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On the Cover



Spc. Bret Illies, of the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), makes his way back to his vehicle after conducting a dismounted sweep for IEDs during route clearance training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., March 28. Illies and his unit prepared for a yearlong mobilization in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Missouri prior to their send-off ceremony last month with assistance from the N.D. National Guard's Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element. (Photo by Sgt. Brett J. Miller, Joint Force Headquarters)

GUARD POSTS

Dispatches from the N.D. Guard Family

ATTITUDE IS KEY TO DEPLOYMENT SUCCESS

In December, about 50 engineers from the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron left their Families, homes and civilian employ-ers to serve on an Aerospace Expeditionary Forces deployment to Southwest Asia. Our primary mission is providing base support for one of the major air transport hubs in theater. During the past five months, we, along with our Alaska Air National Guard teammates, have faced many unique missions and challenges.

The Minnesota and Mississippi Guardsmen before us completed base buildup as part of the drawdown in Iraq. Our challenges have included maintaining and operating 74 light carts, 114 generators and reconstituting more than \$14 million in war reserve materials, which include more than 150 tents and other temporary facilities, 170 environmental control units and 200 power distribution assets. We have been successful in completing these tasks and other missions, while still completing more than 3,300 routine work orders.

One of the keys to our success has been our ability to handle change. As we hear about changes to the mission for the N.D. Air National Guard as a whole, we, too, face the challenges that come with change in our missions here on a daily basis. In this deployed environment, one of the few things that stay constant is the change. Many of our Airmen have been given assignments outside of their normal duties and training. Several of our successes, so far, have been because of everyone's willingness to dive in — that Hooligan "can do" attitude. Although we cannot always control the changes around us, there are things we can do to prepare for and deal with change. That includes staying mentally, physically and spiritually fit.

It's also important to stay busy during

Maj. John Gibbs, of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron, right, wishes Maj. Jon Wahlgren (he has since been promoted to lieutenant colonel) well at the N.D. Air National Guard in Fargo Dec. 6 upon Wahlgren's departure to southwest Asia. He has been a part of a six-month overseas mission with nearly 50 members of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron.

non-duty hours. Several Airmen are using their time off to focus on completing their professional military education and correspondence courses, or taking college credit classes as a way to earn their Community College of the Air Force degree.

In this desert environment, personal fitness is crucial. Squadron members are improving their fitness by exercising, as well as actively participating in and leading fitness classes on the base. Many have participated in the numerous "fun run" and marathon events.

We are fortunate to be part of the "Hooligan Family." That is extremely evident here when one of us has a difficult or challenging day. Our co-workers are quick to offer a caring ear and be a battle buddy. Oftentimes, the roles are reversed. With Skype and other technology, staying in touch with loved ones back home is much easier than in the past. This has been great for the Airmen here and their Families back home. In addition, many are active with the chapel and chaplain-supported programs.

Our support from the Wing in Fargo



LT. COL.
JON WAHLGREN

119th Civil Engineer Squadron
Commander

has been outstanding, too. Everyone has been very responsive, in spite of the time difference, from the finance office to the personnel section to the Logistics Readiness Squadron.

During our time here, we've seen several of our Airmen come to the forefront and demonstrate great leadership in one form or another. We've all grown in our abilities, skills and experiences. We have reaffirmed old friendships within the squadron and have built new ones across the base.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Jon Wahlgren



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Globe Changer



Airman Using Skills to Change World

By Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
Joint Force Headquarters

Staff Sgt. Than Baardson seems unfazed when asked how many other 20-somethings he knows operating a nonprofit organization.

Age doesn't matter, he says, when "people step up and say, 'What's it going to take for me to make a change in this world?'"

Filled with passion, Christian faith and creative genius, the 26-year-old N.D. Guardsman isn't taking baby steps toward making his impact on the globe. Barely a year into his venture with Unseen Ministries, the nonprofit he co-founded is working in 10 countries around the world, including the U.S., to focus on three key areas: ending human trafficking, fighting hunger and poverty and supporting and advocating for orphans.

"I wanted to use the gifts that I'd been given to impact the world in some way," he says.

Those talents in communication were refined as a film and journalism major at Minnesota State University Moorhead (through North Dakota State University's Tri-College system) and through training and employment with the 119th Wing's Public Affairs Office. Now, Baardson uses his skills to tell the stories of humanitarians across the world who cannot tell it themselves.

