest came one or two weeks earlier than we expected, based on predictions,” said Col. Ron Solberg, the task force commander for the southeastern portion of North Dakota.

Flood planning and flood barriers were essential to the protection of people and property.

The flood fighting discussions among N.D. National Guard leaders began in January, with the first draft of the written plan between the N.D. National Guard and local officials being completed March 3.

The National Guard is well suited for interacting with the community officials because of personal relationships within the communities that the Guard

members have lived in for many years.

“People like Chief Master Sgt. James Gibson (the 119th Security Forces Squadron superintendent) went downtown and met with Fargo city police officials to come up with a plan for efficient use of personnel at traffic control points and along flood dikes for various flood levels, which demonstrates the involvement of our people in the planning,” Solberg said.

N. D. National Guard members manned traffic control points in Fargo and Lisbon, N.D., stopping traffic at critical intersections, allowing dump trucks to quickly and efficiently carry levee building material to the front lines of the flood fight without closing streets to civilian traffic (as was necessary in 2009).

Lessons have been learned through years of flood fighting in our region. Personnel and resources are being used



Left, Master Sgt. Jody Saatoff, of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron, hands a sandbag to a civilian flood fighting volunteer March 16, along the Red River, Fargo, N.D. North Dakota Airmen from the 119th Wing were woven in between local high school student volunteers in sandbag lines that extended from palletes on the street and in driveways, through garages and out back doors. The quickly rising river behind them reminded them of the urgency of their mission. A homeowner in the neighborhood could be heard expressing his happiness with the flood fighting assistance by saying, “I love seeing the Guard here! It’s like the Cavalry rolling in to save us.” Above, from left to right, Staff Sgt. Briana Baggett and Staff Sgt. Jacob Zumbo, both of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, walk along an earthen levee March 20, Fargo. The pair of N.D. Air National Guard members were temporarily relocated from their home station at the Minot Air Force Base to the front line of the flood defense in downtown Fargo to monitor any defects occurring from erosion in the flood barrier and to prevent sightseers from walking on the levee. Fargo City Hall can be seen behind them as they walk along their route.



FLOOD FIGHT 2010

Photos by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing



Master Sgt. Jason Augdahl points out some flood dike patrol locations to Senior Master Sgt. Steven Scheuer, both of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, March 20, at the N.D. Air National Guard, Fargo, N.D. The military personnel were responsible for monitoring flood barriers in the Fargo area as the rising Red River reached its crest.



A Fargo exit sign is surrounded by water March 22, on the north edge of the city limits between Fargo and Harwood, N.D.



Senior Airman Anthony Rezac, of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron, left, and Spc. Nick Strom, of the 815th Engineer Company, walk along an earthen levee during the evening hours of March 24, Harwood, N.D. The Guardsmen were part of a quick reaction force (QRF) team staging out of the Harwood Community Center, who took turns monitoring the flood water as residents slept. The residents of Harwood were able to monitor the levees themselves during the daylight hours.



Master Sgt. David Larson, left, catches a sandbag from Master Sgt. Kyle Kemmet, both of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron, as they participate in a human sandbagging chain with civilian flood fighting volunteers March 16, in Fargo.



Sgt. 1st Class Sam Hansen, of the 815th Engineer Company, shakes hands with Dave Hartfiel March 21, at the Hartfiel home in rural Kindred, N.D. Hartfiel is showing his gratitude for assistance with floodwater surrounding his home. Hansen and his fellow quick response force (QRF) team members built a ring dike barrier to prevent overland floodwater from rushing in and filling the Hartfiel's lower level with water.



Senior Airman Chris Mann, of the 119th Security Forces Squadron, directs traffic March 16 at a traffic control point (TCP) on North University Street, Fargo, N.D. The TCP was a heavily traveled corridor for dump trucks delivering clay to flood barrier locations being built along the Red River.

Slingload inspector Staff Sgt. Mike Carlson, of the 832nd Mechanical Detachment, demonstrates the proper technique for handling the 1.5 ton sandbags March 19, at the N.D. Air National Guard, Fargo, N.D. The large sandbags were prepared for placement by UH-60 helicopters in the Red River Valley flood area.



