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## On the Cover



Senior Airman Brent Lake, of the 119th Wing Services Flight, shakes hands with Vietnam Veterans of America member Jim Nypen, who is lined up with N.D. Patriot Guard members at Hector International Airport, in Fargo, late in the evening Nov. 27, to greet returning Airmen upon completion of their deployment to southwest Asia.

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# A HOLIDAY MESSAGE

## FROM MAJ. GEN. DAVID AND CONNIE SPRYNCZYNATYK

Connie and I extend our warmest greetings to our N.D. National Guard family during this special time of the year.

While the holiday season is filled with shopping and preparing for gatherings of family and friends, we believe it's most important to make time for personal reflection. As Connie and I reflect on the many things for which we are grateful, our thoughts inevitably turn to our N.D. National Guard Soldiers, Airmen and their families. We are proud of your work and grateful for the opportunity to work beside you.

As our friends and neighbors take part in holiday traditions, let's especially be mindful of the families of our fallen heroes. We honor the service and remember the sacrifice of Sgt. 1st Class Darren M. Linde and Pfc. Tyler J. Orgaard who recently died in Afghanistan. They, and the twelve other N.D. National Guard Soldiers and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terrorism, will never be forgotten.

Let us also remember our families with deployed loved ones as festivities swirl around us. To those who are currently deployed, and to those who have been deployed in the past, we thank you for your service. Please know that you and your loved ones are in our daily thoughts and prayers.

This is a time of change. The number of N.D. National Guard members deployed overseas in the Global War on Terrorism is down significantly from recent years. That change is welcome indeed, and we believe this holiday season is an especially important opportunity to focus our prayers for peace.

Our participation in fighting wars, in peacekeeping operations and in training has been — and will continue to be — highly successful. We have the best Soldiers and Airmen in the nation, as we've proven repeatedly through excellence in both domestic and overseas missions. We have successfully met the call of our communities and state during emergency operations, even while we were engaged abroad.

We can all be proud of the fact that as our nation has been at war, more than 70 percent of our force joined the N.D. National Guard since 9/11. At the same time, others have extended their service — all with full understanding of the probability of deploying once, twice or more in support of our military missions.

Connie and I are proud of, and encouraged by, the patriotism of all of our Guard members and the commitment of our families and employers. Working together, we are able to successfully serve our communities, state and nation whenever the Guard is called to service.

Let us honor the spirit of Christmas and the holiday season and endeavor to keep it throughout the year. May 2013 be filled with health and happiness for you and your family.



*Sprynczynatyk*  
*Connie*

Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk and his wife, Connie, are shown at Fraine Barracks in Bismarck with their daughter, Cathryn, and her husband, Jason Anderson, at the couple's wedding this summer. Also pictured are their son, Tom, and his wife, Rebecca.



# INTO THE JET AGE

JOHNSON LED AIR GUARD THROUGH MAJOR TRANSITIONS

*By Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson  
Joint Force Headquarters*

## FIRST COMMANDERS SERIES – PART III

Flying, Robert “Marsh” Johnson proclaimed, landed firmly as his second love in life. His love for music started first, and his wife of 60 years, whom he married after knowing for just eight days, became his third love. Had the order not been chronological, one might assume that the pieces of a P-51 Mustang he left scattered across north Fargo would have had something to do with aviation not taking the first spot.

Despite the crash, his aeronautic talents and skills contributed greatly to the N.D. Air National Guard’s early decades. Johnson, who died earlier this year at age 90, served as a founding member of the N.D. Air National Guard. The former U.S. Army Air Corps fighter pilot had been recruited to launch the first-of-its-kind unit in the state in 1947, and served as one of the unit’s first commanders.

### CRASH LANDING IN FARGO

When the unit was barely three years old, Johnson gained the notoriety of being the first N.D. Air National Guard pilot to bail out of an aircraft. It wasn’t the first course of action he would have chosen with the plane that had a landing gear stuck. After all, he had bellied a plane in once before in Idaho and survived.

“They had brought my dad up to the tower to talk him into jumping because he wanted to raise the other landing gear and belly it in,” Steven Johnson, Marsh’s nephew, said recently. Steven’s dad, Jim, also served with the Air Guard in Fargo. “My dad got on the radio finally and convinced him. He said, ‘Marsh, you’ve got your kids and wife here and everything else. It’s not practical.’”

Marsh finally listened, raising the good landing gear, using up his fuel, and then bringing the plane down to stall speed before he crawled out on the wing and jumped, allowing the plane to crash

(Left) Col. Robert “Marsh” Johnson poses by an F-102 Delta Dagger and his son, Paul’s, Triumph Bonneville motorcycle in this photo from around 1968. It “is probably the most proud picture I have of him,” Paul said, “because here he was enjoying this motorcycle. And I think he was very sad that I had to go to Vietnam and very worrisome, as was my mother, but I think he had a little bit of happiness that he had my nice motorcycle for a year.” Paul served in the U.S. Marine Corps and deployed to Vietnam during the TET Offensive. His dad was one of the founding members of the N.D. Air National Guard, as well as the commander who transitioned the unit from propeller-operated planes to jet aircraft.



near County Road 20 in Fargo.

“I guess if you dug deep enough you might still find little bits and pieces because it buried into that ditch,” Steven laughed.

### WAR & PEACE, PISTON & JET

Before long, the missions grew more dangerous as Marsh, Jim and others headed into the Korean War. An old newspaper clipping shows the Airmen-brothers together overseas, where Marsh logged 60 combat missions before returning to Fargo to help reorganize the unit he had helped organize only a handful of years prior.

Until recent years, it was the biggest reorganization the Fargo base had seen. Marsh “guided his units through their most challenging transition period, the step from piston engine to jet aircraft,” according to the N.D. Air National Guard’s 30th Anniversary (1947-77) book. Marsh would later serve as chief of staff for air and administrative assistant to the adjutant general before retiring in 1974, nearly three decades into the Happy Hooligans’ existence.

Throughout it all, “he never missed an opportunity to soar into the wild blue yonder,” his family said.

