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From the DAG

Dear National Guard Retiree,

In the February Dag Tag, the Retiree's Advisory Board stated that the TAG would appoint a new Deputy Adjutant General to chair the board and threatened that it may be COL Al Dohrmann. The TAG made good on this threat when I took over for Brig. Gen. Engelman as the Deputy Adjutant General and Chair of the Retiree's Advisory Board.

I am honored to serve in both capacities. The strength of our organization the North Dakota National Guard is the relationships we maintain with all of our stakeholders. You are one of the most important in this group.

Many of you know me; some probably have no idea who I am. I joined the North Dakota National Guard in 1991 after I left the active Army. I divided my time between the 141st Engineer Battalion and the schoolhouse at Camp Grafton up to 1999. At that time, I branch transferred to the JAG Corps and worked full-time as the Joint Headquarters JAG from 1999 to 2005. Thereafter, I branch transferred back to engineer and have served as the Director of Personnel and Chief of Staff until I was assigned as the Deputy Adjutant General in April of this year.

I would like to thank Brig Gen Engelman, and you, for your commitment to our retirees' initiative. I pledge my continued support to this extremely important initiative. As Brig Gen Engelman stated in the last Dog Tag, this effort is a "must do" and a "must support". I agree. I look forward to meeting with you at this month's Board meeting, and at the numerous social and business meetings where our paths will cross.

ALAN S. DOHRMANN
COLONEL, NDARNG
Deputy Adjutant General

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Message from the Board

Greetings All,

We thought it would nice to take a little space to talk a little about what the Board has been up to and some of the current things we are working on.

Over the past two years we really have been working in three areas. The first thing we did was get us as a Board running smoothly. We adopted a charter, developed basic operating policies, and identified our duties and responsibilities.. We believe we have done this successfully...

The second area was to work on some short term issues and we focused on three. Retiree Weekend at Camp Grafton, legislative support to Retiree issues and the North Dakota National Guard, and support processes to units deploying. We have met with varying degrees of success with these three but continue to work on them.

Finally, we have started to think more long term about the areas we should be involved in or working on. We are looking at an outreach program for those retirees in declining health or otherwise unaccessible, systems to improve information sharing, and continue improving Retiree's Weekend at Camp. If you have any other ideas please let one of us know.

Retiree's Advisory Board



ARMY GUARD UPDATE



Army Guard Continues to Support War on Terrorism

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the N.D. National Guard has mobilized approximately 3,500 Soldiers and Airmen in support of the Global War on Terrorism. These mobilizations are second only to WWI when the N.D. National Guard deployed about 3,700 Soldiers. Currently, there are about 350 Soldiers and 33 Airmen mobilized in support of OIF, OEF and several other countries on peacekeeping and deterrence missions.

Mobilized N.D. Army National Guard units:

- 1/129th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Bismarck (13 Soldiers), currently serving in U.S. Army Central Command area of operations. Locations include Qatar, Tampa, Fla. and Atlanta, Ga. Mobilized April 2006. Unit is scheduled to return to North Dakota mid-June 2007.
- 1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery - Reconnaissance and Air Interdiction Detachment (RAID), Grand Forks and Bismarck (39 Soldiers), currently serving in Afghanistan. Mobilized Nov. 2006.
- Engineer Brigade, 34th Infantry Division, Bismarck, (45 Soldiers), currently serving in Iraq. Mobilized March 2007.
- 132nd Quartermaster Company, Grand Forks (21 Soldiers), currently at their mobilization station, Fort Hood, Texas with scheduled deployment to Iraq. Mobilized May 2007.
- 164th Engineer Battalion (SECFOR), Minot, (119 Soldiers) currently at their mobilization station, Camp Shelby, Miss. with scheduled deployment to Iraq. Mobilized June 2007.
- 817th Engineer Company (Sapper), Jamestown, (104 Soldiers) currently at their mobilization station, Fort McCoy, Wis., with scheduled deployment to Iraq. Mobilized June 2007.