Senior Master Sgt. Susan Schroeder, of the 119th Communications Flight, smiles as she passes a sandbag along a flood barrier building group of civilian volunteers and North Dakota Guardsmen March 17, Fargo. The mixture of civilian and military personnel moved sandbags from pallets in front yard driveways into flood prone areas of backyards in the south Fargo neighborhood called the Timberline area along drain 27. The drainage coulee empties into the Red River along the North Dakota and Minnesota border, but sometimes backs up into the residential neighborhoods when the river reaches major flood stages.

FLOOD FIGHT 2010

Sgt. Tracy Muller, of the 188th Engineer Company, steers a dump truck into position March 18, on the outskirts of Lidgerwood, N.D. Muller was a member of a quick response force team, on location to build a barrier to stop overland flooding.



The entry road into Mickelson Park on the flood side of the clay levee is submerged March 19, Fargo, N.D.



Staff Sgt. Brandon Berce, of the 119th Security Forces Squadron, waits and watches for Fargo city police car escorts of sandbag trucks March 15, at a traffic control point. Berce was tasked with stopping traffic at the intersection so that the truck carrying flood fighting sandbags and the police escort could easily pass through the intersection, allowing the sandbags to arrive quickly at its' destination on the front lines of the flood fight.



Staff Sgt. Barry Brummand, of the 188th Engineer Company, carries a couch March 17, near Lisbon, N.D. The couch was taken from the lower level of Konny and Sgt. Darin Zins' home and was moved into a temporary storage location a short distance down the road.



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

CHATTING WITH THE CHIEF

National Guard Bureau Chief Gen. Craig McKinley Visits With Guardsmen During Flood Duty

By Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
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The chief of the National Guard Bureau visited Fargo, N.D., on March 22 to meet with N.D. National Guard leaders and check on flood operations. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, the senior uniformed National Guard officer, surveyed sites where N.D. Guardsmen worked and patrolled during the 2010 flood fight as the Red River rose to its crest.

"I'm in from Washington, and there's an awful lot of interest in D.C. in what you're doing out here. On behalf of all of the folks at the National Guard Bureau, we appreciate your service to our nation and state, and we know this is one of many things that we ask for you to do," McKinley told the Guardsmen.

McKinley had the opportunity for a quick lunch at the N.D. Air National Guard base in Fargo with more than a dozen Guardsmen. He introduced himself by his first name, putting the table at ease for a more relaxed discussion.

"After going around the whole table to get an idea of what everyone was doing in support of the flood, he briefly talked about the times he had visited Fargo," said Staff Sgt. Kristi Krabbenhoft, 119th Wing. "I really appreciated the fact that he took the

time out of his busy schedule to talk to us and get a feel for how we are doing."

After lunch, he received updates from leaders at the N.D. National Guard's Emergency Operations Center, before leaving on an aerial reconnaissance of Red River area operations in a UH-60 Black Hawk. After the flight, he took a ground tour with N.D. National Guard leaders to sites where Guardsmen were employed.

"Gen. McKinley's visit is a clear demonstration of the concern and interest that our military leadership at the National Guard Bureau have for our state and that they are aware and ready to support the efforts of the N.D. National Guardsmen," said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general.

McKinley worked with the 119th Wing Public Affairs office to broadcast a base-wide video message about the importance of the National Guard in stateside missions like the 2009 flood.

"The National Guard is as an indispensable force, but many people think of it only in terms of the fact that in which we're fighting overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. What I like to stress is the fact that the National Guard is also an indispensable force

in our state and in our communities and no place is that better epitomized as in Fargo and across the state of N.D. as you fight the floods," said McKinley during the broadcast.

The next stop on the agenda was a city tour of the flood operations that the N.D. National Guard were involved in. McKinley and Sprynczynatyk were accompanied by Brig. Gen. Pat Martin, N.D. deputy adjutant general, Col. Ron Solberg, emergency operations commander for regional response platform 4 (southeastern N.D.) flood operations and Col. Steve Tabor, Solberg's deputy, among others from the

N.D. National Guard.