### FITTING END TO LIFE OF SERVICE

Marsh passed away in May 2012. In July, Steven and Paul Johnson and numerous retired Happy Hooligans gathered at the Fargo Air Museum to look at pictures and remember Marsh’s life and service.

“There’s a lot of stories that I heard today that I didn’t know, but all of them always make me proud of him,” Paul, one of Marsh’s three children, said. “I was proud of him as a father, and I was certainly proud of him as the commander of the fighter group out here and for just providing a good work environment for all the people and a good family life for us.”

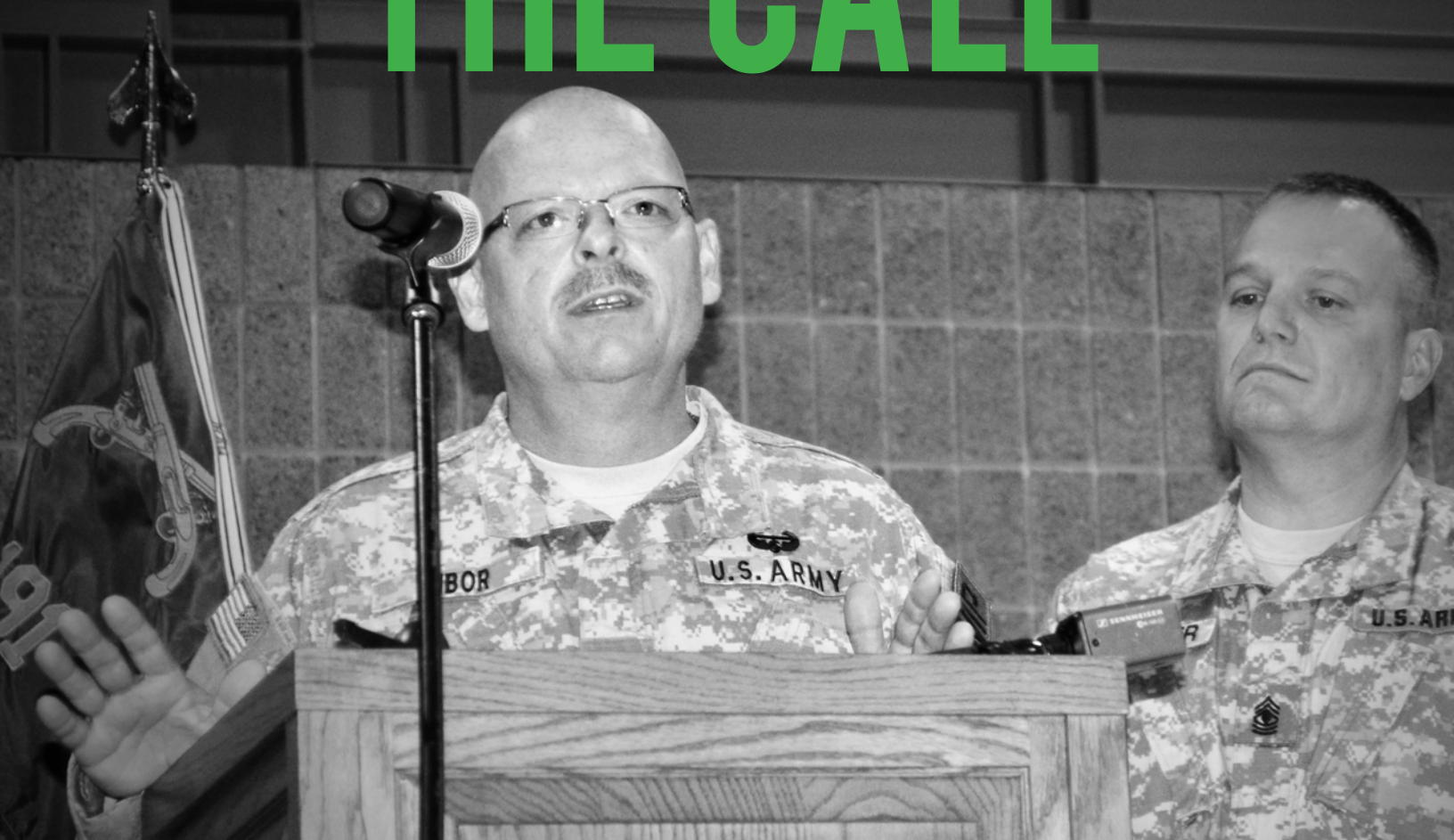
Per his parents’ request, Paul had their remains cremated and placed in a double urn for inurnment at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan. His mother, too, served in the military. Elaine was a pharmacist’s mate first class in the U.S. Coast Guard in Richmond, Va., when she and Marsh met. She died in 2005.

They spent their lives together, and were honored together in death with the first in-unison double-folding of burial flags by the N.D. National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team. ■



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brett Miller, N.D. National Guard Visual Information Col. Ronald Solberg, N.D. National Guard Joint Chief of Staff, presents a flag to Paul Johnson son of Col. Robert “Marschall” Johnson and PhM1c Elaine Johnson during the joint funeral at the Veteran’s Cemetery, Mandan, July 10, 2012.

# ANSWERING THE CALL



## SOLDIERS, FAMILIES ANTICIPATE CHALLENGES OF CUBA DEPLOYMENT

By Pfc. Zachary Schuster  
116th Public Affairs Detachment

Leah Grinsteiner anticipates worrying about her boyfriend's mission. Lisa Nelson expects she will miss her son, Staff Sgt. Matthew Nelson. Sgt. Mike Jordheim knows already that he will miss home.

On Oct. 27, hundreds of people gathered on the drill floor of the Fargo Armed Forces Reserve Center as about 30 Army uniforms pockmarked the ocean of loved ones — mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, wives and husbands and partners and children — who all gathered to say their final farewells to the members of the 191st Military Police Company as it deployed to Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Cuba.