The N.D. National Guard is also deployed to the Southwest Border, Operation Jump Start. We are supporting that effort with 47 Army engineers and 7 Air Guard in Arizona. The engineers are constructing roads, low water crossings, lighting and secondary fences. The Air Guard is providing airmen for the Early Identification Teams (EITs) located along the U.S. Mexico border.

The Army National Guard is facing several "challenges" as a result of the continuing war effort. Our total deployment time has been reduced to 12 months, which includes training at mobilization station and boots on the ground. That's a positive step but along with it comes the requirement to conduct more training at home station prior to deployment. Training in accordance with the five year training strategy, planning and receiving the required resources, earlier alerts and sourcing for the warfight are all tied together in order for us to continue providing trained Soldiers and units. We must also always be prepared to support our state and nation in natural disaster and emergency response situations.

Currently we are not publicly listing unit addresses (to keep kooks from sending junk) but rather are directing folks that want to help the troops to Kristi Fetch 333-2098.



AIR GUARD UPDATE



Air Guard Members Support TAPS.

As the conversion from a fighter unit to an Air Guard of smaller multiple skilled units continues in Fargo at the 119 Wing. Many Air Guardsmen are involved in other worth while activities besides those that directly relate to the conversion activities. I had an opportunity to sit down and talk to TSgt Samantha Clarke, Services Flight, about a program that SrA Mandi Hagen and herself took part in - the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS). Below is a touching description of the experience the two of them had, a program that is definitely worthy of getting involved with.

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is a non-profit organization that assists military families, who have lost loved ones, through

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Committee Reports

support and many other programs that TAPS offers. The TAPS seminar and Good Grief Camp was held over Memorial Day weekend. The first time we had heard about the program, we instantly knew that we wanted to volunteer. Helping families through their grief would be hard work, but we both knew that we could help.

We both volunteered to be mentors at the Good Grief Camp (part of TAPS) held for children from ages 3 months old to 17 years old. We were mentors for children in the age group of four to six year olds. The camp makes it possible to show the kids how to deal with grief and the stress that comes with it. The Good Grief Camp offers age appropriate activities for the kids to help them deal with their grief.

When we arrived, TAPS had a training session for all of the volunteers. We were in lectures and classes that briefed us about children and grief. We learned what to expect and what to do in certain circumstances. And, the following day, we were assigned our mentees.

The weekend was full of preplanned events. We had a group circle time at least once a day. At the first group circle, kids would tell everyone their names and something about their dads. Our mentees were reluctant to speak until they heard the other children talk about their loved ones they had lost. All of the children spoke of their stories so matter-of-factly. One of the things we experienced was how much the children know about their loved one's death, and some of them just know that daddy is in heaven. There wasn't a lot of emotion from the kids; we aren't sure they have a true understanding of death.

One little boy had a picture of his dad on a button. He showed the picture and saying at the same time, "This is my daddy. I am so proud of him, and this picture is all I have left of him." It just made your heart sink. Volunteering for the camp was a very humbling and emotional experience. It is a realization that one would not want to deal with, especially when it comes to a child. It is very hard to watch them grieve knowing that they will never see their fathers again, and listening to them talk about their fathers was astounding.

The North Dakota National Guard, both Air and Army, is an organization that never ceases to impress me - what a great bunch of people doing so many things for people.

Tom "Tlar" Larson, retired Happy Hooligan

Regional Meetings

As of 1 January 2007

Region	Meeting Date	Time	Location
1 - Williston	2nd Tuesday of every month	0700-0830	Dakota Farms
2 - Minot	2nd Tuesday of every month	1130-1230	Marco's Restaurant
3 - Devils Lake	3rd Monday of every month	0730-0900	White House Café
4 - Grand Forks	3rd Monday of every month	0800-0900	Holiday Inn
5 - Fargo	1st Wednesday of every month	0700-0830	Valley Kitchen (I-29 & Main Ave)
6 - Valley City	Last Tuesday of every month	0830-0930	Broken Spoke
7 - Bismarck	2nd Tuesday of every month	0700-0830	BSC Student Union
8 - Dickinson	4th Tuesday of even months	0800-0900	Days Inn at Dakota Lodge
Detroit Lakes	3rd Saturday of even months.	0800-0930	Holiday Inn (Detroit Lakes)

