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Staff Sgt. Travis Almer, right, leads a two-person hose team with Tech. Sgt. Scott Kaufman, both 119th Wing firefighters, as they prepare to spray water on a simulated fire during a mass casualty exercise June 22 at Hector International Airport, Fargo, N.D.

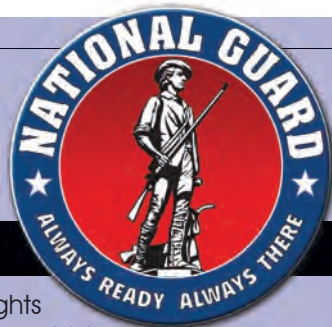
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# GUARD POSTS

Dispatches from the N.D. Guard Family

## 818TH ENGINEER 'BISON' ARRIVE

October 2010 seems like just a distant memory. That's when the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper) received a "Notification of Sourcing" message. What this message meant for our unit was "get ready to go" and perform a specified overseas mission. As a result, we spent countless hours of training over weekends at home, as well as a three-week annual training period at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and finally a month and a half at Fort Bliss, Texas, in order to prepare ourselves for our combat mission.

Nearly two years later, we find ourselves properly trained and conducting route clearance operations in Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Our primary mission consists of supporting Marine Corps Elements and Afghan Security Forces by providing them freedom of movement in our area of

operations. Our mission is an important component to everyone's security and safety by keeping the routes clear and safe from hazards. The forces that we support respect our Soldiers and their accomplishments, which in turn help them perform their missions more effectively.

Our Soldiers are quickly becoming accustomed to the battle rhythm required for our mission. These fine young Sappers find themselves up early every morning, preparing their equipment and themselves, often for several days of route patrol. Their daily routine consists of battling 130 degree temperatures with nearly 50 pounds of combat protective equipment strapped to their bodies. They work all day long, focusing on their tasks, trying to limit their thoughts on what their families and friends are doing back home in their absence. To all of our Soldiers, it is just



CAPT. ROBERT BOHL

Commander  
818th Eng. Co. (Sapper)

another day on the job.

Our Sappers continue to focus on their job and complete their missions without expecting any special thanks or gratitude. They wear their uniform and the N.D. National Guard patch with pride, and they do whatever is asked of them. To these Soldiers, mission accomplishment is straightforward and routine. They are focused, professional Soldiers who exceed my expectations each and every day. They truly are North Dakota's finest.

Our Soldiers continue to train, even when not on mission. Just because we are deployed does not mean that we stop training. We continue to focus our efforts on basic Soldier skills that enhance our ability to shoot, move, communicate and survive. These skills are core assets to every Soldier. Not only do we focus on basic Soldier skills, but also focus on the equipment that enhances our ability to do our job effectively and safely. Every Soldier plays an important role in the pursuit of mission accomplishment. That is why we continue to train and constantly improve our individual and collective unit skills.

We have a long road ahead of us, but we will continue to represent North Dakota in a proud and professional manner. We look forward to home and appreciate all of the support so graciously given by our families, friends and communities.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Bohl".

Capt. Robert Bohl



Photo by Sgt. Brett Miller, 116th Public Affairs Detachment

Capt. Robert Bohl participates in Military Operations in Urban Terrain training March 25 at Camp Grafton Training Center.

# McQuade Champs from Afar

Story By Mr. William Prokopyk  
N.D. National Guard Public Affairs

When N.D. National Guard members deploy, they often find ways to stay close to home by partnering in community events. This year, military teams participated in the Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament not only in the Bismarck area on June 22-24 but from duty posts half a globe away. N.D. Guardsmen deployed with the 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment (Security and Support) at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, and the 188th Engineer Company (Vertical) at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, played last month along with other units serving nearby.

Master Sgt. Keith Brown, with the 1-112th, was the chief organizer of the games in Kosovo, which saw 13 teams and about 270 military members take part. Most were Army Guardsmen, who were joined by Army Reservists, Airmen, Sailors and Marines. They played 24 games over six days, with the winning team, Recon, hailing from the Georgia National Guard.

“When we told our fellow Guard Soldiers and other military members about the tournament, they were so impressed with the magnitude and purpose of the event that they felt privileged to participate,” Brown said. “Some have even expressed an interest in bringing their teams to North Dakota to compete in the actual tournament when they get back home.”

In the spirit of the McQuade’s charity focus, Guardsmen in Kosovo collected about \$500 in freewill donations for a local orphanage.

“The Soldiers of Multi National Battle Group-East were thrilled to participate in the McQuade’s tournament,” said Lt. Col. Bill Watson, 1-112th commander. “It was an opportunity for our Soldiers to get to know other service members in the Battle Group

through friendly competition. Playing in this tournament made us feel like we were back home, which was great, even if only for a moment.”

Meanwhile, some 1,700 miles to the southeast in Kuwait, more than 160 military players on 12 teams competed in a double elimination format, playing 23 games over six days. The 188th Engineer Company fielded four of the teams: Avengers, Benchwarmers, Other Guys and Ripsaws.

