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Gratitude: Senior Airman Taylor Johnson, of the 119th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, right, shakes hands with North Dakota Governor John Hoeven and Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota adjutant general, during the Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony at the 119th Wing, N.D. Air National Guard on Sept. 11, 2010. The ceremony honored more than 250 Airmen who have deployed away from home station for more than 30 consecutive days on contingency orders since Sept. 11, 2001. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing)

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VIEW FROM THE TOP

Comments from North Dakota National Guard Leadership

In Appreciation of the 'Bridge Builders'

I first heard the poem Bridge Builder when an "old man" stood up and recited it at a meeting well over 30 years ago. The poem stuck with me over the years and as I reflect upon my experiences in our National Guard, I realize this poem reminds me of YOU — the men and women of the N.D. National Guard who build the bridges I, and numerous others, traverse throughout our careers.

I have often marveled at the ingenuity and creativity of our Guard members. If an aircraft, vehicle or piece of equipment needs a repair part that simply isn't available, someone fabricates one locally. If there IS a part available that *almost fits*, it will be modified and improved to meet or exceed current requirements. Bridge Builders. If a young Airman or Soldier requires "parenting or mentoring" because

they're headed in a wayward direction, senior members will place a hand on their shoulder to gently (*and sometimes not so gently*) guide them toward a better course. Bridge Builders.

History shows our 164th Infantry Regiment leading the way in World War II when reinforcing the U.S. Marines in the Pacific campaign, and being the first U.S. Army unit to take offensive action in this struggle. Today our Army National Guard deploys in large numbers all around the world supporting our nation in numerous battles against those who desire to do us harm; as well as encouraging nations to establish peaceful, productive governments. Bridge Builders. Our Air National Guard in Fargo actually preceded the U.S. Air Force in becoming recognized as one of the premier flying units in the world —

The Bridge Builder

Will Allen Dromgoole

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"
The builder lifted his old gray head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

and today they fly a cutting edge mission that is making an impact half way around the world. They also guard our nation's nuclear arsenal, and support critical missions — locally and internationally — shoulder-to-shoulder with our active duty brethren. Bridge Builders.

There are countless examples within our Guard of those who have built the bridges we so heavily rely upon and cross daily in order to successfully accomplish our assigned missions.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of you Bridge Builders we became, and remain, one of the most outstanding military organizations in the world; nationally and internationally



Brig. Gen. Pat Martin
Assistant Adjutant General — Air
North Dakota National Guard

recognized and acclaimed above the rest. All of this became possible due to your care and dedication. The legacy spans the ages, firmly anchored and able to weather any storm while providing a dependable path to the future for those who are willing to follow in your footsteps.

Strive to keep those bridges in good repair and continually build new ones for others to safely cross. Remember not to confuse your career with your life and to also live a life that matters. Never stop learning. Always enrich, empower and encourage others along your path.

When I lay my pen down at the close of this article, it will be the last one written by me as a drilling Guardsman. I too will be crossing another bridge this month; the one that leads into retirement from military service. As I draw nearer to becoming "the old man to some fair-haired youth," I can appreciate the wisdom, vision and effort of those who preceded me along my path. I acknowledge it would not have been possible to have had the privilege to serve in this great organization if not for Bridge Builders like you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have supported me over the years and all who have cared enough to contribute their time, talents and energy to build our N.D. National Guard into an organization others turn to as an example of what is possible. Godspeed.

Sincerely,

Brig. Gen. Pat Martin

Hometown Heroes

By Capt. Penny Ripperger
119th Wing

Weekend Event Honors Airmen Called to Service Since 9/11



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

In 2002, Tech. Sgt. Scott Kaufman was part of a group of six firefighters from the N.D. Air National Guard who deployed to Afghanistan for six months. He took part in a critical mission to prepare the air base there for flying operations. Since then, many of these firefighters have deployed more than three times to various locations such as Iraq, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates. Kaufman has deployed five times.

Although the actions of these Airmen are heroic, it's not unique to the members of the N.D. Air National Guard. There are hundreds of stories like these, of Airmen volunteering to leave their families multiple times to serve their country.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 1,800 Airmen have deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. This year, on the weekend of the anniversary of Sept. 11, the Happy Hooligans honored many of these brave men and women during the first-ever "Hometown Heroes Salute."

"Every day, we have Airmen serving abroad, away from their loved ones, protecting our country, and because they often deploy in small numbers, we want to ensure they

Left, Col Rick Gibney, the 119th Wing commander, left, shakes hands with Senior Airman Kelli Jo Eidem, of the 119th Security Forces Squadron, during the Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony at the 119th Wing. Right, Maj. (then Capt.) Dwight Harley, of the 119th Medical Group, inserts a chest tube on a patient during his 2005 deployment in the emergency room of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Medical Group, LSA Anaconda, Iraq (now Joint Base Balad). The hospital was a very busy trauma facility while Harley was there and he said "it was the most rewarding thing that I have done in my career as a physician assistant, either as a civilian or a military member."

receive the recognition they deserve for their service," Gov. John Hoeven said. "The Hometown Heroes Salute is a great opportunity to honor these men and women and their Families, and thank them for serving our state and nation."

The governor, senior leaders and community members had the opportunity to express that thanks during the Fargo event on Sept. 11 and a similar event in Minot on Sept. 12. Both events were followed by Family Day activities.

"It is fitting that the Hometown Heroes Salute ceremony is taking place on Family Day because this is a time to honor our Families in addition to the Airmen who have deployed," said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general. "Families are instrumental to the success of our Airmen. We want our Airmen to fight the fight and focus on their mission and they can't do that without the strong support of their Families back home."



Courtesy Photos



The Airmen who were recognized at the events received an award for serving more than 30 consecutive days away from home station between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2008.