REGION 1

The Williston area retirees continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 7am, at Dakota Farms restaurant. Our numbers continue to grow but at a slow pace. All of us at the last breakfast were retired from the NG but still gainfully employed in our civilian jobs, either full or part time. Even the fully retired who attend, as time permits, are finding that when they get up in the morning they have nothing to do and at the end of the day, they still have most of it left. Breakfast with the retirees is a welcome relief from the day to day grind. We have the opportunity to talk about the past successes and close calls.

It is interesting that we remember the same incidents but very differently which leads to some lively discussions. All in good fun so far. We have even strayed from visiting about our past exploits to discussing fainting goats, llamas, and miniature donkeys so no subject is taboo. We did conduct a piece of official business and recommended Ken Hiltner to continue as the representative from this area. He accepted but thought he heard a train whistle as the motion was made, seconded and

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REGION 1 - Continued

voted on faster than the chokecherry tree was named the ND state tree. We plan to continue our breakfast sessions throughout the summer. If you are passing through the area, stop in. We are always looking for a buyer.

Ken

REGION 2

No update this issue.

Joe Heiser

REGION 3 -

We would like to give a great big thank you for the men and women of the army and air guard that served in Iraq and Afghanistan for a job well done. We are very proud of all of you. To the men and women of the Army and Air Guard that have been deployed to serve in the war against terrorism, we pray each day that you all return safe to your families and loved ones.

Region 3 takes in the Bottineau, Cando, Carrington, Devils Lake and Rugby area. With recent retirees from Carrington joining our group we are looking at a breakfast meeting in Carrington this summer. Our region meets the third Monday of the month in Devils Lake at the White House Cafe which is in the mall, we meet at 7:30am. Come join us , and spend the rest of the day doing some great fishing on Devils Lake.

We are enjoying life in our region, a few of the retirees are still working at some job that they enjoy, some are helping farmers, some have their own business, some are just helping other people out in any way that they can. So life is good. Hope that every one has a great summer, but please do not forget our solders that are deployed.

Dave C

REGION 4

Progress is the evidence of change.

Communication shares the progress of the future.

This Region has experienced joy and despair of news and events and a rapid need to continue to hold on to the past to cope with today. There has been a misprint in e-mail address for the Volunteer database in the past publications. It is holwerdaj@gra.midco.net VOLUNTEER DATABASE

REGION 4

ENROLLMENT continues sign-up ASAP by e-mailing your name, location, phone number and the talent/skill or service you are willing to offer. All townships need a designated volunteer to stand between the GAP of a temporary need AND getting help to meet the needs of our service personnel and their families.

Jill Holwerda

REGION 5

The breakfast meetings in the three locations, Detroit Lakes, Fargo, and Mesa, have flourished through the winter months. We'll be seeing many familiar faces of those migrating to the lake country for the spring and summer months.

Detroit Lakes continues their record-setting attendance at their bi-monthly breakfasts at the Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn. The dates of the next two breakfasts are Saturday, June 16th and Saturday, August 18th, 8:00 a. m.

The first Wednesday of each month is when the Fargo-Moorhead area Hooligans' breakfast meetings are held, 7:00 a.m. at the Valley Kitchen (I-29 & Main Ave). Recent monthly meetings have been stimulated with guest speakers, including Lt. Col. Rick Omang, Airlift Sq. Commander, Brig. Gen. Al Palmer, NDANG Chief of Staff and Director of Flight Operations at UND, and SMSgt Dave Lipp & MSgt Eric Johnson of the 119th Wing Multi-media Center.

The semiannual WSO Reunion of April 11th drew quite a number of familiar faces, some traveled many miles for an enjoyable evening at the Auger Inn. The next WSO Reunion will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10th, at the Auger Inn. Mark this down as a red letter date on your calendar.