The city tour began at El Zagal Shrine, where one of six light quick reaction force teams in Cass County were stationed. McKinley thanked the Shriners for "taking good care of our Soldiers," and met with those stationed at the site 24 hours a day.

McKinley chatted with the Guardsmen, asking questions about how responses are handled by the QRF team, what the Guardsmen do when they are called out, and the process of communicating between the different agencies in the state.

"Thanks for all you're doing. It looks like you were really ready if it had gotten out of

control," McKinley said before leaving to see an area where Guardsmen were patrolling dikes by Oak Grove Lutheran School.

Dike walkers Staff Sgt. Ryan Sherman and Staff Sgt. Adam Kapaun, both of the 119th Wing, met up with McKinley while they walked the perimeter of the dike. Kapaun described how he looked for cracks and water seepage while on duty. He also explained that he did the same patrol last year, during the epic 2009 flood, for 27 days.

The last stop of the trip was at Olivet Lutheran Church, where an evacuation-focused quick reaction force was based. Guardsmen were stationed at the church with high-wheeled vehicles, ready to evacuate anywhere in the area when called upon.

Olivet Pastor Jeff Sandgren and a crew of volunteers ensured the Guardsmen, firefighters and police officers fighting the flood that they would never go hungry.

"They look like they're in good spirits out there, so you're treating them well," McKinley said as he offered a coin to the pastor and volunteers, who offered McKinley fresh bread pudding while he was there.

"Thanks for taking care of our Soldiers and Airmen, we appreciate it," he said. ■

Opposite page, Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, shakes hands with Capt. Christopher Domitrovich, 119th Wing C-21 pilot, as he arrives at the N.D. Air National Guard for a day long visit March 22. During his visit, McKinley received an update from the Emergency Operations Center, an aerial reconnaissance of the Red River area and a ground tour of the city where he made frequent stops to visit with Guardsmen on duty. Left, McKinley, with Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, visits with Staff Sgt. Adam Kapaun, of the 119th Wing, who walked a dike patrol near the Oak Grove Lutheran School, Fargo.



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

2010 Flood Operations

By the Numbers

- 4 months planning, preparing and practicing, including two flood exercises based on lessons learned from the 2009 flood

- 18 total days spent on flood operations in 2010 (March 15 through April 1)

- 4,900 days served by Guardsmen on flood operations, or about 58,800 hours

- 790 personnel, the most on duty during any given day of flood 2010 operations; this included 731 N.D. National Guard Airmen and Soldiers, 34 personnel helping through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), 16 U.S. Coast Guard members, 6 temporary state employees and 3 aviation personnel from the National Guard Bureau

- 64.3 hours flown in support of flood operations

- More than 1.47 billion (yes, with a "B") people in a combined potential audience of videos, stories and photos distributed through DVIDS (Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System) via the N.D. National Guard

- 204,214 impressions on flood-related postings at www.facebook.com/NDNationalGuard

- 1,527 media outlets requested, received or used flood-related photos, video or stories from the N.D. National Guard's Public Affairs Offices

- 302,280 impressions (per DMA calculations) on flood-related postings sent by www.twitter.com/NDNationalGuard

- 12,993 views of flood photos loaded to www.flickr.com/photos/NDGuard during flood operations

- 27 unique flood-related videos in the 2010 Flood Fight Playlist at www.youtube.com/NDNationalGuard, which garnered 1,642 views

- 371 articles referencing the N.D. National Guard published in North Dakota newspapers during March, reaching an audience of 14.5 million people

Helping A 'Brother'

Guardsmen Volunteer Time in Lisbon to Help Deployed Soldier's Family

Story by Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, Joint Force Headquarters
Photos by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing

"I've been deployed before. I know what it's like to worry about back home."

With those words, Sgt. 1st Class Larry Jacobson, of Fargo, and his crew of seven, set to work. It was March 17, their second day on duty in Lisbon, N.D., where they were providing five traffic control points to facilitate the steady truck movement needed to build a dike against the quickly rising Sheyenne River.