"We've seen the powerful effect that

"We started with a very broad, global mindset that we were going to go out and change the world."



Photo courtesy of Unseen Ministries

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp



Staff Sgt. Than Baardson documents Guard flood response operations in Fargo, N.D., during the spring of 2010. A National Guard Bureau Media Contest winner, Baardson has been a member of the N.D. Air National Guard Public Affairs Office since 2009. More photos of Baardson are available at <http://bit.ly/BaardsonPhotos>.

media has, even here within the Guard," he says. "To be able to tell the story of what our Guardsmen in North Dakota are doing for the community, the state, the nation — all of these different things that can be directly translated into the mission world, into a world where people are giving everything that they have and everything that they are to see that others have better lives."

Through an international network of artists, Unseen Ministries provides support for the most in-need nonprofits through photo and video support, as well as graphic design, website design and literature to help those groups tell their stories and, in turn, raise money to help them accomplish even more.

AROUND THE WORLD

Just before being named the 119th Wing's Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year in March, Baardson returned from a 20-day journey to help tell some of those powerful stories. He and a small team visited heart-wrenching scenes in Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar and South Korea and put their skills to work to showcase efforts there through words and images.

The trip started on the Thailand-Burma border, where Baardson "saw some really dark stuff and got to help some amazing, amazing people." One woman operates The Grace Garden in the mountains of northern Thailand. It's being built with \$40,000 of her own money and, when completed, will be the only source of secondary education, leadership training and sustainable living resources for the poverty-stricken people who have been displaced there. Another small group in the area routinely moves across the border, rescuing Burmese children "out of the hand of death, really," Baardson says. Some children from Burma are sold to Bangkok, while others are forced to be child-soldiers.

"They'd be given a box of ammo and sent through a minefield because the soldiers are too valued," he says. "... If they make it through, the troops get ammo. If they don't, then they go to the next village and get more kids.

Right, Emma Baardson and children at a Cambodia orphanage show off their colorful results after spending an afternoon together painting a mural. Emma's husband, Staff Sgt. Than Baardson, was touring the Killing Fields while the activity took place. The Khmer Rouge killed more than a million people in Cambodia in the 1970s, and the aftereffects remain. Opposite page, bottom left, Baardson poses with a group of children at New Hope Orphanage in Cambodia in February 2012. The visit was one of many he made that month with a nonprofit group he co-founded to help tell the stories of mission efforts across the globe that are working to help orphans, end hunger and poverty, and stop human trafficking.

To wrap our heads around the actual severity of what we're up against at Unseen, it was intense."

But through it all, he saw hope — both in the people giving up everything to help others and in what Unseen Ministries could provide them.

In Cambodia, the team reached out to orphans.

"People don't smile as much in Cambodia as they do in neighboring countries," Baardson says.

The Khmer Rouge killed more than a million people during a civil war there a decade before Baardson was even born. About a quarter of the 8 million in population perished through genocide, disease or starvation in the 1970s, and the effects remain.

As the trip's project manager and traveling artist, Than's wife, Emma, soon found how to bring some smiles to the tormented land. As Than toured the Killing Fields with the orphanage director, who himself endured unfathomable hell as the result of Pol Pot's regime, Emma found herself surrounded by 30 rambunctious orphans and opened gallon cans of paint. Soon, they were all immersed in a rainbow of colors punctuated with broad, toothy white grins as a mural emerged on the orphanage's dingy walls.

In Myanmar, the team witnessed a leadership school providing training in sustainable farming, conflict management, Christian leadership, English and basic educational training techniques so "they can then go back to their villages and transform the entire landscape of poverty," Baardson says.

"They're seeing cultural change in these areas, and they're at a place where they're stuck. They need to share their story in order to get help, but they need a way to communicate that story and their need. They can't do that without Unseen Ministries."

The same was true in South Korea, where the Unseen team again worked with orphans but also interviewed women who

Photo courtesy of Unseen Ministries



had been lured to Seoul with the promise of jobs singing in nightclubs only to be forced into prostitution. They're some of the 27 million worldwide living in slavery.

"To have more slaves living today than have ever lived in history is so wrong," Baardson says passionately.

'HYDRAULIC PUMP'

By the trip's end, they were already seeing the positive results even though their work was just beginning. Each of the eight nonprofit groups they visited will be equipped with tools to showcase the group's work for fundraising through the next decade. The services would cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to hire out — an impossible dream for organizations that put every dollar into saving lives.