There are two "Hooligan friendly" locations in north Fargo who have been very kind in recognizing our unit and its history. The Fargo Air Museum has had an arrangement of historical Happy Hooligan photos and other noteworthy memorabilia. And, Fargo's north side Applebees' (across from the air museum), has a Happy Hooligans Forever wall, with numerous photos depicting many particular sections and extending over the years.

On Tuesday, May 15th,, the 20th Anniversary of the Celebration of Life was held at the Fargo Air Museum. It was a somber, but joyful event. Back in December 1986, 1st Lt. Bob Becklund flew an

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F4 to California with the heart (an organ donation) of a four-month old child from Fargo who had been kept alive on life support systems. The heart recipient is now a healthy, young adult. All of the key players who contributed to the success of this huge challenge were present, and a fitting tribute was given to all. Again, it was a proud day to hear the kind words from so many sources for the contribution of the efforts, the quick decision making, and the inherent dedication by the players of the North Dakota Air National Guard.

Air National Guard retirees are now eligible to apply as a Recruiter Assistant in the ANG Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) and receive a \$2,000.00 stipend for bringing prior service and nonprior service individuals into the ANG. For further information, or to apply, please go to the web site, www.guardrecruitingassistant.com. We'll also keep you posted as best we can via our network of sources and input from the 119th Wing Recruiting Office.

Many enjoyable occasions pop up over the weeks and months within the Happy Hooligan world. An exceptionally effective network of communications exists to alert everyone of the many opportunities there are to enjoy sharing memories of the past and of current events. Many of you take advantage by attending and participating in some of these events. However, there's always room for more.

An info email is transmitted monthly to retirees which announces upcoming social activities and 119th Wing events which may be of interest to retirees and past members of the NDANG. Send your email address to: jctietgens@cableone.net if you'd like to receive this emailing. Also, forward any change to your email address. You may call Jack Tietgens at 701 293-3256 if you have any questions.

Below are two photos to recollect bygone years. The F-94A/B is a photo of the first jet fighter assigned to the unit, and the other is an impressive lineup of the unit's F-4 aircraft.



REGION 6

Things are fairly quiet in the region right now. We have had our regular gatherings the last Thursday of the month with 8-10 guys attending. Lately some old pictures of the 141 Camp Hi-lites are being brought to meetings and are interesting to look at. We have had some of our spouses attend and they have also enjoyed their get-togethers at the same time. Many of our retirees are active in their veteran's organizations and have supported Memorial Day activities. Our breakfasts are at the Broken Spoke at 0830. We have a couple of friends on sick call these days so you might remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Gerry

REGION 7

We always meet the second Tuesday of the month at BSC's Cafeteria. In May we had over 25 members present. The Snow Birds are back. In June we are planning on asking Bernadette Ternes who is a full-time National Guard Social Worker talk to us about Suicide Awareness/Prevention. Her phone number is 333-3352. She would be willing to talk to our other groups, if asked. North Dakota has had 3 suicides of Soldiers this past month, and suicide is highest among those over 65 years old. We are also going to ask the North Dakota Recruiters to speak to our group later this year.

Ben

REGION 8

We continue to meet once each even numbered month. Our attendance of between 10 and 15 remains constant. Our list of interested persons is

slowly growing [persons we add to our e-mail list]. Topics discussed also remain somewhat the same; update on guard and reserve activities, personal activity updates, medical coverage procedure and experiences.

Our region remains committed to recognizing the services of present and past military personnel. The Military Affairs Committee of the Chamber sponsors an Armed Forces Day luncheon. This year, on May 16, MG Sprynczynatyk was the featured speaker. The Committee also sponsors a Memorial Day program that is well attended.

On a personal note; I recently had the opportunity to visit with a young man (two years out of high school) who is a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, he is a PFC rifleman. He is deployed to Iraq. He was home on his 2 week leave. It was interesting to hear him describe the conditions under which they live and operate. They do this while getting the not too subtle feedback from the Iraqi people they are seeking to help, that they do not really want him there. He is a quiet unassuming bright person. After listening to him and watching his body language it reminded me of what we are asking these young soldiers to do. The "harms way" we have put them in. The mental struggles they must have in controlling their emotions. They do this without question or complaint. It truly deepened my appreciation for what they do. I truly hope this young man will have the opportunity to some day have coffee with his fellow retirees and just have to worry about, health care, and the other problems of old age.