Each person had a different idea of what the hardest part of the deployment would be. Many of these emotions carried common themes — sadness over separation, anxiety over the unknown —

but, as the Soldiers celebrated their deployment and the leaders congratulated the service members, the people bound by blood and bond to the parents and coworkers and lifelong friends soon to deploy had a chance to commemorate their goodbyes.

"This is in some ways a tough day, but it's a good day at the same time," Gov. Jack Dalrymple, the commander-in-chief of the N.D. National Guard, said during the ceremony. "We know that we are saying goodbye, but we're also very proud of these people who are about to perform a very important mission on behalf of our nation."

Many of the Soldiers deployed to Baghdad with the unit in 2008. For others, this is their first mobilization; for some, this is the first time they'll be away from a significant other for a mission overseas.

Although Sgt. John Stautz previously deployed to Kosovo with the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, this will be his first

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Lt. Col. Mark Tibor (left) and 1st Sgt. Dean Richter address the Soldiers, families and guests of the 191st Military Police Company on Oct. 27, 2012, at the Fargo Armed Forces Reserve Center. About 30 members of the 191st Military Police Company are deploying for a yearlong mission to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

# IMPROVISE, ADAPT AND OVERCOME

**“THIS IS A HISTORIC DEPLOYMENT FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD, AND ONE THAT OUR NATION HAS WATCHED CLOSELY DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.”**

— MAJ. GEN. DAVID SPRYNCZYNYATYK,  
N.D. ADJUTANT GENERAL

mobilization serving as a military police officer — the occupational field in which he enlisted. The alert notification came just after he had moved into a new place, said Grinsteinner, his girlfriend of more than a year.

“It was interesting timing,” Grinsteinner said. “But I know he trains to do what he’s going to do.”

She will be working out of state soon, too. One of the major difficulties for the couple was figuring out what they were going to do with the new home. How were they going to handle things with both of them away?

Would they keep the lease?

“I remember thinking, ‘If only this would happen six months later,’” Stautz said.

As it turned out, the deployment did happen six months later, almost to the day. They spent the months between the alert notification and send-off making plans and tying up loose ends. By the time the unit was ready to ship, everything back home was ready. Still, there were difficulties.

Because of the nature of the company’s mission at Guantanamo Bay, every member of the team needed top security clearance. The hardest part, Grinsteinner said, was not being able to know what her partner would be doing.

“What are we going to be able to talk about?” she said. “His day is going to be so boring, telling me ‘I went to work, and then I worked out,’ and that’s all he can say.”

For Lisa Nelson, this won’t be a problem. To her, just hearing her son’s voice will be enough, she said.

This is the second deployment for her son, Matthew, who deployed on the company’s 2008 Iraq mission. She attended the unit’s second send-off ceremony without him, though; he had already left for the mission’s pre-mobilization site in Fort Bliss, Texas, for early training along with a few other Soldiers in the company.

Lisa, sitting in the bleachers, wearing an oversized round pin carrying her son’s picture, was there, she said, to honor all of the military police.

“I’m proud of him,” she said.

On her son’s last deployment, she talked to him “if not every day, every other day.” She helped take care of things back home, such as paying bills, as she looked forward to the deployment’s end.

Things are different now, she said, and better. Communication should improve, she

believes, because of better technology. Plus, she won’t have to pay all of the bills for him — she has her son’s fiancée, Jessica Bosch, to do that. The hardest part for her will be the separation.

For Jordheim, that’s the most difficult part, too. But, when he was on the company’s Iraq deployment, he didn’t call home every day. Unlike Nelson, he only called home about three times a month. The hardest part of the separation was getting his mind off of how much he missed his parents, grandmother and brother.

“I didn’t want to worry about them and worry about my mission at the same time,” he said. “I wanted to keep my mind on the mission.”

The situation hasn’t changed; he’s leaving the same people back home. One thing Jordheim won’t need to worry about during the next year? A job. While working as a team leader for the company’s Mayville, N.D., detachment, he worked full-time with the honor guard there; before he deployed, he was able to secure a position with the Fargo honor guard for when he returns. His service to his country, at least, won’t impact his employment within his community.

At the ceremony’s end, as the Guard’s 188th Army Band played, many more families lined up to take group pictures with their Soldiers. On one side of the drill floor, 1st Sgt. Dean Richter, the senior enlisted Soldier for the company, handed children “Battalion Buddy” teddy bears from Operation Gratitude, a national nonprofit organization that specializes in aid packages for deployed service members’ families. And all across the floor, nestled in chairs and smiles and hugs and tears, was a long series of difficult goodbyes.

The hardest part of those might be the wait for the next hello. ■



Photo by Pfc. Zach Schuster,  
116th Public Affairs Detachment

**Sgt. Garza, of the 191st Military Police Company, holds “Battalion Buddies” — teddy bears he’ll present to his children to help comfort them during his yearlong deployment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.**

# (PERFECT) PRACTICE MAN



N.D. Army National Guard Soldiers with Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion, take a M1120 HEMTT Load Handling System truck through an off-road course as part of drivers' training to improve their proficiency in managing any type of terrain when on missions. The Soldiers took part in two weeks of annual training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 12.



(Above, left) Soldiers with the N.D. Army National Guard's Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion view Des Moines, Iowa, from UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters after learning equipment fueling operations during annual training at the National Maintenance Training Center, Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 14.

(Above) Spc. Steven Trautman, of Moorhead, Minn., gives a thumbs-up signal to ground control while doing sling load training under a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 14. He's one of a number of Soldiers with the Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion that completed two weeks of annual training at the National Maintenance Training Center.



(Left) Staff Sgt. Jon Steinmetz (left), of Fargo, and Sgt. Joey Houle, of West Fargo, work together in a mobile SSA, or supply support activity, while taking part in two weeks of annual training with Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion at Camp Dodge, Iowa.



# MAKES PERFECT

## Soldiers Return from Innovative Training in Iowa

*Story by Spc. Kristin Berg, Sgt. Kalee Kroenke and Spc. Tyler Wall  
Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion*

“It was a rush being under the helicopter doing hands-on training that we have not done before,” Sgt. Robert Shannon, of Ashley, N.D., said during two weeks of annual training for his N.D. Army National Guard unit — Company A, 231st Brigade Support Battalion — at Camp Dodge, Iowa.