"These people have given everything, and they have nothing left," Baardson says.

The efforts of Unseen in those situations have been compared to a hydraulic pump.

"When you're trying to flip something huge like a bus ... you can't do it by yourself, and you can't do it with a little bit of effort, because when we're trying to end something like human trafficking, or when we're trying to end something like poverty, you can't do it without some sort of tool," Baardson explains. "(The man) said Unseen Ministries is ... like a hydraulic pump, in that any bit of effort you put into it is exponentially increased and put into so many different groups instantly."

After the trip, Baardson and some volunteers immediately traveled to Portland, Ore., to present at the Justice Conference, where about 4,000 gathered to explore ways to end injustice around the world. Three days later, he was back in ABUs at

drill, helping to set up the extensive multimedia products used during the annual Outstanding Airmen of the Year banquet.

"There's so many elements of the Guard that I've gone through that really set me up to be able to do the things we're doing at Unseen," Baardson says.

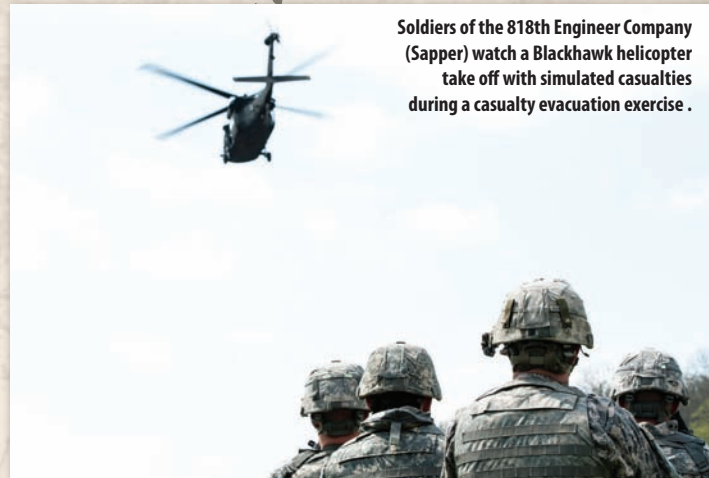
He initially served with the fire department within the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron, where the travel and teamwork lessons have now rolled over to benefit his work. The drive to go out, accomplish a mission and return successful is repeated in his organization as it was in uniform, he says.

In 2009, he transitioned from the fire hall to the Public Affairs Office, where "I got used to excellence," he says, citing the video training he received and the sheer number of awards the staff wins each year for their work. Baardson was recognized with a National Guard Bureau Media Contest award for his work this past year, too.

"To demand (excellence) from each artist that we work with now is natural because we've been working at this standard for a long time now here at the Guard," Baardson says. "To translate that into the civilian world and to translate that into the mission world now is just second-nature to me." ■

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Watch Baardson discuss his efforts in his own words at <http://bit.ly/BaardsonVideo>. Learn more about Unseen Ministries, Baardson's recent trip and upcoming missions at www.unseenmin.org.



Soldiers of the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper) watch a Blackhawk helicopter take off with simulated casualties during a casualty evacuation exercise.



Top left, 818th Soldiers conduct pre-deployment training by searching buildings for insurgents during a Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) exercise. Above, a Soldier assigned to the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper) dismounts during route clearance training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., March 28.

ENGINEERED TRAINING

818th Soldiers Prepare for Yearlong Mobilization

By Sgt. Jonathan Haugen
Joint Force Headquarters

Nearly 100 Soldiers of the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), out of Williston and Hazen, N.D., received well-wishes from family members and supporters from across the state during a formal send-off ceremony at the Bismarck Civic Center April 29. The event marked the culmination of nearly two years of training for the unit's yearlong overseas mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Just last month, the 818th completed its second trip to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where the engineer Soldiers got a jump-start on familiarizing themselves with the training, tasks and procedures they would need to master before carrying out their missions.

"The basic Army tasks, like the patrols, the convoys ... it is good to get a refresher on these tasks aside from the route clearance training within the unit (already)," said Spc. Jacob Thompson, an 818th Sapper Company Soldier.

The unit's training at Fort Leonard Wood was broken down into two phases. The first half of the training was dedicated to Army tasks — exercises that all Soldiers are expected to know before a deployment. The second half was dedicated to the unit's actual mission of route clearance.