Col. Gerald D. Galloway Ret.

 Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve

ESGR originally consisted of a small, select, volunteer panel of Americans representing business, government, labor and the military. They directed most of their efforts towards their peers. It soon became apparent that this top-level effort was ineffective and insufficient and throughout the years, studies showed that nearly 1/3 of the men and women surveyed about their reason(s) for leaving the National Guard or Reserve stated "employment conflict" as the cause of their problems.

Today, nearly 4,000 nationwide volunteers (65 in North Dakota) reach out to employers to educate them on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and informally

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mediate issues between Reserve Component members and their employers..

Through a Nationwide Volunteer Ombudsman program, ESGR assists in preventing, resolving or reducing employer and/or employee problems or misunderstandings arising from National Guard or Reserve membership.

As our forces are engaged in this time of world turmoil, unrest and national disasters, our Reserve forces are spending more time away from the workplace defending these missions as well as supporting a demanding operations and training schedule to maintain their mission readiness. It is important in this regard, for civilian employers to comply with employment laws that protect the rights of those workers serving in the Reserve component. (credit iif Freedom Star)

Family Support

Quote from CPT Sir Basil Liddell Hart, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Thoughts on War, 1944

"Man has two supreme loyalties...to country and to family...So long as their families are safe, they will defend their country, believing that by their sacrifice they are safeguarding their families also. But even the bonds of patriotism, discipline and comradeship are loosened when the family itself is threatened."

With the summer season comes bar-b-ques, boating, kids, grandkids, and family activities. One family "our military family" is one we need to keep in mind, showing support and not forgetting the sacrifices that are being made. What better time to remember and help than during this summer season?

Since our last newsletter, I attended the Family Support Workshop in Bismarck where one presentation really gave me food for thought. I did not realize what an impact this presentation could have on our soldiers and families as they return to civilian life. "Suicide Awareness/Prevention" was the presentation.

The information that I gained from this presentation is that not only is North Dakota not exempt from this type of trauma, but, the more we know about suicide, the more we can be available to assist our returning service members and their

Families. Between family commitments, widespread traumatic brain injuries and mental health disorders, multiple redeployments-service-members and their families face a unique set of pressures. "Caring for our returning service members is one thing we can and must do for them."

As we continue to welcome them home and work closely with our returning soldiers, it's important to be aware, learn and be mindful of what they may have gone through. The National Guard has a full-time Social Worker, Bernadette Ternes, (701) 333-3352 who has a great presentation on suicide/prevention and is willing to share with regional retiree groups. Feel free to contact and set-up a time and place for a Suicide Awareness/Prevention presentation.

Tim Zimmer

Retiree Benefits

Portrait of Retired Soldiers and Spouses

Retired Soldiers receiving retired pay	693,914
Survivors receiving a DoD annuity	151,773
"Gray area" Reserve Retired Soldiers*	91,584
TOTAL	937,271

*(not yet age 60)

(Sources: Defense Finance and Accounting Service – Cleveland Center; Human Resources Command – St. Louis)

How you're growing

DoD Actuary figures show that in the year 1900, the Retired Soldier population totaled 2,290. Thus far in FY 2007, the Army is retiring about 2,600 Soldiers a month (including both active and Reserve Component Soldiers).

Reprinted from Army Echos Newsletter.

Need Computer Access?

At a recent Enlisted Association meeting it was brought up that not all retirees have access to the internet. Hence, they have not viewed the CD's or looked at the web sites referenced in the last "DOG TAG". For those Retirees who do not have a computer and wish to view the CD's and the WEB sites mentioned in the DOG TAG they are encouraged to check their local library or the local armory. Retiree's are authorized access to general use computers at all National Guard Armories on a space available basis.