"This ceremony is essentially a 'catch up' ceremony to honor all of our Airmen who deployed from 9/11 through 2008. Next year, we plan to honor all the Airmen who have deployed from Jan. 1, 2009, to Dec. 31, 2010, and from then on we will make this a yearly event to honor our Airmen who have deployed for that particular year," Chief Master Sgt. Paula Johnson, state command chief and event organizer, said.

Airmen expressed appreciation at the efforts made to formally thank them.

"It was great to have everyone — including my husband, my dad, my two brothers, my sister and her husband —

Top, Staff Sgt. Levi Heller, of the 119th Security Forces Squadron, left, and Staff Sgt. Luke Gardiner, now in the 219th Security Forces Squadron, sit for a photo during their April 2006 deployment to Iraq. The pair of N.D. Air National Guard security forces Airmen visited with a friendly Iraqi family while on a routine patrol of their zone outside Talil Air Base, which is now called Ali Air Base. They encountered the family regularly on their patrols and enjoyed visiting with them. Heller recalls it as a "very rewarding deployment, and a big reason why I reenlisted for another six years." Above, Gardiner finds a new mode of transportation while in Iraq.

honored at the Hometown Heroes Salute event," said Staff Sgt. Samantha Kolness, who deployed to the United Arab Emirates from September 2008 until February 2009 and to Kuwait from April through June of 2009. She was one of more than 250 Airmen honored in Fargo.

Similar sentiments were expressed in Minot, where an additional 13 Airmen received recognition.

"While our group was small, the Happy Hooligan determination, enthusiasm and dedication carried through on their deployments," said Lt. Col. Tad Schauer, 219th Security Forces Squadron commander. "Whether here or abroad, our 219th Security Forces members are among the most professional Airmen available, and I'm incredibly proud of their accomplishments." ■

ONE for the BOOKS

Guardsmen Popping Up on Pages throughout Bookstores

By Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
Joint Force Headquarters

You could write a book on all of the accomplishments of North Dakota Guardsmen, both in and out of uniform. They work hard on and off duty, and find time to play, too. Not just one, but several new books this year capture that spirit and dedication of North Dakota Soldiers and Airmen. Here's a glimpse at some of what's been appearing in local bookstores.

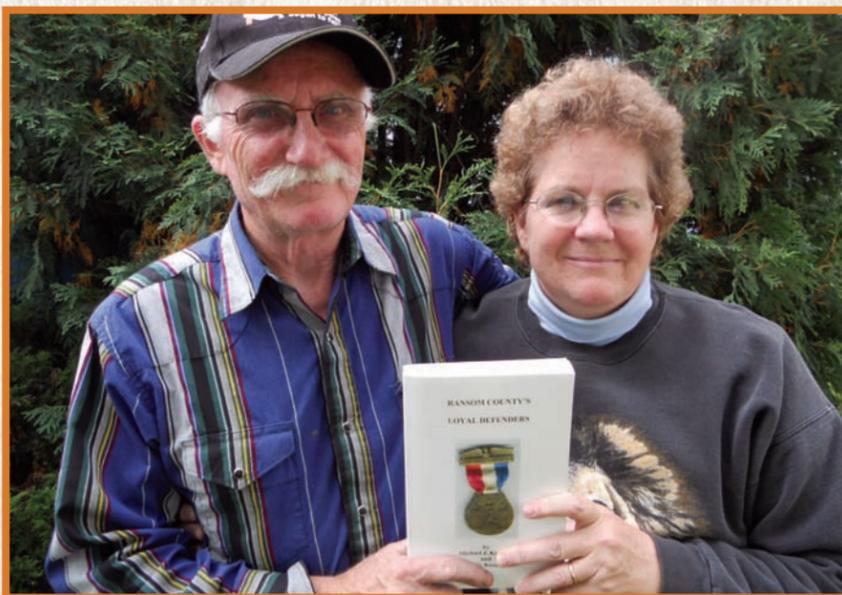
They Were Ready: The 164th Infantry in the Pacific War, 1942-1945

By Terry L. Shoptaugh

Almost three years of research, interviews and writing culminated in this book by a Minnesota State University Moorhead history professor. More than 70 veterans who served with the 164th Infantry, a N.D. National Guard regiment that spanned 18 armories across the state, shared their stories with Shoptaugh.

The 164th became the first Army unit in either theater to offensively engage the enemy when they arrived in Guadalcanal on Oct. 13, 1942. There, they joined with two other National Guard regiments to form the Americal Division. Their first casualty occurred just hours after landing in Guadalcanal, and more than 300 would perish before the unit returned home. Shoptaugh's book tells the story of "those farm boys [who] can fight" through their own words and pictures.

Bernie Wagner, of Valley City, is one of those farm boys. He joined the Guard in 1937 at age 16 after a friend "solemnly swore" he was 18, Shoptaugh writes. Wagner served in the 164th in the Pacific and later in Korea before retiring from the Guard as a lieutenant colonel. He is among those pictured in a spread of photos at the center of the book. Woodrow Wilson Keeble, who recently was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, is featured, as are dozens of others who served honorably and proudly. For more information about They Were Ready, e-mail Editor164thInfantryNews@hotmail.com.



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Ransom County's Loyal Defenders

By Mike and Sgt. Ann Knudson

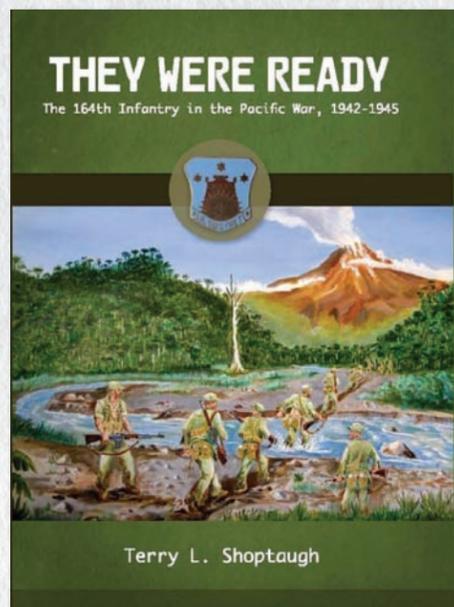
About 600 from Ransom County, N.D., served in World War I, 149 of them as members of the N.D. National Guard. This heavily researched, 320-page book documents their lives and their service during the "Great War." Many of Ransom County's National Guard "defenders" — 81 to be precise — served in a field hospital, and another two dozen were band members.