The automated logistical specialists, or 92As, experienced hands-on training with warehouse operations, while the motor transport operators, or 88Ms, executed a haul mission and familiarized themselves with multiple terrains. The petroleum supply specialists, or 92Fs, accompanied the 88Ms on the haul mission and learned more about fueling operations; both the truck drivers and fuel sections worked together as a cohesive team during convoy operations.

Training for the logistical specialists began with learning the correct turn-in and receiving procedures. Within their warehouse operations, the group took part in turning in 8,976 parts totaling \$179,000 and weighing more than 2,000 pounds.

“A cool aspect of our training included us creating a mobile SSA (supply support activity),” said Pfc. Samantha Hass, of West Fargo. A SSA is a site with all of the necessary equipment and gear to help support a unit.

The group also played a large role in finding missing inventory within the warehouse. They were certified on the VSAT (very small aperture terminal) 1.2M-E system, a satellite communication device used for a mobile SSA.

The motor transport operators completed a haul mission to Fort Riley, Kan., with more than 67,000 pounds of cargo valued at \$1.1 million that was turned in for future use by other military units. They also gained valuable experience with cargo loads on the mission. Soldiers completed various off-road courses throughout the training, using several different vehicles. The training enhanced their knowledge of the different capabilities of the vehicles.

“Off-road training is very beneficial for the vehicle operators, especially with flood duty and other deployments,” said Spc. Devyn Bockwitz, of Humboldt, Minn. “These skills also carry over to improve civilian driving skills.”

The group also completed many classes, including loading and unloading a CROP (container roll-in/roll-out platform) — a cargo rack — into a storage container.

The fuel specialists supported the drivers on the haul mission to Fort Riley. Throughout the training period, they efficiently ran 10 ROM (Refuel on the Move operations), significantly improving their set-up and tear-down time with each new mission. The section received 1,500 gallons of fuel and distributed 2,339 gallons while keeping 100 percent accountability of fuel and paperwork. Ending their training was a hot refuel of two helicopters, which included a mandatory Aqua-Glo test. The test identifies how much water is present in the fuel.

“Just being able to see the helicopter fuel operations from four vantage points with hands on gave me a better aspect of the system and an awesome experience,” Shannon said. “Our fuel section has never done anything like this before.”

Beyond the hands-on training, the leadership experience also contributed to a successful two-week training period, Soldiers said of the missions, which took place from Nov. 2-17.

“As a first sergeant, it’s very gratifying to see the Soldiers in our unit successful in the challenges that they faced and to willingly step up into leadership positions that will help prepare them for the future,” said 1st Sgt. Kevin Magstadt, of Bismarck, N.D., the unit’s senior enlisted leader. “It’s a testament to the cohesiveness of the unit and the strength of our NCOs (noncommissioned officers) to be recognized by the leadership at the NMTC (National Maintenance Training Center, at Camp Dodge) for their dedication to safety and outstanding performance.” ■

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231st Brigade Support Battalion

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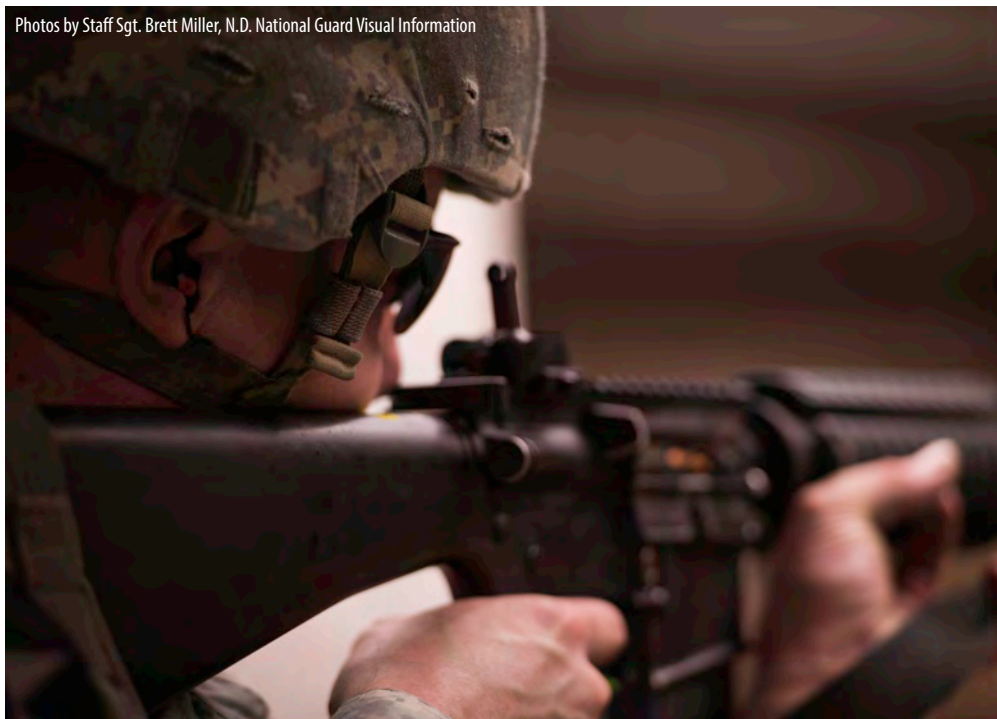
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## HOME ON THE RANGE

Soldiers with the N.D. National Guard's marksmanship team practice Nov. 4, at Raymond J. Bohn Armory's indoor rifle range in Bismarck. (Left, above and below) Spc. Christopher Lundberg, of Fargo, aims an M-16 rifle at a target during the training. He's among teammates preparing to compete in the All-Army Marksmanship Competition in Fort Benning, Ga., in January. Lundberg, who serves with the Jamestown-based 817th Engineer Company (Sapper), is a first-year shooter on the team. (Top right) Another Soldier with the marksmanship team practices using a pistol. Two teams of four Guardsmen each, along with coaches, are preparing to compete at the All-Army Marksmanship Competition. (Above) Tech. Sgt. Joshua Von Bank (right) helps adjust M-16 positioning for Lundberg during the marksmanship practice. Von Bank, who serves with the N.D. Air National Guard, will compete with three others on North Dakota's "A Team" during January's All-Army Marksmanship Competition. He's offering advice to Lundberg, who anticipates competing on North Dakota's "B Team" during the prestigious competition that the Guardsmen qualified for earlier this year. The Guardsmen were able to change out the bolt in their M-16 weapons to accommodate smaller ammunition and practice indoors.