The mission brought them to town, their concern for the family of a fellow Soldier they had never met brought them to Poplar Lane.

There, Konny Zins and her three rambunctious boys — Trevor, 14, Nicholas, 12, and Brady, 10 — were watching the river rise quickly toward their house. It's something they dealt with just last year, when their entire basement flooded with 12 inches of water. Despite new sump pumps, a similar challenge seemed inevitable this year.

"When I was cleaning my room yesterday (March 16), the walls were a little wet," Trevor said.

This year was different, though — and more challenging. Konny's husband, Sgt. Darin Zins, deployed to Kosovo last fall and could do little more than empathize during his Skype calls with his family. He serves with the 231st Maneuver Task Force's Company B, part of the NATO peacekeeping forces in Kosovo Force 12.

He doesn't expect to be home until late July.

"He couldn't do it, so we're gonna do it for him," Jacobson said of the help needed at the Zins' house. "When Guard members are gone and their families need help, we help them out."

So, after their shift running traffic control points, Jacobson's crew headed over to the Zins' house to move the furniture out of the basement and then start sandbagging.

"It's kind of nice to have the support of the Guard ... helping out," Konny said.

She had called Rod Olin with the Guard's Family Assistance Center in Jamestown the day before saying she could use some help. Olin said he'd figure something out, and then started making calls.

"I just called yesterday (March 16)," Konny said, "and they were ready to move me yesterday, but I wasn't ready

because I wasn't all the way packed yet."

So, at 3 p.m. March 17, the Guardsmen started their volunteer mission to help one of their "brothers" — one they have never met but with whom they serve the same state and nation.

They hauled out the Zins' belongings and built a sandbag dike a couple of feet high with the promise that they would be back to add more as the water rises.

"It's really nice to see all the support and all the help that the Guard is able to give me," Konny said. "I'm happy somebody is going to save my house because I can't do it alone."

From Kosovo, Darin was thrilled to see the help, too. He read about it and saw photos online, where he offered his thanks.

"I first want to thank each and every Soldier who has taken the extra effort to help another brother out," he wrote.



Konny Zins stands in the backyard of her home as N.D. Army National Guard members rally to her aid by building a sandbag flood barrier to hold back the rising water of the Sheyenne River. Below, Konny is pictured with her three boys; Trevor, 14; Nicholas, 12 and Brady, 10.



Spc. Tim Sybrant, of the 817th Engineer Sapper Company, left, and Pfc. Scott Ness, of the 188th Engineer Company, do some heavy lifting.





The 188th Army Band performs April 11 at the Fargo Theater, Fargo, N.D. The special performance marked the unit's 50th anniversary. The band began in Valley City, N.D., in 1887 as the 1st North Dakota Infantry Band and has gone through a number of changes since that time. During the 122 years of the band's existence, its Soldiers have trained across the nation and around the world.

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Air Guard to Host Fourth Annual 'Zoo Day'

The N.D. Air National Guard Family Program Office invites all North Dakota Guardsmen and their Families to the fourth annual Zoo Day at the Red River Zoo, Fargo, May 15, during the new zoo hours from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Guard members will be granted free admission and unlimited carousel rides with a military ID. The Family Program Office will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. Families with their last name beginning with an A through L are encouraged to bring a side dish or salad. Families having a last name beginning with an M through Z can bring a dessert. Participants should meet in the carousel area to drop off their goodies and then explore the zoo.

For any questions or comments about Zoo Day, call Jody Harms at 701-451-2112.

188th Army Band Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The 188th Army Band celebrated the unit's 50th anniversary with a special performance April 11, at the Fargo Theatre. The Concert Band's performance, titled "A

Tribute to Music of Early America," was a free concert open to all ages and honored the 50th anniversary of the band's move to Fargo in 1959.

The 188th Army Band of modern day is a busy organization performing for state, military and civic events across North Dakota. The unit is made up several performing ensembles to include the Concert/Marching Band, Dixieland Band, Brass Quintet, Jazz/Stage Bands and Jazz Combos, Dance/Show Bands and various other small chamber ensembles.