Sgt. Ann Knudson, who serves with Joint Force Headquarters, researched and wrote the book with her husband, Mike. Their interest was piqued when Mike, a collector, acquired a Ransom County Service Medal with the name of Harry Johnston engraved on the back. They discovered that it was among 582 medals presented to World War I veterans at a homecoming ceremony attended by 20,000 people in Lisbon on July 4, 1919. The research and interviews continued from there.

Besides Johnston, the book tells the stories of numerous others, including West Point graduate Arthur McKinley "Moose" Harper, who retired as a major general after serving 40 years, and nurse Florence Kimball, after whom the Lisbon American Legion Post is named. For more information about Ransom County's Loyal Defenders, email mikeannknudson@msn.com

"At Guadalcanal, the glue that held the men most tightly together was their common experiences, common localities and common backgrounds, when neighbors and friends fought alongside one another."

— excerpt from "They Were Ready: The 164th Infantry in the Pacific War, 1942-1945" by Terry L. Shoptaugh

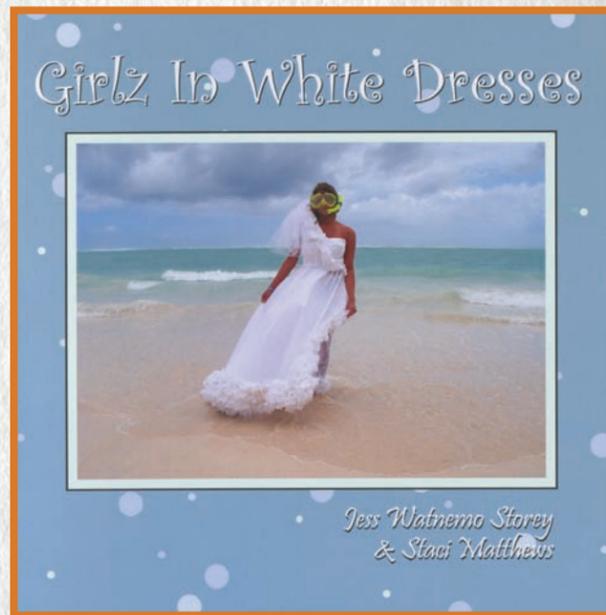


Girlz in White Dresses

By Jess Watnemo Storey and Staci Matthews

This isn't your serious military book, in case the title didn't give that away. While some of the other books here capture Guardsmen at work, this captures them at play. A number of women serving in the N.D. National Guard — or married to someone who is serving — donned wedding dresses and jumped into some unusual situations for this photography book.

On one page, Master Sgt. Teresa Terry perches in a wedding dress on the bar at the Auger Inn as she sips a cold brew. The caption? "Bartender + Wedding Dress = Pity Tips." Other pages feature Senior Master Sgt. Belinda Reep mopping the dining hall ("It worked for Cinderella"), Tech. Sgt. Tiffany Trombley working under a vehicle ("My mother-in-law's brakes looked fine to me, your honor"), and Capt. Penny Ripperger ready to try a Slip-and-Slide ("Someone told her that it was important to have a slip with her wedding dress ... she misunderstood"). Master Sgt. Laura Taylor and Master Sgt. Kimberly Harr "fire" a simulated M-16 weapon on one page, and enter more crazy situations on other pages, as does Staff Sgt. Lindsay Nowling. Raina Askin, who is married to Sgt. 1st Class Corey Askin, also got in on the fun, showing just a little leg and stopping traffic with a road sign; the caption reads, "The boys in traffic all agreed — she didn't need the sign."



Beautiful Women of North Dakota

By Billy Black
and Chris Linnaires

"Beautiful Women of North Dakota" celebrates "women who are quietly making our world a more beautiful place." Among the 22 women featured in the black-and-white photograph-heavy book is Lt. Col. Christine R. Peterson, who is highlighted under the headline "The Beauty of Service." Peterson, of Bowman, N.D., serves as a nurse in the N.D. Army National Guard, and previously served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserves. The book tells of her co-founding the North Dakota Nurse Practitioners' Association as well as mothering the two children she shares with retired Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Peterson.

North Dakota Guardsmen in History

Looking for some reading material on the Soldiers and Airmen who have gone before us? Several books highlight their accomplishments — in peacetime and in war — as well as the overall history of the N.D. National Guard. Here's a sampling:

- **Citizens as Soldiers: History of the North Dakota National Guard**, by Jerry Cooper and Glenn Smith (1986/2005)
- **The Boys: 1st North Dakota Volunteers in the Philippines**, by John Durand (2009)
- **Honorable Warrior: General Harold K. Johnson and the Ethics of Command**, by Lewis Sorley (1999)
- **Red River Rising: The Anatomy of a Flood and the Survival of an American City**, by Ashley Shelby (2004)

WARRIOR SPIRIT

Story & Photos by
Sgt. Eric W. Jensen
Joint Force Headquarters

Top Soldiers Test Will, Strength During Competition

out of Mott, was the runner-up in the noncommissioned officer category. Spc. Matthew Perkins, of Fargo, and a member of the 817th Engineer Company (Sapper), took the runner-up position at the enlisted level.

North Dakota will host the regional competition for Best Warrior in June 2011. The region consists of eight states: Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington, Wyoming and North Dakota.

Regional winners go on to compete in the All-Guard Competition and, if they win there, they compete in the All-Army Competition.

Miller notes that North Dakota has had much success in past competitions. In last year's regional competition, both Staff Sgt. Jason P. Lothspeich, North Dakota's 2009 Best Warrior in the noncommissioned officer category, and Spc. Nathan Svihovec, representing the enlisted-level, were named runners-up after what Miller called "three grueling, rain-soaked, mosquito-swatting, sleep- and food-deprived days" competing in Fort Richardson and Fort Greely, Alaska.