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## YELLOW RIBBONS

Yellow ribbons meant to honor deployed N.D. service members, families and those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country are tied to trees on the lawn of the Capitol in Bismarck, Nov. 4. (Top left) Rosemary Fleck is interviewed by a local television affiliate on the Capitol lawn. Fleck coordinated the yellow ribbon effort. (Above left) Gene O'Neill, a ride captain for the N.D. Patriot Guard, and others work together to tie yellow ribbons around a tree. (Above right) Col. Michael Aberle, N.D. National Guard chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. David Anderson, N.D. National Guard land component commander, work together to tie yellow ribbons around tree a tree. (Right) John Bullinger, Bob Koeller, Rhonda Haegele, Joyce Meyer and Gene O'Neill all convened on the Capitol lawn to participate in the event. (Far right) Bob Koeller, a ride captain for the Patriot Guard, secures a yellow ribbon to a tree on the south lawn of the Capitol.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Brett Miller, N.D. National Guard Visual Information

## GENEROSITY

Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, accepts a \$10,000 donation check from TriWest Healthcare Alliance for the N.D. National Guard Emergency Relief Fund on Nov. 8 at the Guard's Bismarck headquarters at Fraine Barracks. Among those presenting the check are TriWest representatives Don Brown (right), vice president of Midwest operations, and Tim Ray, service area director.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Eric Jungels, N.D. National Guard Public Affairs

## RADIOACTIVE

(Top left) Lt. Col. Mark Quire, the N.D. National Guard's 81st Civil Support Team commander, speaks with Bob Mehlhoff, of the Bismarck Fire Department, during a joint training exercise in Bismarck, N.D., Oct. 30 and Nov 1. Military and civilian emergency responders took part in the exercise to test and refine their ability to react and coordinate efforts. (Top right) Capt. Shawn Markovic, survey team leader, left, and Staff Sgt. Dale Dukart, survey team chief, help Sgt. Ryan Mahoney, survey team member, get into his protective suit as he prepares to visit and test radiation levels at the site of a mock blast. All three Soldiers are members of the Guard's 81st CST. (Above) Sgt. Leroy Filler, of the N.D. National Guard's 81st Civil Support Team, tests for radiological contamination present at the location of a mock terrorist attack, while Sgt. Ryan Mahoney takes photos of the scene for analysis, during the joint-agency training exercise. (Right) Maj. Lila Teunissen, medical operations officer for the 81st CST, right, speaks with Maj. Patrick Flanagan, 81st CST deputy commander, after learning that a large number of civilians fell ill subsequent to being exposed to an unknown substance during a mock terrorist attack at the Civic Center in Bismarck on Nov. 1.



## TOWER OF TEAMWORK

(Left and below) Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Manning, Recruiting and Retention, and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Gowen, 191st Military Police Company, assist students from the Lake Region State College as they negotiate the rappel tower, one obstacle in the Leadership Reaction Course at Camp Grafton Training Center, in Devils Lake, Aug. 17. (Bottom) Staff Sgt. Jay Haaland, left, 136th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, and Staff Sgt. Tom Jankowski, Recruiting and Retention, look on as members of the Lake Region State College volleyball team tackle the Overhead Pipe, another obstacle in the Leadership Reaction Course. The objective of the Overhead Pipe station is to move the entire team and all of its equipment over the wooden wall without actually touching the wall.

Contributed photos by Maj. Mark McEvers, 136th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion



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## THANKS

Senior Airman Brent Lake (left), and Senior Airman Charles Cunningham (above), both of the 119th Wing Services Flight, shake hands with Patriot Guard members who lined up to greet them late in the evening Nov. 27 at Hector International Airport, Fargo, upon completion of the Airmen's deployment to southwest Asia.

## LOCKED AND SLING LOADED

(Lower right) Spc. Kayla Berg, Pfc. Samantha Hass, and Spc. Shelby Pickard, all with A Company, 231st Brigade Support Battalion, N.D. National Guard, sling load UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters with the guidance of an instructor during the unit's annual training at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 14 (Right) Pfc. Samantha Hass, left, and Spc. Shelby Pickard, watch as a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter lowers a Humvee safely to the ground at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 14.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Chad D. Nelson, Iowa Army National Guard



## SMILEY SIGL

Colt Sigl sits with his mother, Sgt. 1st Class Heidi Sigl, senior noncommissioned officer for the 1919th Contingency Contracting Team, at the contracting team's send-off ceremony Nov. 3 at Raymond J. Bohn Armory in Bismarck. The 1919th Contingency Contracting Team left for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan and Qatar this month.

Photo by Spc. Jennifer Joyce, 116th Public Affairs Detachment





## ICE, ICE BABY

During a unique training opportunity, members of the Cando, N.D.-based Detachment 3, 132nd Quartermaster Company purified water that was subsequently used to flood and surface ice for the Devils Lake Curling Club. Lead volunteers at the curling club said that the ice used for curling requires reverse osmosis water for a consistent playing surface. Using their standard water purifying equipment and processes, the Quartermaster Soldiers were able to deliver just what the curling club needed.



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## SGT. PEPPER?

(Above) Spc. George Cave, of the N.D. National Guard's 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment, is shot with pepper spray as part of defensive training for security forces personnel at Fraine Barracks in Bismarck, on Nov. 8. (Right) With impaired vision, Cave wrestles with Staff Sgt. D.J. Rohrich, of the 817th Engineer Company (Sapper), who plays an "assailant" during the training.