The unit is under the senior leadership of 1st Sgt. Michael Koshney, of Fargo, N.D. The enlisted conductor of the 188th Army Band is Sgt. 1st Class Donald Nagle, of Grand Forks, N.D.

Watch video from the Band's performance at www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHrUZuzAeVA.

Happy Hooligans Travel to Ghana for Two-Week Humanitarian Mission

The 119th Wing Civil Engineer Squadron is taking part in a two-week humanitarian mission to Africa through the State Partnership Program (SPP).

Since 2004, the N.D. National Guard has developed a professional relationship

with Ghana as part of the Department of Defense's SPP. This program aligns states with partner countries encouraging the development of economic, political and military ties.

The squadron, which consists of about 40 Happy Hooligans, left for Ghana on April 19, to join a group of Airmen from the 127th Civil Engineer Squadron based out of Michigan. The Airmen will work together to complete two major construction projects while they're in the country.

Firefighter Training Course Available to North Dakota Guardsmen

The N.D. National Guard will hold a Red-Card Holder certification class May 14-16 at the 119th Wing in Fargo. The class is held to qualify Guardsmen as wildland firefighters so they have authority and knowledge to respond to fire hazards and other incidents both in the state and nation.

The training includes a variety of field exercises including the use of firing devices, properly using and distributing water and water suppression.

For more information about the course, contact your unit readiness noncommissioned officer. ■

'Deuce' Embraces New Mission

By Eric W. Jensen
Joint Force Headquarters

The 3662nd Maintenance Company; out of Bismarck, known by its moniker "The Deuce" throughout the N.D. National Guard, is the first unit in the organization to support the first dedicated chemical, biological, radiological and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) consequence management response force (CCMRF).

The joint service, multi-component force provides defense support to civil authorities in the event of a CBRNE incident. Nearly 4,700 Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors would be available through CCMRF to complete an array of tasks including air and land transportation, evacuations, chemical decontamination and support to extended civilian authority operations. CCMRF acts as part of a federal response to a state's request to support local incident commanders.

The Deuce received the mission to support CCMRF in December 2008 and will contribute until fall 2011. Falling under the 218th Brigade Support Battalion, of the South Carolina National Guard, the unit provides automotive repair and recovery for light and medium multi-service vehicles, as well as commercial style vehicles.

CCMRF Liaison Officer and 3662nd Maintenance Company Commander Capt. Don Williams said that the Deuce makes a nice fit for the CCMRF mission.

"This has been our area of expertise for years," he said. "I think it's good that National Guard units are part of CCMRF because you can plug and play based on different units' capabilities."

The unit will have the opportunity to work side by side with their CCMRF counterparts during their annual training this summer in Camp Atterbury, Ind., where they will respond to mock CCMRF scenarios under 24-hour operations.