A winner in the noncommissioned officer category of the state competition in 1991, Miller said that earning the Best Warrior moniker presents recognition among peers and incentive and motivation to rise within the ranks of the North Dakota National Guard.

"We've had Soldiers who have competed in these competitions retire as colonels. It makes you realize that you can succeed and you can move forward and you can better yourself," he said. ■

The "Best Warriors" in the N.D. Army National Guard were named after a three-day competition tested the military skill and knowledge of 18 of the state's top Soldiers at Camp Grafton Training Center, Devils Lake, N.D., Sept. 17-19.

Sgt. Joel Erickson, of West Fargo, N.D., and a member of Detachment 1, 188th Engineer Company (Vertical), based out of Oakes, was the winner of the 2010 Best Warrior Competition in the noncommissioned officer category. In the enlisted-level competition, Spc. Ryan Lindberg, of Fargo, N.D., and a member of the 817th Engineer Company (Sapper), based out of Jamestown, took top honors.

Soldiers representing units in the N.D. Army National Guard battled to earn the "Best Warrior" title during the state-level competition after distinguishing themselves as the top competitors within the Guard's major commands. During the competition at Camp Grafton, they contended with a range of events designed to gauge their competence and performances in Army tasks and evaluations.

"A lot of them have smiles on their faces," said State Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Miller. "This is the kind of stuff they signed up to be a Soldier for — to test their mettle and to test their skills."

Should the winners not be able to compete, they will be replaced by the runners-up from the state competition. This year, Sgt. Steve Clark, of Jamestown, N.D., and a member of Detachment 1, 816th Engineer Company (Horizontal), based

Right, Spc. Joseph Scanlan, of Epping, N.D., and a member of the 164th Engineer Battalion, based out of Minot, confers with his mentor, Sgt. 1st Class Steve Geigle, also of the 164th, during the land navigation portion of the 2010 Best Warrior Competition. Below, Spc. Kyle Christensen, of Williston, N.D., and a member of 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), based out of Williston, applies a submission maneuver on his opponent during the Modern Army Combatives tournament. Combatives was just one of the events held during the 2010 Best Warrior Competition.



EYES to the SKY

188th ADA Soldiers Keep Watch in Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Nathan Johnson
Task Force Marne, Third Infantry Division

Despite the drawdown of troops in Iraq, about 60 North Dakota Guardsmen remain. Eight of those serve with the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment and are led by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Kraft, of Devils Lake, N.D. The Soldiers support a wide range of daily operations in U.S. Division-North, Iraq, utilizing the Sentinel Radar on two separate bases in the 3rd Infantry Division-led USD-North.

This is the first time North Dakota Soldiers have used the AN/MPQ-64 Sentinel Radar in a combat zone. The Sentinel can alert short-range air-defense weapons to sites of hostile targets.

When they first arrived to Iraq, the Soldiers were separated among four locations. The North Dakota Guardsmen all worked in multiple Brigade Air Defense and Air Management, or ADAM, cells spread throughout northern Iraq. Sgt. Matthew Shere, of Duluth, Minn., is the Sentinel Radar noncommissioned officer-in-charge at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Warrior, near Kirkuk, where he reflected on his mission: "The mission has been a great success thus far, and it's nice to know that we are an integral part of daily operations."

Throughout their time in Iraq, the Soldiers of the 1-188th ADA's mission is to utilize the Sentinel Radar to coordinate and deconflict airspace throughout Iraq. This includes deconflicting aircraft, mortar fire missions, unmanned aerial systems, controlled detonations, close air support, attack weapon teams, show of force missions, troops in contact, countering indirect fire and conducting air assault missions. This long list of demands has



Above, North Dakota Soldiers serving with the 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment in Iraq stop for a photo. They work in the 3rd Infantry Division-led U.S. Division-North. Pictured, left to right, are Sgt. 1st Class Michael W. Kraft, of Devils Lake, N.D.; Spc. Erik E. Anderson, of Bismarck, N.D.; Spc. Scott M. Douglas, of Northwood, N.D.; Spc. Calvin C. Cavett, of Mapleton, N.D., and Staff Sgt. Nathan N. Johnson, of Mandan, N.D. The Soldiers operate the AN/MPQ-64 Sentinel Radar. The Sentinel can alert short-range air-defense weapons to sites of hostile targets.

Left, Spc. Erik Anderson conducts maintenance on the Sentinel Radar system.

kept these Soldiers extremely busy and impressed a countless number of people along the way.

"These Soldiers have done a tremendous job and have represented the state of North Dakota extremely well throughout this entire deployment," Kraft said. "It's what is expected of Soldiers from our state."

The job doesn't stop there. The maintenance of the Sentinel Radar is a large task all in itself. To allow the radar to be capable of running 24/7, the Soldiers spend countless hours learning more about its advanced internal systems.

While Shere and his team remained at FOB Warrior the entire year, the others have returned to Contingency Operating Base (COB) Speicher to work in the 3rd Infantry Division Air & Missile Defense section. It's an around-the-clock job in which the Soldiers monitor airspace for outside missile and aircraft threats to U.S. Division-North. It's an important task that keeps these Soldiers monitoring the skies of northern Iraq 24/7.

The ADA Soldiers in Iraq mobilized Nov. 30, 2009, along with a sister Sentinel Radar group of about 25 that are serving in Afghanistan. Additionally, the ADA has a group of about 40 Soldiers serving in Afghanistan with the Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment, or RAID, system. They are all expected to return home this fall from the yearlong mission. When in North Dakota, the ADA is headquartered in Grand Forks, with units also in Bismarck and Fargo. ■

Photos by Sgt. Matthew Shere



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Job, right, congratulates SpC. Leah N. Stoner, of Fargo, during a Freedom Salute ceremony in Fargo Sept. 19. Stoner recently returned from her second deployment with the N.D. National Guard. She, and more than 300 other N.D. National Guard Soldiers honored at the ceremony, spent nearly a year on a NATO peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. Most of the Soldiers served as part of the 231st Maneuver Task Force, while 20 served in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, or Pristina, Kosovo, as part of the mission.