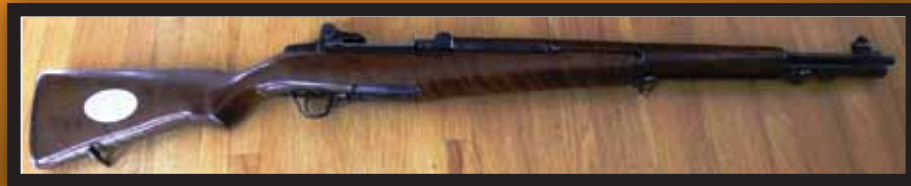


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# JASPER KLEINJAN'S PRESENTATION TROPHY RIFLE



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the Garand Collectors Association.*

In 1958, five special Presentation Rifles were awarded to individual winners at the Camp Perry National Matches. One of these prize rifles was awarded to Grand Collectors Association member and former N.D. National Guard officer Jasper Kleinjan for his victory and record score in the Nathan Hale Trophy match. Most people would justifiably display this prestigious trophy on a wall of honor, dusting it occasionally... but not Kleinjan. He used it the following year to win the National Guard High Power Service Rifle Championship.

Kleinjan began shooting early because he was born in 1931 in North Dakota on a farm originally homesteaded by his grandfather. As soon as he was able, he was expected to use his .22 to help put food on the table. Kleinjan joined the National Guard in 1949 after graduation from high school, and that was his first introduction to the M1 Rifle. When he eventually went active-duty Army, he got the bug for competitive shooting, and that became a lifelong passion.

In the 1955-56 season, he made the 2nd Infantry Division rifle team, the 6th Army team, the All-Army Marksmanship Unit, and won the Fort Lewis post championship. In addition, he qualified for the Distinguished Marksmanship Badge in all four competition matches, the first time in history this had been done in one year. He was really hitting his stride in 1956, as he won numerous shooting awards and set the national record in the 200-yard Rapid Fire Service Rifle match at the Southeast Regional Tournament at Camp Lejeune. He was a member of the six-man team that won the Rumbolt Match at Camp Perry and the four-man team that

won the Bolt Rifle National Championship. In addition, he was selected for the 1960 U.S. Olympic Team.

In the period 1956 to 1964, Kleinjan qualified in the President's Hundred no fewer than six times, including 6th place in 1958. During that span, he also won numerous state championships in both North and South Dakota. After a hiatus of four years in which he did not compete, he came back to win the High Power Championship in a seven-state Regional match that included the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and numerous national shooters.

The award rifle is Springfield 5395654 and is highly polished and blued throughout. The stock and handguards are beautifully figured and sealed. Kleinjan says that Master Sgt. Frank Conway literally commanded him to leave the rifle with him at the Army Marksmanship Unit shop, where he accurized it. That included glass bedding the stock and handguard, opening up the gas cylinder, trigger work, a better operating rod, sights, and whatever else he deemed necessary.

Kleinjan said only 10 rifles were ever awarded, the five in 1958 of which his is one, and five in 1960. The 1960 rifles were not blued. As far as he can tell, his is the only one used in competition.

His non-shooting interests include classic jazz music as a drummer, motorcycles and restoration of two classic Hudson Hornets, a 1951 Convertible and a 1952 Coupe.

In 1996 Kleinjan was inducted into the Maj. Gen. Robert E. Schulte N.D. National Guard Hall of Fame, and three years later into the N.D. Sports Hall of Fame. ■





From left to right, Maj. Shannon J. Horton, military attache, Tweed Roosevelt, great-grandson of Theodore Roosevelt, and Master Sgt. Richard Marschner, military guest, take part in a hunt with Hunting Dakota with Roosevelt.

By Sgt. Tyler Sletten,  
116th Public Affairs Detachment

Contributed Photo by Monte L. Rogneby, Hunting Dakota with Roosevelt

# HUNTING DAKOTA WITH ROOSEVELT

“Had it not been for my time in the Dakotas, I would not have been president,” Theodore Roosevelt said once.

Specifically, Roosevelt was referring to his time spent ranching and hunting in the North Dakota Badlands. Roosevelt and his presidency created the foundation for the furtherance of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. He was the godfather of our conservation and hunting heritage.

Additionally Roosevelt, a Soldier himself, was a man who understood the role of the military in preserving peace and freedom. He understood the sacrifice of military members who daily place themselves in harm’s way so that citizens may continue to pursue their lives and passions — such as hunting and the outdoors.

Roosevelt dedicated his life to championing causes and issues related to those who couldn’t defend, protect or provide for their own needs. One might argue that if he were living today he would lead the charge in the fight against cancer. It was in Roosevelt’s spirit that five years ago, two men had an idea. An idea that would go on to better the lives of cancer patients and

honor the military in a way that Roosevelt would find suiting — hunting.

Those two men are Roger Krueger and retired Col. Jon Hanson. Krueger has long been involved in the fight against cancer; he was the regional vice president of the American Cancer Society in Kansas. Krueger needed a partner, someone with exceptional organizational skills and who knew the military. The man for the job was retired Col. Jon Hanson. The two sat down and called a friend from the church they both attend for advice and to explain their idea. On the other end of the line Sheila Schafer, wife of the late Harold Schafer, answered and said, “Gentlemen, it’s not that you should do this — but rather you can’t NOT do this.” With that, Hanson and Krueger set about to form a committee and organize a plan to hunt, raise money and honor military members.

Out of those committee meetings, Hunting Dakota with Roosevelt was born. The event hosts a charitable dinner and live auction for contributors to the Bismarck Cancer Center. Each contributor also sponsors a military member. Military personnel and their sponsors begin the

weekend with a round of sporting clays at Capitol City Sporting Clays, followed by the charity dinner. The next two days are spent in the field hunting upland game in southwestern North Dakota alongside Theodore Roosevelt’s great grandson, Tweed.

“North Dakota military personnel who have deployed since the beginning of the war on terror are invited as guests, sponsored by individuals or companies, to hunt upland game on private land in southwestern North Dakota,” Hanson said.