The Avengers won the tournament in a 12-11 victory over Mayhem, a team from the Tennessee National Guard. It was the first team of all North Dakotans to win a Defenders of Freedom Division championship.

“I was very pleased with the display of professionalism and sportsmanship during the championship game,” said 1st Sgt. Eric Binstock, senior enlisted leader for the 188th who pitched for Avengers. “The game against the Mayhem was an extremely close game and arguably one of the best softball games played this year at Camp Arifjan.”

The first Defenders of Freedom Division was played in Bosnia in 2006, when N.D. National Guard Soldiers served on a peacekeeping mission. Including this year, overseas tournament play has come to Kosovo twice, as well as in Kuwait and Iraq.

“It was an opportunity to really enjoy time with our Soldiers, to practice together, and to build team cohesion,” said Capt. Lucas R. Klettke, 188th commander. “We were all honored to be a part of this historic tournament played in Kuwait for the first time. I feel the competitive nature and sportsmanship of all the players will leave a lasting impression amongst all the service members that participated in or supported the tournament.”

This year’s military version of the McQuade’s softball tournament began when McQuade’s Distributing Company contacted Shelle Michaels Aberle, chairperson for the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs



Photo by Sgt. Angie Gross, Task Force Aviation, KFOR 15

**Maj. Mike Corcoran, Grand Forks, with the team Black Sheep, hits the ball as members of team JOC Straps watch while waiting to play July 11 at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo. Guardsmen from North Dakota and New Jersey played together on Black Sheep, which lost this game to a team from the Michigan National Guard, during the 2012 Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament Defenders of Freedom Division.**



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kiel Skager, North Dakota National Guard

**Lt. Col. Bob Schulte Jr., of Bismarck, covers third base and tries his best to tag out a runner in a cloud of dust. Schulte, of the 119th Wing, is a member of the N.D. Military All-Star Team. The team was comprised of military personnel from around North Dakota who played a four-inning exhibition softball game against the Team USA Futures during the 37th Annual Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament in Bismarck on June 22.**



Left, Spc. Jason Copley, with the team Avengers, catches the ball in front of home plate as Spc. Eric Benson, with Ripsaws, moves to score a run at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, July 7. Third base coach Spc. Geoffry Brandner looks on. Both teams were comprised of Soldiers from the 188th Engineer Company (Vertical) and were participating in the 2012 Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament Defenders of Freedom Division. The Avengers won the game, 35-9, and went on to win the tournament championship.

Committee, asking how they could work together.

“McQuade's has always been a very dedicated supporter of the MAC and the military in the community,” said Michaels Aberle. “Since they had never supported a softball event in Kuwait, it was a no-brainer to connect them with the 188th Engineer Company to further their good work.”

Michael Wolf, Bismarck McQuade's co-director, helped provide players with 800 T-shirts, plus trophies, patches and softballs in Kuwait and Kosovo.

“Our military members deserve our appreciation and support,” he said. “Providing them the opportunity to participate in our softball tournament while they are serving our nation is the least we can do.”



Left, Retired Maj. Gen. Robert “Bob” Schulte hits a few warm-up balls to the N. D. Military All-Star Team. The team was comprised of military personnel from around North Dakota who played a four-inning exhibition softball game against the Team USA Futures during the 37th Annual Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament in Bismarck on June 22. Schulte served as honorary coach for the team.

Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kiel Skager, North Dakota National Guard



Photo by Spc. Chelsea Miller, 188th Engineer Company (Vertical)

The 188th Avengers, comprised of Soldiers from the Wahpeton-Oakes based 188th Engineer Company, won the McQuade's Charity Softball Tournament "Defenders of Freedom Division" in Kuwait, July 2012. Members of the team are (front, left to right) Spc. Jason Copley, Fargo; Sgt. Travis Duffy, Sanborn; Capt. Alan Roerich, Fargo; Sgt. Tanner Oliphant, Foxhome, Minn.; Sgt. Tracy Muller, Wahpeton; Staff Sgt. Benji Boll, Wahpeton; Chief Warrant Officer 2 David Kendall, Lakewood, Colo.; Spc. Joshua Formanek, Wahpeton; 1st Sgt. Eric Binstock, Argusville (back, left to right) Staff Sgt. Ryan Metcalf, Valley City; Spc. Hugh Zajac, Wahpeton; 1st Lt. Ryan Schulz, Fargo; Sgt. Jeremiah Kern, Greenbush, Minn.

# 219th Goes Force-on-Force

Story and Photos By Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp  
119th Wing Public Affairs



1st Lt. Brian Ludwig, of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, shouts directions to convoy team members during training at Camp Grafton Training Center July 20. Ludwig is the only drill-status Guardsman to be a certified missile field security flight commander in the Air National Guard. His flight includes active-duty U.S. Air Force members and Air National Guard personnel.

The pop-pop-pop of training-round gunfire echoed through the trees as 123 members of the N.D. Air National Guard's 219th Security Forces Squadron converged on Camp Grafton Training Center for six days of intensive training in mid-summer heat July 16-21.