Army Sends Out New Retiree Pins

Mailing of the new Army Retired pins and information packets to Retired Soldiers began in April and should be completed by July. The packet includes a letter from the Acting Secretary of the Army, the CSA and the Sergeant Major of the Army underlining the unending commitment between the Army and its Retired Soldiers. It also contains news on the Army Strong theme and the recruiting referral bonus.

The mailing was made using correspondence addresses from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's (DFAS) Cleveland Center for Retired Soldiers receiving or eligible to receive retired pay. Correspondence addresses from the Human Resources Command – St. Louis were used for the mailing to "gray area" Reserve Retired Soldiers (those not yet age 60 and not yet receiving retired pay).

New Retirees

The following Guardsmen and Women have retired since August 2006!

January 2007	
SGT AUDDIE M. QUAST	ARMY
MAJ BRADLEY L HINTZ	ARMY
SFC GARY L HOFFMANN	ARMY
MSGT GORDON E WALTH	AIR
MSGT KEITH D GIFFORD	AIR
SFC KRISTI J FETSCH	ARMY
SSG LYNN A JOHNSON	ARMY
SGM MARYLS A MORGENSTERN	ARMY
SMSGT RANDALL A LEKANDER	AIR
SSG SCOTT J MOSER	ARMY

February 2007	
MSG DALE C OTT	ARMY
SFC DIANE J DEGENSTEIN	ARMY
WO1 LELAND J HALL	ARMY
LT COL MARSHALL L KJELVIK	AIR
LTC MITCHELL J BARTA	ARMY
SFC PATRICK A PAULSON	ARMY
SGT RODNEY D OHLHAUSER	ARMY
MSGT SHANNON D JOHNSON	AIR

March 2007	
SSG DAVID A SCHMALTZ	ARMY
MSG DUANE R FRIEDIG	ARMY
TSGT MAURICE L FORSGREN	AIR
SFC ROGER J PARSONS	ARMY
SSG THOMAS D ENDERS	ARMY

Thank you for your service and welcome to the ranks of the Retired Military!

50TH OCS REUNION

Reconnect at "Operation 50"

By: MAJ Grant Wilz, 164th RTI S-3

The North Dakota National Guard Regional Training Institute (RTI) will be holding the 50th Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class Graduation and Celebration on 18 August 2007. This celebration will be held at Camp Grafton, North Dakota. In conjunction with this graduation we are planning an all class reunion for OCS.

We have over 1200 names of graduates from the past 49 OCS classes. That is an average of 24 members per class. We are building an event which will give all past graduates an opportunity to see the changes in equipment that have happened over the years, although we still have some of those 1950's trucks in the inventory. Also we will be showcasing some virtual training aids. Come see the changes that are happening.

Additionally we will have all the OCS memorabilia on display along with class pictures, which we have only a few, so if you have any photos you want to share please forward them to the email or address below. There will be an opportunity for current class pictures to be taken and purchased.

Last we have planned social time, steak fry, and a street dance. This event is not just for those that have gotten out of the guard, it is for all OCS graduates both retired and active. Registrations /invitations will be mailed out in early June, so look for yours in the mail. Since we are trying very hard to get addresses, if you do not receive a registration form by mid June please contact us with correct address information.

Contact: Specialist Jill Johnson at 701-662-0412 or email jill.l.johnson@us.army.mil. Traditional mail, photo's or other inquires can be sent to:

SPC Jill Johnson, S-1
ATTN: "Operation 50"
164th RTI, Building 2380
4417 HWY 20
Devils Lake ND, 58301

Classified Ads

Not Getting Jet Letter or Straight Arrow

Send your name and address to:

Jet Letter

Straight Arrow

119FW/PA

JFHQ-PIO

Attn: Jet Letter

NDNG

1400 28th Ave N

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Fargo ND 58102-1051

Bismarck, ND 58506-5511

Notification of Retiree Happenings

Don Baglien serves as the communications officer for the Retirees Advisory Board and provides relevant information to all those who wish to receive it via email. He will not and does not clutter your email with jokes, junk, or flavor of the day patriotic fanfare. He only sends out stuff that relates to Retirees or activities occurring in the National Guard that Retirees should know about. To get on his email list send a note to Don at dbaglien1@msn.com.