On Saturday evening, the hunters gather in Medora for a dinner to celebrate the hunt and also to thank the landowners who have generously opened their gates.

“The future of hunting and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation are critically dependant on the maintenance of sportsmen-landowner relationships,” Krueger said.

The event concluded Sunday back at the Bismarck Elks for burgers, awards and “tails” of the hunt ... and talks of next year. Anyone wanting to participate, volunteer or just looking for more information should visit [www.huntingdakotawithroosevelt.com](http://www.huntingdakotawithroosevelt.com).

**“HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR MY TIME IN THE DAKOTAS, I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT.”**

**— THEODORE ROOSEVELT, ON RANCHING AND HUNTING IN THE N.D. BADLANDS**

## Airmen Return from Southwest Asia Mission

Four Airmen with the N.D. Air National Guard recently returned from a four-month deployment to Southwest Asia. Master Sgt. Terry Moser, Senior Airman Charles Cunningham, Airman 1st Class Brent Lake and Airman 1st Class Brian Anderson deployed July 17 from the Air Guard's Forward Support Squadron.

While deployed, Moser, served as the lead contracting officer representative. Cunningham worked as a lodging contracting officer representative. Lake served as the dining facility quality assurance evaluator, and Anderson worked as a cold rations storage clerk. All four also offered support in rendering dignified honors to fallen warriors on their way home from the area of operations. ■



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing  
Senior Airman Brian Anderson shakes hands with Vietnam Veterans of America member Jim Nyphen, left, who is lined up with Patriot Guard members at Hector International Airport in Fargo on Nov. 27 to greet returning Airmen upon completion of their deployment to southwest Asia.

## VA Challenges Guardsmen to Apply for Benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs has issued a challenge to all National Guard and Reserve members of the U.S. Armed Forces: Learn about and apply for VA benefits.

Thousands of National Guard members, including those returning home from deployment, are eligible for VA benefits.

The benefits to servicemembers, veterans and their families include:

- disability compensation
- healthcare
- education and training
- home loans
- insurance
- much more

Generally, all National Guard members discharged or released under conditions

that are not dishonorable are eligible for some VA benefits. Time in service, service commitment and/or duty status may determine eligibility for specific benefits. Time spent on federal or state active duty, for instance, may make members eligible for additional benefits.

To learn more about VA benefits for National Guard members, veterans and their families, go to [www.benefits.va.gov/guardreserve](http://www.benefits.va.gov/guardreserve).

Additionally, [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) is a one-stop shop for available VA benefits and the application process. ■

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)



## Appreciation Day Planned at Lisbon Veterans Home

An annual event to honor and thank the veterans at the N.D. Veterans Home in Lisbon will take place Dec. 19. The event's coordination alternates between North Dakota's Army and Air Guard, with the Airmen taking the lead this year.

Volunteer shoppers Master Sgt. Kathleen Shasky, Operations Group first sergeant, and Kristi Clifton, Wing director of psychological health, are using donated funds to purchase gifts for 129 residents this year. Additional volunteers will help wrap the gifts Dec. 13 at the Auger Inn, 119th Wing, Fargo.

For more information on taking part in either event, contact your unit or Tech. Sgt. Tracy Zidon, 2012 event coordinator, at 701-451-2245. ■

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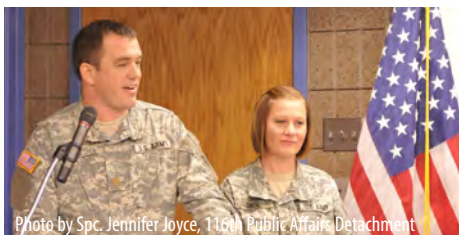


Photo by Spc. Jennifer Joyce, 116th Public Affairs Detachment  
1919th Contingency Contracting Team leadership Maj. Michael Lowe and Sgt. 1st Class Heidi Sigl address their unit, family members, senior leaders and state officials at their send-off ceremony Nov. 3 at Bohn Armory in Bismarck.

## Guard's Contracting Team Deploys for Yearlong Tour

Elected and military leaders, family and friends, gathered at Bismarck's Raymond J. Bohn Armory on Nov. 3 for a send-off ceremony that honored four N.D. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1919th Contingency Contracting Team. The attendees wished them well as the group readied for a yearlong deployment to

support the Global War on Terrorism.

The Soldiers have been training for the past year to hone their highly specialized skills in planning, coordinating and issuing contracts for supplies and services required for supporting U.S. military forces in the field. They will be responsible for contracting support with civilian organizations, which includes American contractors, in-country contractors and foreign businesses. ■

# Chaplain's Corner:

# Personal Courage

“Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” Ephesians 6:13**

By Chaplain (Capt.) Timothy L. Stout  
1st Battalion, 188th Air Defense Artillery Regiment

**C**ourage is one of the oldest values of warriors. It is one of the Army Values, defined as the ability to face fear, danger or adversity, both physical and moral. Courage is what gives a Soldier or Airman the ability to do what needs to be done, even at great personal risk.

There are seven of these Army Values: Leadership, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage — LDRSHIP. Every one of these values is important to the heart of an American warrior, but perhaps the most enduring value of all warriors is that of courage. It is almost impossible to do the work of a warrior without courage — the courage to keep doing what needs to be done no matter what the situation is or the risk to self.

Paul wrote to Christians who had to have a lot of courage. They were hated by everyone for their new and strange belief. They would not honor the same gods as their neighbors, who began to fear that these gods would

become angry because of the lack of worshippers. They thought that if they punished the Christians the gods would not be angry, so they believed that the only patriotic thing to do was to report their neighbors to the authorities so they could be arrested, and probably killed. He encouraged them to stand firm and trust that no matter what happened, God would protect them.

Today, a lot of respect is given to those who show physical courage, who put themselves at risk of injury or death in order to protect the lives of their fellow warriors. We give them medals and accolades. But there also is the courage to stand for justice, to defend what is right when the costs are not loss of life or injury, but loss of respect, friends who will no longer trust you, because they did not want to do the right thing. This kind of courage is even harder because there is no reward; it is rarely honored. Paul directed the Christians to trust that God was their reward.