"All of the training we are doing here is required annually for security forces by Headquarters Air Force and the Department of Defense, specific to missile field security operation, and it is something that we need to complete for our upcoming inspection in March 2013," said Lt. Col. Tad Schauer, the 219th Security Forces commander.

The training included heavy weapons qualification at the firing range at Camp Grafton South on the M-240s and M-249s, as well as several different types of opposition forces combat readiness training at Camp Grafton proper.

The opposition forces training included shoot-move-and-communicate tactics, using a new L-CAT computer laser system mounted on M-4 rifles, and utilized realistic shooting scenarios with pop-up targets.

The Military Operations in Urban Terrain village at Camp Grafton provides an ideal setting for simulating combat conditions with Airmen using the most recent simunition rounds, which can be fired at each other leaving paint marks to simulate bullet hits.



219th Security Forces Squadron members rush simulated hostile forces during combat training in the MOUT (Military Operations in Urban Terrain) village at Camp Grafton July 19. The personnel are wearing protective gear because they are firing simunition rounds that are similar to paintball rounds.



Master Sgt. William Hawley, of the National Guard Bureau A7S Security Forces Directorate, right, discusses convoy ambush response tactics with Master Sgt. Francisco Gonzalez, of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, July 20 at Camp Grafton.



**Tech. Sgt. Christopher Brewer, of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, plays the part of a shirtless protestor during a training exercise July 20 at Camp Grafton. Several other 219th Security Forces members are responding to the protestor training scenario using authorized tactics for the situation.**

Airmen had the opportunity to practice using team tactics, squad movements and land navigation techniques to engage and defeat an adversary utilizing the latest training technology.

“We’re a young organization and this is a unique time for members to build relationships and to hone their techniques and skills and it helps make us a more cohesive unit,” Schauer said.

The total force integration of the Air National Guard and the active duty Air Force is continually developing at Minot Air Force Base and around the country.

“As the nuclear enterprise manager, I work primarily with the 219th at Minot, N.D., and we are here to observe the training so we can help the National Guard Bureau assist the unit’s progression,” said Master Sgt. William Hawley, who works with the National Guard Bureau A7S Security Forces Directorate, Washington, D.C., and was observing the training.

“Their day-to-day mission is so critically important in the missile fields alongside their counterparts on the active-duty side, and this training assists them to become better Airmen. Lt. Col. Schauer and his people have been extremely effective in showing that the Air Guard units can integrate successfully with the active duty in a fashion that supports the missile field mission,” Hawley said.

“We understand that the 219th is a premier unit because they are the only Air National Guard security forces unit doing the missile field mission on a day-to-day basis. That is looked at very importantly by all sections at Headquarters Air Force. This unit does have visibility, and this training helps in the success of the mission,” Hawley added. ■



**Senior Airman James Wright, of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, directs his land navigation team members through a training course July 19 as he views compass readings.**

**Senior Airman Ashley Robbins apprehends Senior Airman Hannah Harmon, both of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, as she applies handcuffs July 20 during recapture and recovery training at Camp Grafton. The training simulates the response to demonstrators at a missile field launch facility, which is a real-world duty possibility for 219th personnel. The training includes both hostile and non-hostile demonstrator scenarios and incorporates blank M-4 rounds and smoke.**



# Aerial Porters Deliver in Afghanistan

## *Happy Hooligans Move Equipment and People Through Busiest Aerial Port in the DoD*

Story By Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp  
119th Wing Public Affairs

Eight members of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron pulled more than their own weight during their six-month deployment to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan – they pulled the weight of everyone! They did this by working in the busiest aerial port in the Department of Defense, and by helping to move personnel and equipment to and from forward deployed locations all around south-west Asia in the effort to fight the Global War on Terrorism.

Seven of the eight stayed at Bagram Airfield loading pallets of equipment and guiding personnel through the transportation process, while Master Sgt. Patrick Sommer went to NATO Airfield Mazar-e Sharif in northern Afghanistan to be a shift supervisor. They all returned home last month.

“Most of my worry was with the seven in Bagram because of their youth, which they more than made up for with their positive attitude and excellent training. Our base is way ahead of the curve in our training for Aerial Port,” Sommer said.

He attributes the mission preparedness to annual training deployments to active duty bases “where we can train on real cargo and real aircraft, like C-17s and C-130s, which gives us valuable training experience,” Sommer added.

Many of the Happy Hooligans had the chance to work with the projected 119th Wing aircraft, the C-27J, during their deployment.

“It was reliable and fast to upload and download – easy to work with,” said Senior Airman Zachary Bjerke.

Bjerke and Senior Airman Shelly Pherson worked in the personnel terminal for the majority of their thirteen-to-fourteen hour work days.

“We had 14,000 passengers come through our terminal in 3 weeks and set several records during our deployment,” Pherson said.