"I feel a lot better now going into it than I did," said Spc. Christopher Donis, a mechanic with the 818th. "It just brought it all together and into focus for me."

The Army tasks included dismounted patrol, base operations for defense, riot control, convoy operations and building clearing. One Soldier said that it should take the unit less time preparing at the mobilization station at Fort Bliss, Texas, prior to the mission. The 818th was assisted in that preparation by some of their own. Instructors from the N.D. National Guard's Pre-Mobilization Training Assistance Element (PTAE) joined the unit in Missouri to provide pre-deployment training.

"You couldn't ask for any kind of better training," Thompson said. "The PTAE from North Dakota are excellent. They

say we have the highest motivation out of any group that has come through."

The training provided by the PTAE was designed according to Army regulations and guidance regarding the unit's mobilization needs. The PTAE coordinated all of the training areas, personnel and equipment the 818th would require. Then, they added their expertise to the training by injecting real-world situations the Soldiers may experience during missions.

"We would not have been able to complete all this training without the PTAE," said Sgt. 1st Class Joe Francetich, readiness noncommissioned officer for the unit. "We would have trained and thought we were at a good level. But, when we went through their lanes, we realized there is a whole other level we needed to get to, and they have been able to get that out of our Soldiers."

The route clearance portion was especially valuable to the 818th Soldiers. The unit was able to train on all of the equipment essential for that mission, including the Buffalo, Husky and RG31 truck. The three types of vehicles are all MRAPs, or Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles. They protect lives while hunting for IEDs (improvised explosive devices). The Sappers will have the mission of searching for IEDs along routes in Afghanistan.

"We spent two weeks in August doing strictly route clearance. Coming in this iteration, (we completed the tasks) quicker and we were able to take care of a lot more training," said Thompson.

Thompson will be a Buffalo operator for the unit during the upcoming deployment. A Buffalo is an interrogation vehicle

Photo by Sgt. Brett J. Miller

Staff Sgt. Patrick Hoglund, of the 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), calls for backup after two Soldiers from his team were ambushed by insurgents. The unit was conducting a Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) exercise.

Below, Gov. Jack Dalrymple, far left, and Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, far right, present Capt. Robert Bohl, 818th Engineer Company (Sapper) commander, and Sgt. Maj. Rashad Schaffner, the unit's senior enlisted leader, with a North Dakota flag at the unit's send-off ceremony at the Bismarck Civic Center, Bismarck, N.D., April 29.



for IEDs. It utilizes an arm and camera system to investigate a possible IED while the Soldiers stay safe inside the vehicle.

Another piece of equipment, the Husky, uses ground-penetrating radar to look at IEDs underground, as well as above the surface.

"The Soldiers actually getting on the theater-specific equipment — the Buffaloes, the RG31, and the Huskies — and getting out here (at Fort Leonard Wood) and doing the real job we are going to be doing in theater has been the best thing for them," said Capt. Robert Bohl, 818th commander. "After we wrapped up with the culminating training exercise. I am very comfortable. I had a pretty good idea where we were and what our level was as individual Soldiers and our collective tasks, but just seeing what I have seen (during training) and what they have done in the past three weeks ... I am very confident

that we will be rolling into (mobilization) station very solid and very (prepared) for what pre-mobilization tasks are required of us."

1st Lt. Chance Schaffner, platoon leader, said the unit brings a lot of experience to the mission. Nearly half of the Soldiers have participated in past overseas deployments. He said the training in Missouri helped strengthen the unit as a whole.

"I feel a lot better now after (the training). I know the Soldiers improved from last year to this year, and we really came through as a team. You can tell the Soldiers' confidence has risen in their mission and what their job is going to be," he said.

Below, before using their new equipment, 818th Soldiers perform preventative maintenance checks and services while in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer Kiel Skager



Photo by Sgt. Brett J. Miller

Beginning of a Cycle

By Staff Sgt. Eric W. Jensen
Joint Force Headquarters

Guardsmen Encouraged to Adopt New Workout Regimens During 'Bike to Work Week'

As the long days of summer shine up ahead, outdoor enthusiasts might be thinking of ways to kick start their bodies after an idle, winter hibernation. As part of May's National Bike Month, which is sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists, communities across the nation will coordinate Bike to Work Week events May 14-18.