There is another kind of courage that we need today. It is the courage to keep on living when it seems there is little reason to do so. When we have made

mistakes that are going to be very costly, when someone finds out what we have done, when painful events happen in our lives, when we lose something that was very important to us, it takes a lot of personal courage to make the choice to live in spite of the darkness, pain and apparent hopelessness. It takes courage during those times to reach out for help.

When Joshua, the leader of the Hebrews after the death of Moses, was getting ready to lead the people into the promised land, God told him three times, “Be strong and courageous ... be very strong and courageous ... have I not commanded you, be strong and courageous.” He was facing insurmountable odds and almost certain defeat, but because God had promised to be with him, he was to be courageous. The same promise is true today, so be strong and courageous. ■

Life is full of challenges and sometimes servicemembers or their families can find the challenges overwhelming. If you or someone you know is thinking about hurting himself/herself:

**PLEASE CALL THE  
VETERANS CRISIS LINE  
800-273-8255 (TALK)**

## STRONG BONDS

**Strong Bonds** is a unit-based, chaplain-led program that assists commanders in building individual resiliency by strengthening the military family. The core mission of the Strong Bonds program is to increase individual Soldier and family member readiness through relationship education and skills training.

### 2013 Events

#### Program

7 Habits of Highly Effective Military Families

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

Premarital Interpersonal Choices and Knowledge (PICK)

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage

5 Love Languages

5 Love Languages

Marriage Relationship Enhancement (MRE)

#### Date

Jan. 25-27

Jan. 26

Feb. 23

Feb. 23

Apr. 19

Apr. 26

Sep. 6-8

#### Location

Fargo

Fargo

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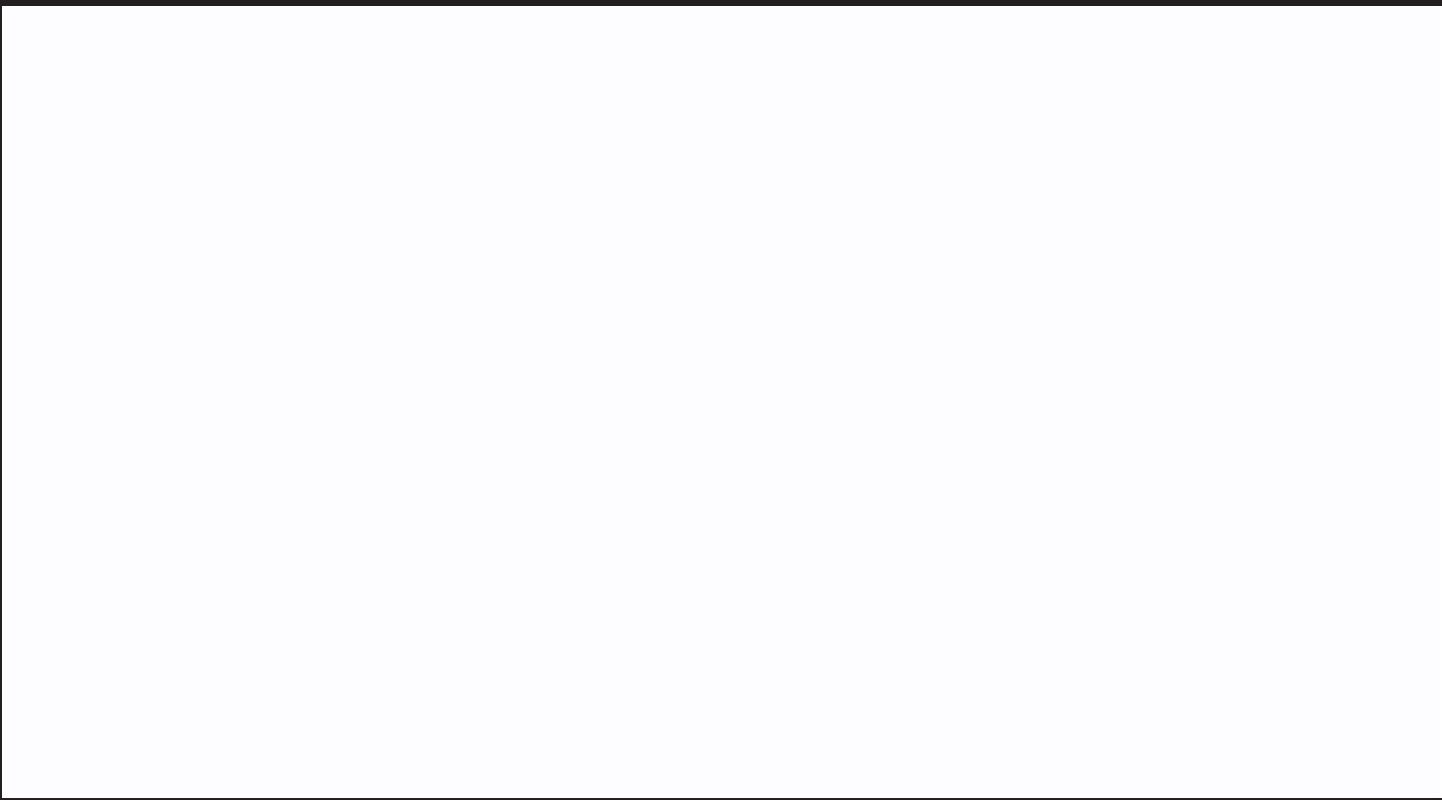
Bismarck

Devils Lake

Jamestown

Medora

Contact your unit for more information and to register for any of these Strong Bonds events!



# MAKE WAY

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With the help of an MV-4 mine clearance system, Soldiers of the 818th Engineer Company are able to ensure the safety of the earth around them. The unit, made up of a highly professional collection of mobility and counter-mobility specialists, has completed more than half of its yearlong route clearance mission, which is critical to the safety of coalition forces and the citizens of Afghanistan.