SpC. Kevin Marvig

Soldiers with the 191st Military Police Company line up with shields as they begin training on riot control techniques Sept. 11 in Fargo, N.D.



Left, Airman 1st Class Chelsea Nordquist helps a Happy Hooligan youth get his helmet on prior to entering the Defender Dome from Games Galore Sep. 11 during the semi-annual N.D. Air National Guard Family Day. Family Day is an event where family members of unit personnel have an opportunity to spend an afternoon experiencing activities at the N.D. Air National Guard base.

SpC. Cassie Simonton



Members of the 957th Multi-Role Bridge Company conduct training on the Improved Ribbon Bridge (IRB) system at Kimball Bottoms on the Missouri River south of Bismarck Sept. 18. The IRB was newly fielded to the Soldiers in June 2010. A number of the 957th's Guardsmen recently returned from a yearlong deployment to Kosovo. The weekend training gave those Soldiers a chance to train on the new system.

Members of the North Dakota Patriot Guard form a protective circle for family members within to quietly reflect during the recognition ceremony on Sept. 11, 2010, that added three service members to the North Dakota Memorial to the Fallen in the Global War on Terrorism. Sgt. Michael E. Bitz; United States Marine Corps, SpC. Keenan A. Cooper and Pfc. Jonathan C. Yanney, United States Army, were included in the list of names of the fallen honored at the memorial.



SpC. Jess Raasch

GUARDIAN Snapshots

A Leader's Legacy

FORMER
ADJUTANT GENERAL
REMEMBERED
FOR LIFE
OF PUBLIC SERVICE

By Bill Prokopyk
& Sgt. Eric W. Jensen
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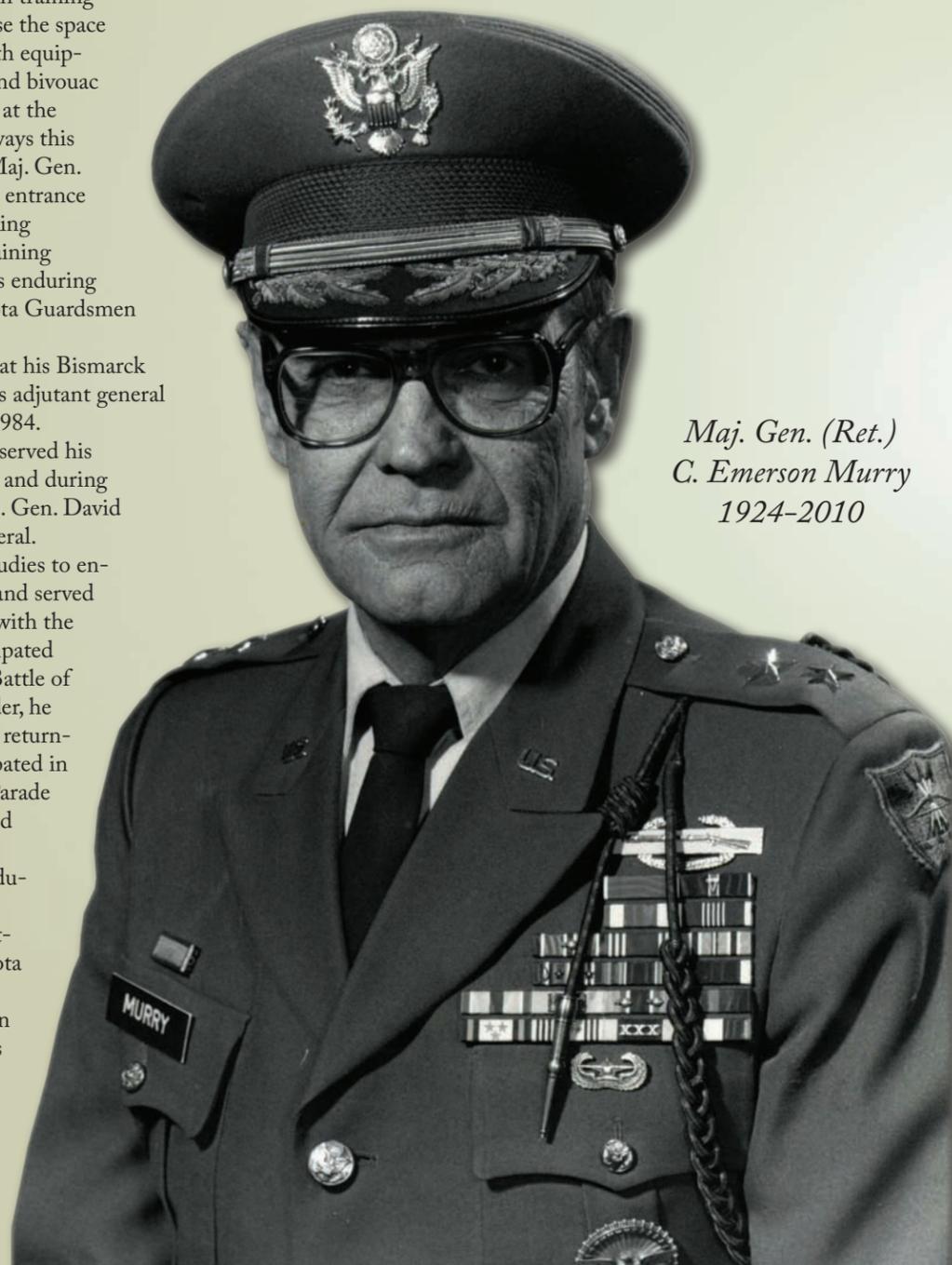
Every year, hundreds of North Dakota Guardsmen travel to the rolling hills and pastures encompassing the more than 10,000-acre Camp Grafton South training area to sharpen their military skills. Units use the space to conduct training exercises, familiarize with equipment, assemble tactical operations centers and bivouac sites and meet marksmanship qualifications at the number of weapons ranges. But it wasn't always this way. The contributions of many, including Maj. Gen. C. Emerson Murry, whose name adorns the entrance to the firing complex, are credited with making Camp Grafton South such a worthwhile training venue ensuring the former adjutant general's enduring legacy will influence and shape North Dakota Guardsmen for years to come.