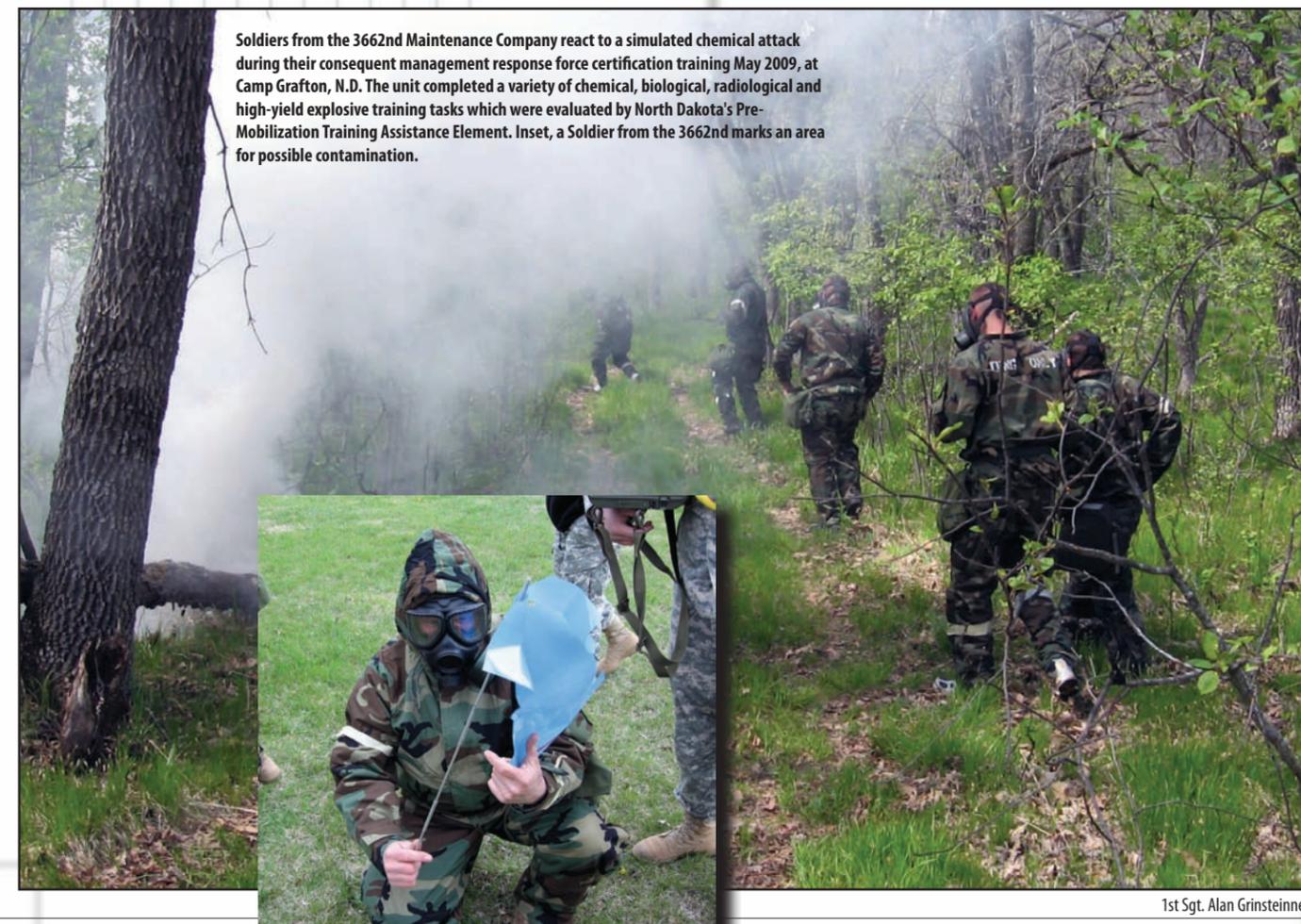
"It will be very exciting. It's the first annual training in which we've deployed the entire units' personnel and equipment out of state for awhile," Williams said.

He said the Soldiers will perform their typical duties of vehicle maintenance but could also see realistic CBRNE scenarios they have never seen before.

Since the 3662nd is part of a larger federal mission, they have to stay current with a number of training tasks not ordinarily assigned to traditional units. CCMRF requires a mandatory training list including completing many skill level one army warrior tasks. The Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element from North Dakota has been instrumental in helping the Deuce meet these requirements.

The biggest hurdles, Williams said, is moving equipment and personnel.

"Getting to the fight is always a major obstacle," he said. "But once these Soldiers get there, I know they will perform to a very high standard." ■



Soldiers from the 3662nd Maintenance Company react to a simulated chemical attack during their consequent management response force certification training May 2009, at Camp Grafton, N.D. The unit completed a variety of chemical, biological, radiological and high-yield explosive training tasks which were evaluated by North Dakota's Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element. Inset, a Soldier from the 3662nd marks an area for possible contamination.