“It was a great experience with some trying times, but we worked hard and got the job done and made some good friends there,” Bjerke said. ■



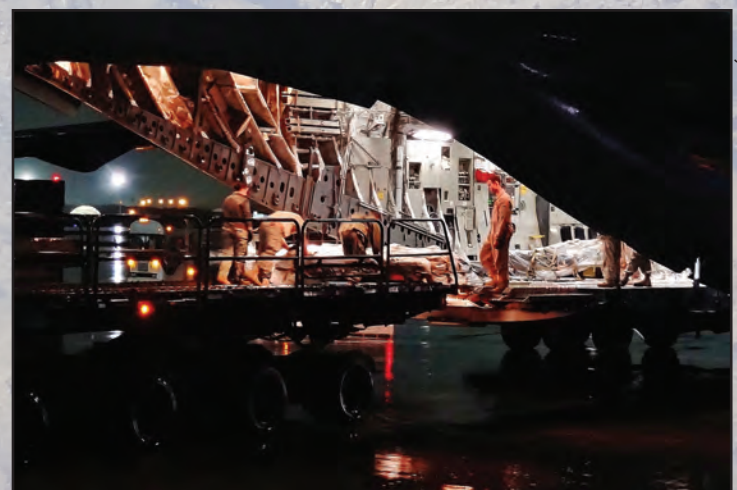
Gov. Jack Dalrymple, left, shakes hands with Senior Airman Kelsey Peterson, as he greets her July 2 at Hector International Airport, Fargo, N.D., upon her return from deployment to Afghanistan. Also returning, from left to right, are Senior Airman Shelly Pherson, Senior Airman Tracey Mauch and Master Sgt. Patrick Sommer, all of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Military personnel are guided by aerial port personnel onto a C-130 aircraft for transit at Bagram Airfield.



Senior Airman Zachary Bjerke, of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron, smiles as he helps process military personnel through the Bagram Airfield personnel terminal during his recent deployment.



Military equipment is loaded by aerial port personnel onto aircraft for transit at Bagram Airfield.

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

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Courtesy Photo



# On Target

## 817th Again Tops at Annual Marksmanship Match

Story and Photo By Sgt. Tyler Sletten  
116th Public Affairs Detachment

For the 60th consecutive year, Soldiers and Airmen competed at the Adjutant General's Marksmanship Match at Camp Grafton South. The event gathers the best shooters from North Dakota for the competition with military rifles, shotguns and pistols. This year, 61 shooters formed 12 teams.

The annual match aims to promote battle-focused marksmanship training and to enhance overall proficiency while giving Soldiers and Airmen an opportunity to test their skills in competition. More than 11,000 rounds were fired during the three-day event.

Lt. Col. Stephen Herda, who has participated in the event since 2002, says marksmanship is an integral yet perishable skill for Guardsmen.

"Unless you shoot on a regular basis, your ability to hit long-range targets or quickly acquire short-range targets accurately diminishes," he said. "These shooters have the skills necessary to compete all the way up to national-level competitions. They have experience that few others in the N.D. National Guard possess now that they have competed against their peers within the N.D. Guard."

Team A from the 817th Engineer Company (Sapper) won

the state match again this year. The team, along with the top eight individual shooters, will next compete Aug. 23-26 at Camp Guernsey, Wyo. Last year, the 817th team advanced all of the way to the All-Army Competition at Fort Benning, Ga.

This year, the top three individual shooters were Spc. Tyrel Hoppe and Sgt. Robert Mahoney, both with the 817th, and Tech. Sgt. Joshua Von Bank, with the N.D. Air National Guard. Excellence in Competition-Rifle went to Spc. Levi Harrington, Mahoney and Sgt. Matthew Woroneicki, while Excellence in Competition-Pistol went to Master Sgt. Brian Rook, Von Bank and Tech. Sgt. Darrin Quam, all with the Air Guard.

"At the Adjutant General's Marksmanship match, we try to expose Soldiers and Airmen to events that they may see in higher level competition. We also try to give their units a trained and knowledgeable shooter who can then teach and instruct others in marksmanship techniques. This should serve to improve marksmanship scores within the unit, while improving the overall skills of the entire N.D. National Guard," Herda said.

Lt. Col. David Skalicky, competitive sports coordinator for the N.D. National Guard, says the state match tests the best in the Guard.

"It allows us to test the most critical skill in the military: basic rifle marksmanship. It is marksmanship that defines a military member and sets them apart from all other professions. We train our best marksmen to go back to their units and train others. Marksmanship is a skill that is taught and passed down; it is not a talent you are born with. It takes practice and coaching in the proper techniques, and that is what we offer those who come to this match."

Shooters advancing to the regional match will experience even greater challenges as they're tested in several disciplines of shooting: long distance, reflexive rifle and pistol fire and rapid fire engagements.

For more information, contact Skalicky at 701-333-3318.

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Strehlow, of the N.D. National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, practices aiming a M9 9mm pistol as Sgt. 1st Class Gary Varberg, of the 817th Engineer Company (Sapper), looks on during the 2012 Adjutant General's Combat Marksmanship Match at Camp Grafton South July 12-14.