Murry passed away on Aug. 29 at age 86 at his Bismarck home. A World War II Veteran, he served as adjutant general of the N.D. National Guard from 1975 to 1984.

"A dedicated patriot, C. Emerson Murry served his state and nation in uniform during wartime and during peacetime for more than 30 years," said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota adjutant general.

In 1942, Murry interrupted his college studies to enlist in the U.S. Army during World War II and served as an infantryman in the European theater with the 17th and 82nd Airborne Divisions. He participated in several major campaigns, to include the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. After Germany's surrender, he performed occupation duty in Berlin. Upon returning to the United States in 1946, he participated in the New York City World War II Victory Parade before receiving a discharge as a sergeant and returning home to North Dakota.

He immediately resumed his studies, graduating from the University of North Dakota in 1950 with a Juris Doctor degree. As an attorney, he served as head of the North Dakota Legislative Council beginning in 1951 for more than 25 years. In 1955, he joined the N.D. National Guard as a Judge Advocate General officer, serving in positions of increasing responsibility until his appointment to adjutant general by then Gov. Arthur A. Link.



Maj. Gen. (Ret.)
C. Emerson Murry
1924-2010



Left, the April 1977 issue of the Nodak Guardsman featured a story highlighting the passing of the "North Dakota National Guard Tuition Waiver Act" by the 1977 North Dakota Legislative Assembly, providing North Dakota Guardsmen "a partial waiver, up to 75 percent" at state-supported colleges. Murry remarked in the same issue that the legislation was "the first major recruiting and retention benefit provided by the State for its Guard."

"He also recognized the importance of Camp Grafton near Devils Lake and worked hard to develop it into a first-rate training facility."

Murry's efforts led to the construction of the 800-person barracks and readiness center at the Camp as well as securing additional maneuver training area to the south. The firing range complex at Camp Grafton South is named for him because of his initiative and vision in developing a much needed area for Guardsmen to fire and train with their weapons.

In an editorial from the Devils Lake Daily Journal dated June 15, 1983, the newspaper praised the adjutant general by saying, "Murry's record as adjutant is excellent ... Camp Gilbert C. Grafton near Devils Lake is the envy of military men, both Guardsmen and regular Army personnel. The camp has developed from a sleepy accumulation of buildings and equipment to a bustling, nearly fulltime military installation."

Chief Warrant Officer Curtis Stanley, Murry's son-in-law, remembers his father-in-law's dedication to duty, integrity and expectation of others.

"What I remember best about Maj. Gen. Murry was the high standards that he set for himself, his co-workers and his own family," he said. "He always focused on professionalism and doing the right thing, in and out of uniform."

Sprynczynatyk remembers similar attributes.

"In addition to his military service, he served the citizens of North Dakota for more than four decades in several key positions," he said. "He was a mentor and trusted advisor to me and so many others, and was truly dedicated to a life of public service. Our entire National Guard family mourns his passing."

After retiring from the N.D. National Guard in 1984, Murry served as director of the Garrison Conservancy District until 1993. He was an active member of the North Dakota Bar Association, past commander of Veteran of Foreign Wars (VFW), Gilbert N. Nelson Post #1326, Bismarck, associate member of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and received many awards for his leadership contributions from a wide spectrum of civilian and military organizations.

In his last public appearance on Memorial Day, he delivered the keynote speech at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery highlighting the service of World War II veterans. He concluded by saying, "To be born free is an accident. To live free is a responsibility. To die free is an obligation; for if we do not die free, we have not fulfilled our obligation to those we honor today, and we certainly will have failed our obligations to those who follow after us."

The speech can be read in the July 2010 issue of the North Dakota Guardian at <http://bit.ly/NDGuardian>. ■

During his tenure as adjutant general in 1983, the N.D. National Guard boasted a membership rate of 124 percent of authorized strength — no small feat since recruitment numbers had dwindled in the aftermath of the Vietnam War. When the military draft was eliminated, National Guard enlistments stagnated.

The dire state of recruiting efforts prior to Murry's appointment as adjutant general is discussed in Jerry Cooper's Citizens as Soldiers: A History of the North Dakota National Guard.