The N.D. National Guard, an organization that requires its members to be physically fit, is encouraging Soldiers and Airmen to commute to work via bicycle this month to experience the health, economic and environmental benefits of cycling.

"My hope is that our Guardsmen will see Bike to Work Week as a stepping stone to introducing a healthy activity to their daily routines," said Brig. Gen. Al Dohrmann, N.D. National Guard deputy adjutant general.

An avid cyclist, Dohrmann makes frequent bike rides to and

Above, Capt. Greg Ames, left, and Tech. Sgt. Sam Ruiz get a few miles on the road each morning with their bicycles as they ride to the N.D. Air National Guard in Fargo. This year, May 14-18 is the National Bike to Work Week. Below, Ames presents his military ID to the gate guard at the 119th Wing. As a cyclist, he wears the proper protective gear when hitting the road.

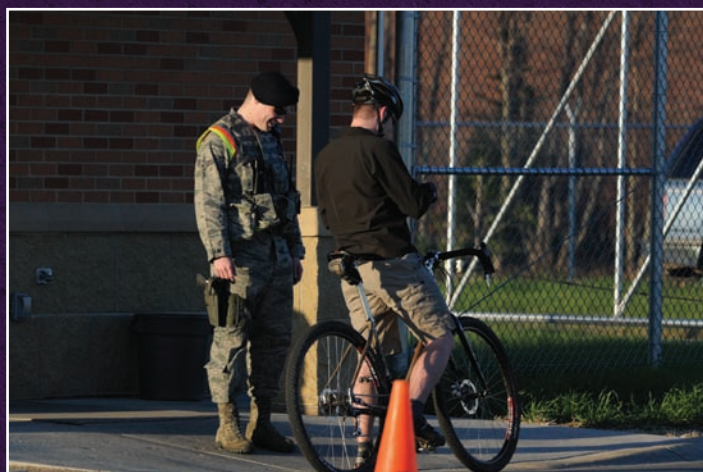


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Right, Staff Sgt. Adam Krueger runs the final stretch of the Fargo Marathon's half-marathon May 21, 2011. Krueger is a member of the N.D. National Guard's Marathon Team and bikes to work for exercise whenever possible.



from work. He also is training for the June 16 Bismarck Triathlon, where he'll traverse the Olympic-distance category of the event — a grueling course that will have him completing a 1,500-meter swim, 40-kilometer bike ride and 10-kilometer run.

Participating in rides is not just for training purposes, though. Staff Sgt. Adam Krueger, of the 119th Wing's Aerial Port, knows the benefits of cycling and, as an exercise specialist at Sanford Health in Fargo, N.D., said that pedaling to work is an activity that increases riders' metabolism and makes them more alert in the office.

"As far as just getting ready for the day, this is a good way to incorporate a workout," he said. "You don't have to go very hard and it will get your body pumping. It keeps you going for the day and helps you burn off the calories you wouldn't otherwise get to."

Krueger also is a member of the N.D. National Guard Marathon Team. Cycling has made for a convenient cardiovascular exercise substitute in between grueling training sessions.

"Some days it's nice if my legs are tired," he said. "A good, active recovery helps. And, you're also helping your cardiovascular system to get in that extra work at a low to moderate intensity."

A good cardio workout should last anywhere from 45 to 60 minutes, Krueger said. Riders can vary the intensity of their commutes throughout the week to improve their fitness levels. Commuting to work by bicycle doesn't just boost health and productivity; consistent riding can save a few bucks, too.

Staff Sgt. Marty Mosbrucker, who works full-time for the N.D. National Guard as the printing press operator at Fraine Barracks in Bismarck, dusted off his handlebars about a month ago. He rides a nearly four-mile trek between home and work and back again each day. His ride home usually follows a weight training workout at the gym.

"I like the exercise," Mosbrucker said. "It wakes me up in the morning, and I save money on gas. I probably save \$100 a month."

Trading out an automobile for a bicycle on the road does come

with its hazards, however. Chief Warrant Officer Brad Hoines, state safety officer for the N.D. National Guard, said that Guardsmen should wear the necessary personal protective equipment while wheeling on the roadways.

"It's important to make sure you are wearing the proper safety gear, not only on Guard installations, but for recreational riding, as well," he said. "Riders should wear a helmet, a reflective vest or belt and your bike should be equipped with a headlight and taillight when riding at night or at times of reduced visibility."

Additionally, the use of headphones is prohibited when riding on or near Guard facilities, Hoines said.