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## Snapshot

Photo by Sgt. Brett Miller, 116th Public Affairs Detachment



The N.D. National Guard's 81st Civil Support Team conducts a change of command ceremony in Bismarck on July 9. Incoming commander Lt. Col. Mark Quire (left) passes the unit's guidon to the 81st Civil Support Team's senior enlisted Soldier, 1st Sgt. Robert Scharnowske. This action formally acknowledges the acceptance of the duties and responsibilities of command by Quire, upon the retirement of Lt. Col. Larry Shireley, who has been the unit commander for the past 12 years.

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



Maj. Ryan Rastedt, of the N.D. Air National Guard, holds his daughters during a Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks baseball game July 13. Rastedt and his daughters are attending the game using complimentary tickets as part of a Fargo-Moorhead Chamber's military appreciation event. The night was designed with a variety of events planned to recognize members serving in the military, and included a picnic.



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

N.D. Air National Guard communications personnel run diagnostic checks on a newly acquired MQ-1 launch and recovery element, training, ground control station (GCS) July 3 at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. The GCS will be used to train N.D. Air National Guard personnel on the MQ-1 Predator flight operations from the Grand Forks Air Force Base. The Predator aircraft will launch and recover there and operate in a newly designated restricted airspace, military operating area (MOA) over Camp Grafton South. The first launch of an MQ-1 by the N.D. Air National Guard personnel working at the Grand Forks AFB is scheduled for early this fall.



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

N. D. Air National Guard third-baseman Senior Airman Garrison Sunderland reaches to catch a softball during a regular season league game for the Happy Hooligan team.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipps, 119th Wing



Above, Chief Master Sgt. Steven Bertsch, the N.D. Air National Guard assistant fire chief, left, coordinates emergency operations during a simulated commercial aircraft accident at Hector International Airport, Fargo, N.D. Bertsch is working the joint agency mobile command post near the simulated accident site alongside Assistant Chief Larry Shoe, of the Fargo Fire Department.



Photo by Sgt. Ann Knudson, N.D. National Guard Joint Force Headquarters

N.D. National Guard Staff Sgt. Randall Raasch, Hettinger, carries the U.S. flag during the annual Independence Day Parade in Mandan on July 4. Spc. Jennifer Joyce, Mandan, is at left.



Photo by Sgt. Brett Miller, 116th Public Affairs Detachment

Above, Members of the 817th Engineer Company (Sapper) cross a monkey bridge they created as part of the unit's first Sapper Stakes Competition at Pipestem Lake, near Jamestown on July 14.



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Kiel Skager, N.D. National Guard

Col. Michael Aberle, chief of staff for the North Dakota National Guard's Land Component Command, speaks with the late Sgt. Keith Smette's father, Doug Smette, his sister, Sarah Smette, and nephew, Keith, before a June 29 ceremony honoring Sgt. Smette for his actions in Iraq. Sgt. Smette's family and the family of Staff Sgt. Ken Hendrickson were presented with their U.S. Army Combat Action Badges at the N.D. Memorial to the Fallen in the Global War on Terrorism, Bismarck. Both Soldiers were deployed with the 957th Engineer Company (Multi-role Bridge) in 2003 and were killed in action January 24, 2004.

# Annual Training Hits High Gear

## Camp Grafton Hosts Hundreds for 2012 Annual Training

Story By Sgt. 1st Class David Dodds,  
141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

For the first time since 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade was stood up, the majority of its units got the chance to train and work together during the brigade's annual training phase in June at Camp Grafton Training Center. Overseas deployments and flood operations in the state the last few years had prevented the brigade from exercising its capabilities and new equipment to the fullest extent.

That changed this year, as the 141st MEB's command staff and Headquarters Company was joined by most of its subordinate units: the 231st Brigade Support Battalion, the 191 Military Police Company, the 188th Engineer Company (Vertical), the 815th and 817th Engineer Companies, the 426th Signal Network Support Company and others. All told, about 600 MEB Soldiers were at Camp Grafton Training Center and Camp Grafton South conducting Army Warrior Tasks, lanes validation, weapons qualification and construction projects. The MEB's command staff also took part in a major exercise scenario, supported by the 164th Engineer Battalion and the 34th Infantry Division, to gauge its ability to coordinate subordinate units to support higher commands' operational objectives on the battle field. For only the third time, the MEB was able to put its new \$14 million system of state-of-the-art portable, interlocking shelters and associated technologies to the test during the exercise. ■



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, Joint Force Headquarters

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dennis Lahti (left), of Minot, encourages Staff Sgt. Arbie Springer to the finish line of the 2-mile run portion of the Army Physical Fitness Test June 23 at Camp Grafton Training Center, Devils Lake.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, Joint Force Headquarters



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, Joint Force Headquarters

Spc. Matt Wieser, Valley City, and Sgt. Kevin Richman, Tower City, both members of Detachment 1, Company B of the 231st Brigade Support Battalion, find their way through a Land Navigation Course as part of training on Army Warrior Tasks during annual training.

Left, Pfc. Jordan Lunn (foreground) and Sgt. Alan Patterson, both of Fargo, move through trees during a training exercise at Camp Grafton Training Center, Devils Lake, during a 15-day annual training. The Guardsmen serve with Detachment 1, Company B, 231st Brigade Support Battalion, a Valley City-based maintenance unit.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, Joint Force Headquarters

Staff Sgt. Mark Stenberg, of West Fargo, tests water from a Tactical Water Purification System set up at Camp Grafton South June 25 during annual training with Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion.