1st Sgt. Alan Grinsteiner

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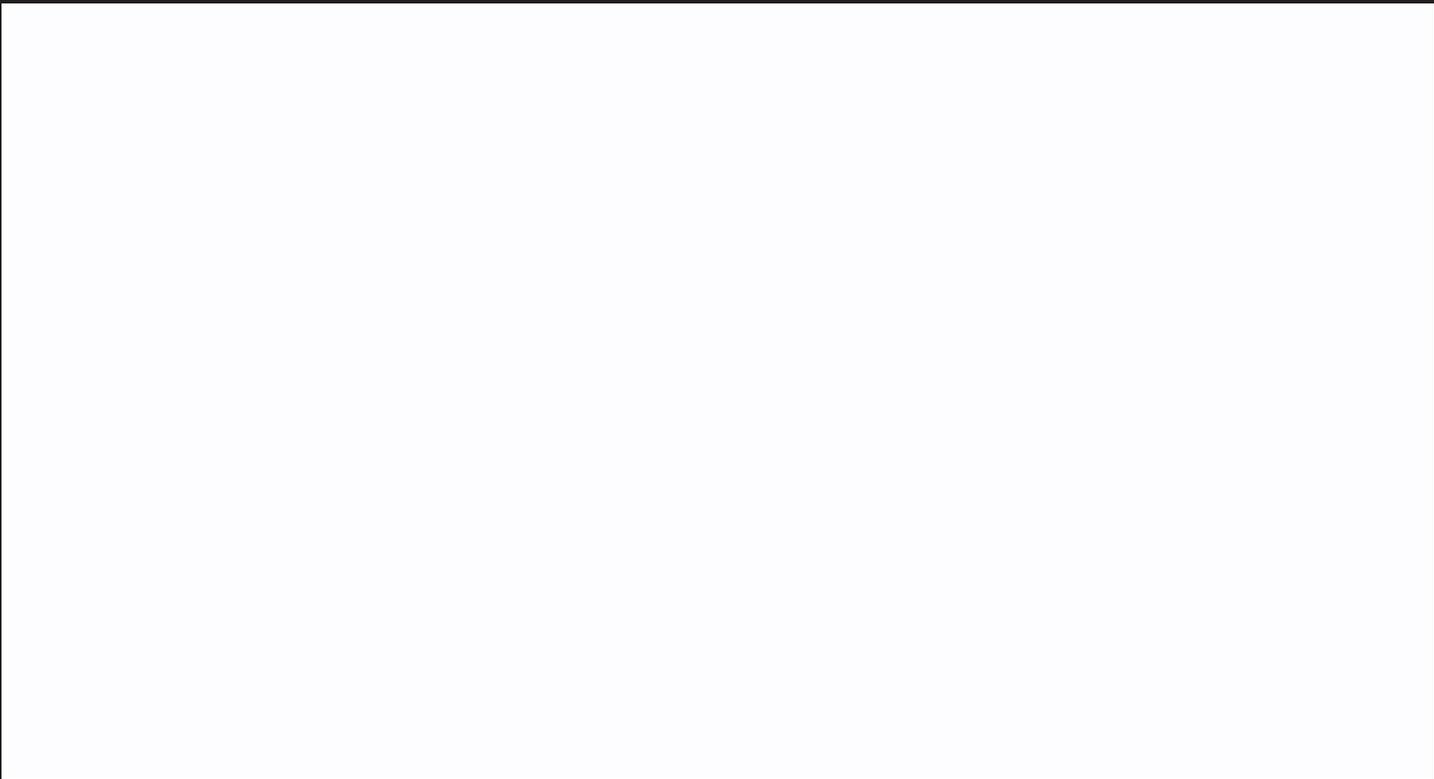
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A1C Nathan P. Wilke
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Sgt. 1st Class Paul Deegan

National Guard and Army Reserve Combat Engineer Soldiers brace themselves as an explosives charge goes off at the 164th Regional Training Institute's (RTI) Urban Mobility Breach course at Camp Grafton Training Center, Devils Lake, April 12. The course is the only National Guard and Reserve training area of its kind in the nation and all of the instructors are from North Dakota. The RTI continues to expand as it awaits the ribbon cutting for its new 182, 372 square foot building in August. The building will include administration facilities, education facilities, a vertical construction lab and Soldier billeting.