Help us maintain the data base

The Retirees' Advisory Board maintains a database of all North Dakota National Guard Retirees, a list of over 2100 names. To assist us in maintaining its accuracy, if you have a change of address please contact Verena Schauer at (701) 333-2012 or email her at verena.schauer@us.army.mil. We are also trying to add current email addresses to the database. If you want to have your email address added to the database please let Verena know that as well.

2007 Retiree Upcoming Events!

CALLING ALL RANKS



NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD RETIREES' ANNUAL REUNION

CAMP GILBERT C. GRAFTON
DEVILS LAKE, ND
7-8-9 September 2007

HOOLIGANS' ANNUAL REUNION BREAKFAST

119TH FIGHTER WING
FARGO, ND
7 November 2007

Air Force Humor

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
4. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.



Q: How do you play Taliban bingo?
A: B-52...F-16...B-1...

Vets Wear Your Medals

By Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson

Americans' veterans are the face of America. They come from all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities. They served our Nation honorably and well and we honor that service, but how do we honor the veteran the individual who put on the uniform and gave his or her all for our country? In the spring of 2006 I had the privilege of attending the ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) Day ceremonies in Sydney, Australia. ANZAC Day is the most important national holiday in Australia, a combination of Memorial Day and Veterans Day. It was established to commemorate the more than 8,000 Australians killed in the battle of Gallipoli in World War I, and now honors all Australian and New Zealand veterans.

One of the things that stood out during the day-long ceremonies was how all of the veterans and surviving family members wore their medals and campaign ribbons. It focused public pride and attention on those veterans as individuals with personal histories of service and sacrifice for the common good. That is why I am calling on Americans' veterans to wear their military medals on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Wearing their medals demonstrates the deep pride our veterans have in their military service and reminds all American citizens of the sacrifices our veterans have made. Veterans, wear your pride on your left side on patriotic holidays! Let America know who you are and what you did for freedom.

Army Humor

Military Camouflage Uniform Wear Policies

MARINES: Work uniform, to be worn only during training and in field situations.
ARMY: Will wear it anytime, anywhere.
NAVY: Will not wear camouflage uniforms, they do not camouflage you on a ship.
AIR FORCE: Will defeat the purpose of camouflage uniforms by putting blue and silver chevrons and colorful squadron patches all over them.

Laziest Soldier

A sergeant was addressing a squad of 20 and said: "I have a nice easy job for the laziest man here. Put up your hand if you are the laziest." 19 men raised their hands, and the sergeant asked the other man "why didn't you raise your hand?" The man replied: "Too much trouble, sarge."



1 February 2007 Through 15 July 2007

1SG Larry Clemens

22 April 2007

SFC Lester "Buzzy" Pauling

3 July 2007

CW3 Herby Barstad

7 July 2007

**North Dakota Service Members
Who Have Died in Support of
OIF and OEF**

Cpl Christopher Kleinwachter, 29 Nov 2006

Cpl Nathan Goodiron, 23 Nov 2006

Cpl Paul A. Beyer, 23 June 2006

Spc. Jeremiah S. Santos, June 15, 2006

Cpl. Curtis Mehrer, June 6, 2006

Sgt. Travis Van Zoest, June 6, 2006

Spc. Michael Hermanson, May 23, 2006

Spc. Dennis Ferderer Jr., Nov. 2, 2005

Spc. Cody Wentz, Nov. 4, 2004,

Pvt. 1st Class Anthony Monroe, Oct. 10, 2004

Staff Sgt. Lance Koenig, Sept. 22, 2004

Spc. James Holmes, May 8, 2004,

Spc. Philip Brown, May 8, 2004

Staff Sgt. Ken Hendrickson, Jan. 24, 2004

Sgt. Keith Smette, Jan. 24, 2004

Spc. Thomas Sweet II, Nov. 27, 2003

Pfc. Sheldon Hawk Eagle, Nov. 15, 2003,

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