Photo by Sgt. Brett Miller, 116th Public Affairs Detachment

Spc. Michael Mehrer, Bismarck, of the 191st Military Police Company, makes a hasty exit after inhaling CS (tear) gas while in the gas chamber. The 191st MPs participated in the training as part of annual training at Camp Grafton Training Center on June 23.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Dodds, 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

During annual training 2012 in June at Camp Grafton Training Center, members of the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company build the Command Information Center (CIC), the central piece of a new \$14 million system of portable interconnected shelters and technologies that serve as a forward headquarters for the MEB command staff for support operations.



Photo by Sgt. Brett Miller, 116th Public Affairs Detachment

The 426th Signal Company prepares to upload data and voice for operations at annual training at Camp Gilbert C. Grafton. The 426th is based in Fargo.

Left, Col. Lannie Runck (far left), Fargo, commander of the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, greets 1st Lt. Frank Osei Amponsah (center), with the Ghanaian Army, and 1st Lt. Abdel Issaka (far right) with the Benin Air Force, during a break in training at Camp Grafton South in June. 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Douty, of the 817th Engineer Company, looks on. Amponsah and Issaka were guests of the 817th for two weeks in June during annual training 2012.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Dodds, 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

# Training Site Takes Shape at Camp Grafton

Story By Staff Sgt. Eric W. Jensen  
Joint Force Headquarters

In order to complete any mission, Guardsmen need to keep their cool. It's part of their Warrior Ethos. In other words, if things go wrong, don't make a mountain out of a molehill. A literal interpretation of that expression was on display when Soldiers with the 815th Engineer Company (Horizontal) spent annual training carving out rolling hills at a Camp Grafton South training area to build a monumental training facility that is soon to turn into one big deal.

The unit's detachments from Lisbon, Edgeley and Wishek have been leveling a site for a new Contemporary Operating Location (COL) just across the road from the Camp's firing ranges. For those not familiar with the term, it's similar to a Forward Operating Base or Tactical Training Base - a hardened site that can house a battalion-sized group of Guardsmen when they go into the field for training.

Sgt. 1st Class James Scheen, noncommissioned officer-in-charge for the 815th's Detachment 1 and a full-time instructor at Camp Grafton's 164th Regional Training Institute, said once the COL is complete it will provide hutments for Guardsmen to sleep in, latrines and a mess hall - all of the amenities that are provided in similar structures inhabited by service members when they deploy overseas.

"I think it will be a good deal once they get it done. You'll have stuff at Camp North and down here (South) to actually house people," he said.

The completed project will not only benefit the Guardsmen who use the facility for future training, but its construction has served as an important training event for Scheen's unit.

"The 815th are heavy equipment operators, so this is our annual training, to come out and do this," he said. "These guys are loving it. They're getting a lot of time on the equipment, and that's the biggest thing. If you don't operate this equipment all the time, you kind of forget how to run it. So, this is real good for them. Good training."

The project manager for the COL, 1st Lt. Chad Worrel, has supervised the construction since it began this spring and will oversee its completion. He said from a leadership perspective, the project has been ideal for his Soldiers to meet their training requirements. For horizontal construction, the Guardsmen use a variety of machinery from graders and scrapers to bulldozers and skid steers.

"The morale has been extremely high, simply because we normally don't get to have stick time like this," Worrel said. "We don't have the opportunity to rotate through all of the equipment like we have. So, everyone gets on a piece of equipment and then

they'll get on a new piece of equipment the next day. It's fantastic because of the little things, like getting licensed on all of the equipment."

The process for building the COL began three years ago when the unit began clearing and grubbing the entire site to remove all of the top soil. That process was interrupted last summer when most of the force responded for flood duty across the state. This summer, the 815th's Detachment 2 resumed construction on the site in May. In June, Detachment 3 and the Headquarters Detachment rotated in to continue the work. On June 22, Detachment 1 had taken the reins and was constructing a 10-foot berm around the perimeter of the site. The unit has spent the past two months grading the site by leveling hills and filling in valleys.

"Our Soldiers like it because at the end of the day they can see what they've done. We're moving a lot of dirt. I think yesterday was 140 scraper loads. That's a lot of material," Scheen said.

Later this summer, the 816th Engineer Company, out of Dickinson, Mott and Hettinger will continue operations at the site. Worrel said that this year nearly all of the horizontal construction will be finished with the exception of a road network system within the COL. An Entry Control Point coming into the COL will be complete and the engineers will put down top soil and plant grass.

"It's been a real nice flow because one unit comes in and I just basically give them the in-brief as to what's going on and what needs to happen ... where we should be at the end of that rotation," Worrel said. "And then the next unit comes in to pick up the work. It's gone very well."

As of June 22, the unit had moved more than 130,000 cubic yards of material. That's similar to stacking five stories of dirt across a football field.