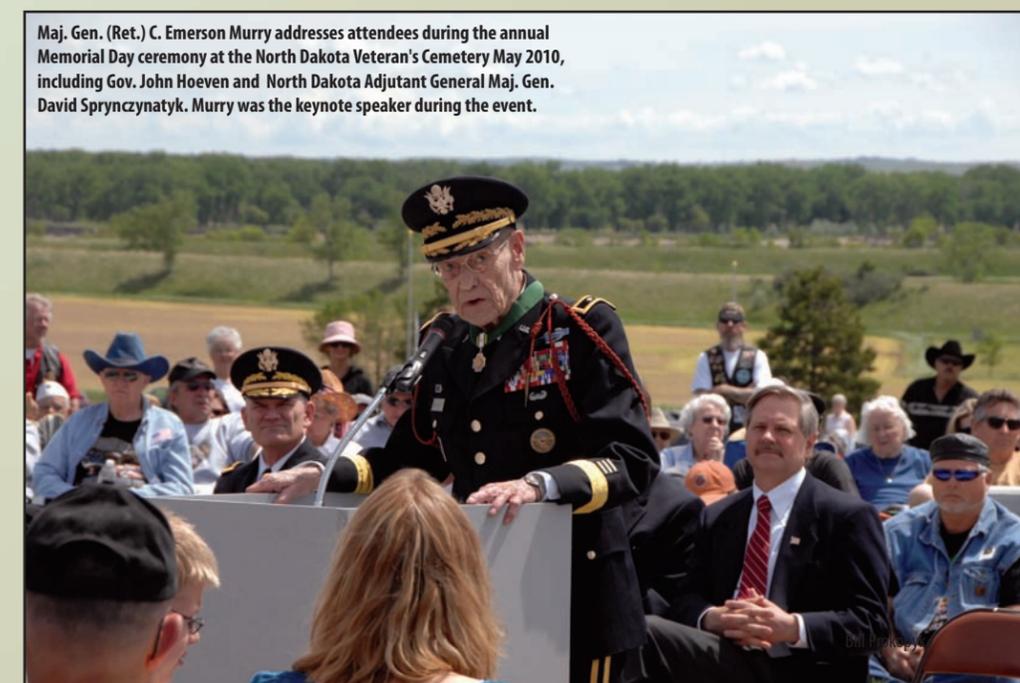
Cooper writes, "Nationwide, Guard enrollment declined by over sixty thousand men from 1974 to 1978, a reflection of the difficulties the active forces faced under the All Volunteer Force practice."

The N.D. Army National Guard, in particular, plummeted to 89 percent of the organization's authorized strength, "its worst recruiting performance since the mid-1950s."

Murry answered back by helping institute the N.D. National Guard's state Tuition Assistance program, which carried an incentive waiving 75 percent of tuition fees for Guardsmen attending "state-supported post-secondary schools and, in 1979, it added four-year private colleges."

"Today, the Tuition Assistance program is the cornerstone of the incentive package new Guardsmen receive when they make the choice to enlist," said Command Sgt. Maj. Brad Heim, N.D. Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Office. "We are seeing a record number of members using Tuition Assistance to continue with their education and earn their degrees."

"Under Maj. Gen. Murry's watch, the N.D. National Guard grew into a premier organization that led the nation in recruitment and retention," Sprynczynatyk said.



Maj. Gen. (Ret.) C. Emerson Murry addresses attendees during the annual Memorial Day ceremony at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery May 2010, including Gov. John Hoeven and North Dakota Adjutant General Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk. Murry was the keynote speaker during the event.

Chaplain's Corner

If there is one book that should be on every leader or future leader's bookshelf, it should be Dan Allender's, *Leading with a Limp: Take Full Advantage of Your Most Powerful Weakness* [WaterBrook Press, 2008]. A good used copy can be had for five bucks, yet this book is priceless. As Mark Sanborn, a consultant on leadership has written, "There are good books on leadership, but this one is profound."



By Chaplain (Col.) William Ziegler
Joint Force Headquarters

Whether in business, your family, the Guard or the church, leading is a difficult job. Chances are someone is going to be angry with you, even hate you. Allender notes that God calls all followers to lead and it often varies, from being a father or mother, a CEO, pastor or military member. All must count the costs of leadership, and it can be high. Crises, complexity, betrayal, loneliness and weariness are some of the costs. Serving God is what makes leadership worthwhile. Leaders that are particularly effective are not after personal gain, but are God-centered.

There are many styles of leadership from coercive fear to ineffectual idiot. Effective leaders first face their weaknesses, they do not hide them; they build on their God given humanity. Allender's study and insights into leadership see in it the elements of the suffering servant. He builds on God's opposition to the proud and His blessing for the humble. He notes that the first will be last and the last first, and uses Jesus' teaching of a treasure placed in "clay jars" as a metaphor for leaders who truly inspire and motivate.

Leading With A Limp by Dan Allender, Ph.D is must reading for all Guardsmen. His ideas make sense. This book came to me at just the right moment. I was facing a leadership position that I knew would be difficult. With the information present in *Leading With A Limp*, I pray I can be an effective leader and serve God too. ■



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp
2nd Lt. Tim Peterson, a member of 817th Engineer Company (Sapper) in blue shirt, left, stabilizes the upper body of Chief Master Sgt. Paul Tangen, of the 119th Wing, as Tangen is maneuvered through an obstacle of rope and pipes Sep. 24 during a teambuilding exercise called the spider web.

Guardsmen Challenged to Explore Perspectives During Workshop

A "three-day journey" led more than 30 N.D. National Guardsmen blindfolded across a stack of chairs, elevated through a web of string and, more importantly, to a deeper understanding and enhanced perspective on leading in a diverse environment.

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create challenges just by simply not being aware of each other and not understanding each other."

The course incorporated experiential learning while exploring stereotypes, labels and the value of trust. "What I'm grateful for, with respect to the Army and the Air National Guard, is, one, they see the relevance, the relative importance of what it is that we're talking about when we talk about diversity and leadership, and, two, it hasn't been mandated through a crisis; it's something that they've embraced as a necessity just because they've realized that when their people get better, their organization will get better, as well," Barboza said. ■



Spc. Ricky Smith, of Fargo, N.D., teaches members of the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Congo how to evaluate a casualty. Smith, a member of the 814th Army Medical Support Company, Detachment 1, based in Grand Forks, N.D., spent nearly three weeks in the DRC as part of MEDFLAG 10.

Guardsmen Exchange Medical Techniques with Congolese Counterparts

The N.D. National Guard's 814th Area Support Medical Company, of Bismarck and Grand Forks, arrived in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, last month to participate in MEDFLAG 10 — a joint medical exercise focused on humanitarian assistance that took place Sept. 6-18.

About 100 U.S. military personnel and 250 Congolese military personnel worked together to increase the combined readiness of their medical forces to respond to humanitarian emergencies.

MEDFLAG is an annual medical exercise that brings together U.S. military personnel with counterparts from militaries throughout Africa. It was initiated in 1987 as a U.S. European Command-sponsored, bilateral medical exercise to facilitate an exchange of medical information and techniques with militaries in Africa.