Pending available funding for the project, the COL will be completed sometime in 2014. ■



Photo by Sgt. Brett Miller, 116th Public Affairs Detachment

A Soldier from the 815th Engineer Company (Horizontal) uses a Caterpillar D7 dozer to push a Caterpillar 621B scraper to load with fill dirt at the Contemporary Operating Location (COL). The COL is at Camp Grafton South. The 815th from Edgeley, Wishek and Lisbon is at annual training constructing the site, and the 816th will assist next.

# Operation Military Kids Offers Fun

## N.D. Guard Members Treat Kids to Fun Activities at Annual Camp

Story and Photos By Sgt. Ann Knudson  
Joint Force Headquarters

About 80 kids turned out for the N.D. National Guard's annual Military Youth Camp at the Western 4-H Camp in Washburn June 24-28. There were two separate camps: one for military children ages 8-11 and one for those those ages 12-15. Along with the usual camp events, such as campfires, crafts and swimming, they also were able to get a taste of military life. Kids ate MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), paddled inflatable rafts, fired pistol and rifle simulators, climbed into helicopters, and slept in military tents. Each squad had a leader from the Guard and one from the 4-H camp who worked in cooperation during the camp to lead the children through several activities.

Many of the campers are repeaters. Sherman Hunter, from LaMoure, was there for the fifth time.

"I come to see my friends," he said.

Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, the N.D. adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, the deputy adjutant general, joined the campers for MREs and thanked them for their support of the military.

"We're all in this together," Sprynczynatyk said. "You're part of the military family, and we appreciate your support for your family members."

Military youth camps are designed to provide a safe environment where military children positively experience growth in self-confidence and independence while making friends, exploring and learning new activities. ■



Military Youth Camp attendee, Ian Keith, Kenmare, and Brig. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, deputy adjutant general, team up to mix a powdered drink for lunch at the Army Aviation Support Facility, Bismarck, on June 27. Dohrmann shared lunch with campers and staff from the Military Youth Camp, then gave a short speech thanking them for supporting their family members. The campers are participating in the N.D. National Guard's annual Military Youth Camp at the Western 4-H Camp at Washburn, which provides military dependents a taste of military life and a chance to make friends and have fun. Campers and staff toured the AASF and got to explore a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

Left, Sgt. David Mortvedt, in the front left, and Sgt. Jonathan Blazek, in the rear with gray T-shirt, both of the 957th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge), lead a group of kids across the McDowell Dam, east of Bismarck, June 26. The rafts belong to the 957th, and the 957th personnel taught the rest how to handle them. The campers are participating in the N.D. National Guard's annual Military Youth Camp at the Western 4-H Camp at Washburn.

## Update on C-27J: Keep Calm and Carry On

“Keep Calm and Carry On” was a poster produced by the United Kingdom in 1939 during the World War II. It was intended to be distributed to strengthen morale in the event of a wartime disaster. With the uncertainty of future missions of the 119th Wing, I find the message is fitting to our current manpower situation.

For now, we have been directed to hold steady at approved Fiscal Year 12 (fourth quarter) numbers. As per Col. Mike Magnell, chief of Manpower, Organization and Resources Division, NGB/A1M is removing the projected Presidential Budget 2013 actions to our unit manning document.

“These unit manning documents reflect the beginning stage of implementation of two initiatives: the application of overdue full-time standards, and the Department of Defense Air National Guard-directed removal of Presidential Budget 2013 actions,” he said.

What that means to the N.D. Air National Guard is our manning document will continue to reflect the projected C-27J positions and we will not begin recruiting to the Intel Targeting Group at this time.

“I want to reiterate where I think we are in respect to manpower and missions in the context of the (Presidential Budget). There is a great deal of uncertainty, and the more information we can get to your

commanders, the better we will be as an Air Guard,” said Lt. Gen. Harry “Bud” Wyatt III, Air National Guard director. “The Air National Guard is an organization 106,700 strong until a law is passed otherwise. We have tried to plan ahead and lean forward, but as the picture from the Hill develops, we see a greater need to position ourselves at full manpower end strength. Goal: Recruit to 106,700!

“... These are challenging times, both fiscally and from a point of unit leadership. I am asking you to communicate this to all Airmen and if you have questions I encourage you to ask your leadership. For now, focus on your mission at hand. We are working daily to achieve clarity in this process from the top down so we can keep you updated and provide you the most current information possible on the future force structure.”

Fortunately for the 119th Wing, this is not the first time we have persevered through uncertainty. We have undergone mission changes in the past and have been on this rollercoaster before. Your track-record of excellence throughout our history is proof that we will not only endure, but set a benchmark for all other units to emulate.

I echo the sentiment of Lt. Gen. Wyatt: Thank you for your leadership every day in this great Air National Guard!

— Col. Rick Gibney,  
119th Wing commander

## Program Heps Veterans Transition to Law Enforcement

Military service members represent only 1 percent of the population, but they shoulder the responsibility of protecting our entire nation. The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Office supports military veterans and law enforcement agencies that hire them.