"We've shared a lot of good ideas and have gotten some techniques from them

that I never would have thought of such as different patient carries and bandaging of patients," said Spc. Ricky Smith of Fargo, N.D., and combat medic with the 814th.

"In the end, we hope they can gain anything that makes them more adequate at saving lives," said 1st. Lt. Coty Sicble of Bismarck, N.D., a medical administrator with the 814th.

State Enlisted Association Offers Scholarships

The N.D. National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA) gives away two scholarships every year, both in the amount of \$1000. The first scholarship is for members of the NDNGEA and the other scholarship is for unmarried children, grandchildren and spouses of NDNGEA members.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is December 1.

A national scholarship through the Enlisted Association is also available in the amount of \$2,000. Applicants can submit for both state and national scholarships.

The deadline for applying for a national scholarship is June 30.

For more information or to receive a scholarship application, email Master Sgt. Joesph Lovelace at joesph.m.lovelace@us.army.mil or Master Sgt. Duane Kangas at Duane.Kangas@ang.af.mil.

North Dakota Wing Recognized for Excellence

The Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) North Dakota Wing was recently awarded for their excellence in disaster relief by the Air Force organization that oversees CAP, CAP-USAF, and the CAP's National Headquarters.

The unit was recognized because of its outstanding work in the statewide floods of 2009 and 2010.

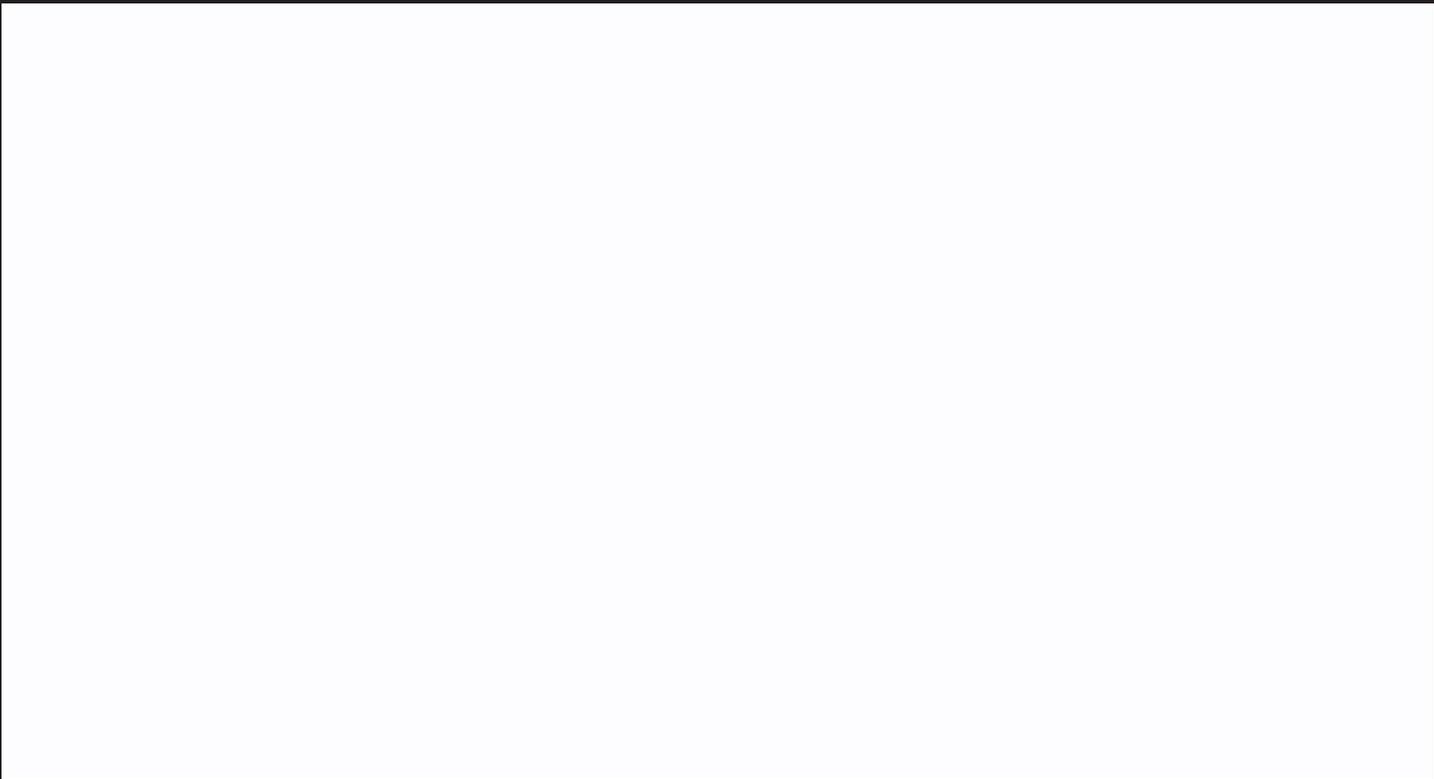
Members of the North Dakota Wing served on the ground by supporting sand-bagging operations in Fargo and other locations and were instrumental in providing high-resolution digital images of flooding to state and federal agencies, including the N.D. Department of Emergency Services. ■

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- Completed surveys will be collected until November 1, 2010.
- Thank you for all your responses and for helping us improve the North Dakota Guardian.





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From right to left, Tech. Sgt. Kristi Krabbenhoft, Staff Sgt. Felicia Gelvin, both of the 119th Emergency Management Flight, and Staff Sgt. Jason Horner, of the 81st Civil Support Team, join forces to investigate suspicious materials during a training exercise scenario as part of "Operation Jump" at Camp Grafton Training Center, near Devils Lake, N.D., Sept. 14. The exercise tested the N.D. National Guard's response capabilities to training scenarios involving potential chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or high yield explosive (CBRNE) incidents. The Guardsmen worked with civilian responders during the exercise including the Devils Lake and Grand Forks fire departments.