Veterans’ ability to work in teams, capacity to adapt to challenging tasks and responsibilities, attention to detail, and drive to succeed, along with a host of other skills and trainings, make them ideal candidates for police departments. While veterans may come from different military occupations, the skills acquired through service often complement the requirements needed to ensure a successful law enforcement career.

The 2012 COPS Hiring Program will make available \$111 million directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers for the advancement of public safety through an increase in their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Grantees that receive 2012 CHP grant funding for new hire positions are required to hire a new officer who is a post-9/11 military veteran. Under this program, a military veteran is defined as an individual who has served on active duty at any time for more than 180 consecutive days, any part of which occurred on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and who has been discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions.

For more information, go to [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing Public Affairs

Unit members of the Air National Guard, Fargo, get their first look at a C-27J Spartan aircraft upon landing Oct. 14, 2010, at Hector International Airport in preparation for a familiarization tour at the Fargo Air National Guard Base. The familiarization tour is to help unit members get acquainted with the aircraft. The C-27J is a mid-range, multifunctional and interoperable aircraft able to perform logistical re-supply medical evacuation, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and homeland security missions for the U.S. Air Force.



Photo by Senior Airman Zachary Bjerke, N.D. Air National Guard



## How To Request N.D. Guard License Plates

Current and retired members of the N.D. National Guard display their Guard license plates with pride. But, what's the process for getting one if you don't have one?

Start by contacting Verena Schauer at 701-333-3122 or [verena.schauer@us.army.mil](mailto:verena.schauer@us.army.mil) to reserve a plate. She will respond with a signed memo to be brought to the Motor Vehicle Division within two months.

For plates numbered 1-4000, there is a one-time processing fee of \$5. Personalized plates featuring up to four letters or numbers cost \$30 the first year and \$25 each following year. Numbers higher than 4,000 or starting with a 0 are considered personalized.

If National Guard plates aren't renewed when the Department of Motor Vehicles notice arrives annually, the plate will become inactive after three years. For more: <https://apps.nd.gov/dot/mv/mvrenewal/plate.htm>.



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. David Harmon, of the N.D. Air National Guard, prepares to take aim at a flushing rooster pheasant during a previous Roosevelt hunt, as Benjamin Sand and his German Wire-haired Pointer, Amber, assist him in his pursuit of upland game birds on the grassy prairies of southwestern North Dakota.

## Guardsmen Can Hunt Dakota With Roosevelt

Military Hunting Dakota with Roosevelt is asking for N.D. National Guard members to sign up for a free hunting opportunity. The annual event is designed to reward National Guard members who have mobilized for at least 30 days in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Not only is it a way to recognize North Dakota service members for their contribution and sacrifice, it is also being

used to raise awareness and money for the treatment of cancer by hosting a special hunt in the name of Theodore Roosevelt.

This year, 14 Guard members will be chosen to hunt pheasant and grouse in western North Dakota Oct. 19-21. Those interested in participating should contact Col. (retired) Jon Hanson at 701-391-3416 by Aug. 27 or register online at [www.huntingdakotawithroosevelt.com](http://www.huntingdakotawithroosevelt.com).

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### Planting Cover Crops

By Chaplain Candidate (1LT) Scott E. Noyes  
Headquarters/1-112th Aviation Battalion

Sugar beets are planted all over the Midwest. During the first stages of growth, they are very sensitive to wind damage and physical damage caused by blowing soil or "helicoptering," which is when newly emerged seedlings are twisted and spun by the wind, breaking the stem. In order to reduce exposure, farmers will plant cover crops around them to reduce erosion and protect them from the wind.

Why the "Crop 101" lesson? Because this reminded me of the elements of life that often cause us damage. It also made me think, like the farmer, what kind of cover crops we need in our lives so that we are better protected from the storms of life. One of the cover crops I have planted around me is godly friends who are committed to keep

me accountable to what is right, true and honorable.

Like the farmer with his crops, we too must be intentional to protect ourselves and our families. Since no one is exempt from life's elements, we need to surround ourselves with healthy, encouraging, life-giving people — all the while keeping our feet grounded in values, morals and principles that bring life and accountability to us and our families.

With all of this in mind, what kind of cover crops might you think about planting so that you are able to bloom, grow and stay healthy during the storms of life? As people of faith, scripture invites us to look after each other (Philippians 2:4), teach each other (Colossians 3:16), and build one another other up (1Thessalonians 5:11). It also says that in a multitude of counselors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14). What about you? How is it that you safeguard yourself and family? How is it that you cultivate relationships that will strengthen you to a bountiful harvest? ■



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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dave Dodds, 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

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A 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion tank is pulled out of the Volturno River in the Dragoni Sector, Italy, on Nov. 29, 1943, by members of the 477th Ordnance Company after a pontoon bridge collapsed under it. The tank's driver, Pfc. Norman Togstad, of Maddock, N.D., was killed in the incident. Two batteries of the N.D. National Guard's 188th Field Artillery Regiment formed A and B Companies of the 776th when it was activated at Fort Lewis, Wash., on Dec. 20, 1941. The N.D. tank destroyers first saw combat in Tunisia in mid-March 1943.