Krueger said that he likes to become familiar with his route before he takes his bicycle onto the street.

"I always tell people to drive it (their route) before you bike it. Always drive it at night. Sometimes, the areas look safer during the day, and this way you can identify possible hazards," he said. "A lot of times you could be going around 15 miles per hour and if you hit something, it could be pretty damaging."

To complement proper safety equipment, additional accessories can be purchased to make riding to work more comfortable and convenient.

"I always have a good backpack to carry my lunch, clothes and shower stuff, if needed," Krueger said. "I prefer packs with the chest strap and a waist strap to keep the pack on good and tight."

The N.D. National Guard Safety Office has ordered a number of high-visibility t-shirts to distribute to those who ride bike during this month's event at their major commands. For more information, call Hoines at 701-333-2281 or email bradley.hoines@us.army.mil.

Live to Ride, Ride to Live

Environmental Benefits

- When bicycling is substituted for short auto trips, 3.6 pounds of pollutants per mile are not emitted into the atmosphere.

Health & Productivity

- More than 66 percent of the adult U.S. population is overweight and 32 percent of the U.S. is obese, costing the nation \$68 billion in health care and personal costs annually.
- Medical research has established that a minimum of 30 minutes of moderate physical activity three days a week can reduce incidents of heart disease, obesity, diabetes and hypertension and improve mental health and cardiovascular fitness.
- Eighty percent of people who switch from sedentary commuting to cycling improve their heart, lungs and blood vessels greatly in six to eight weeks, so they get sick much less often.
- For a 180-pound man, a 10-mile round trip bike commute burns 400 calories.
- For a 130-pound woman, this same commute burns 300 calories.

Economic Benefits

- Bicycle commuting saves on parking fees, parking tickets, fuel costs, auto maintenance costs and transit fares. — *Information provided by the League of American Bicyclists*



Above, Chief Warrant Officer Jonathan Sigl performs a pre-flight inspection on an OH-58 Kiowa aircraft in Marana, Ariz. Sigl is part of a N.D. National Guard flight crew participating in a mission that joins them with other Guardsmen from across the nation to provide support to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Right, N.D. Guardsmen use hand tools to build a fire line during training April 22 near Raymond J. Bohn Armory, Bismarck, N.D. The exercise was part of training provided by the North Dakota Forest Service to certify and re-certify 38 N.D. Army National Guard Soldiers in Wildland Fire Behavior and Firefighter Training. The training teaches fire tactics and emergency response in case Guardsmen are needed to respond to wildland fires.



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Snapshots

Right, Soldiers of the 816th Engineer Company and the 957th Engineer Company (Multi-Role Bridge) repaired flood damage to roads at Kimball Bottoms, south of Bismarck, N.D., April 21. The units graded roads, filled washed out areas, removed sand deposits and moved fallen trees. The 957th will train with their float bridge at Kimball Bottoms later this month.



The 2010 National Champion Biathlon Team displays their awards after being inducted into the Maj. Gen. Robert E. Schulte N.D. National Guard Marksmanship Hall of Fame at the Raymond J. Bohn Armory April 14. The team consists of, from left to right, Master Sgt. Kent Pulst and Spc. Brandon Pulst, both of Penn, N.D.; Maj. Eric Nordgren, of Pelican Rapids, Minn., and coach Sgt. Jordan Becker, of Grand Forks, N.D. 1st Lt. Blake Hillerson, of Fargo, is also a member of the team but was not present for the ceremony. In all, 11 Guard members were inducted in to the Hall of Fame. Read more about the ceremony on page 16.

Below, left, N.D. National Guard Lead Child and Youth Coordinator Jessi Clark-Woinarowicz hands out pinwheels to children participating in an Easter egg hunt at Raymond J. Bohn Armory April 1.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Steve Urlacher



Photo by Sgt. Ann Knudson



While talk of possible N.D. Air National Guard mission changes continue, personnel keep working with the same high Hooligan standards demonstrated here by Tech. Sgt. Charles Welle, of the aircraft electrical area of the 119th Maintenance Group, April 26. C-21 aircraft mechanical work sometimes requires that work be done in strange positions in order to get the best view, as seen here. The Happy Hooligans remain committed to excellence regardless of mission speculation.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp



Soldiers of the N.D. National Guard's 818th Engineer Company (Sapper) accept boxes of bandannas from Mandan Middle School students April 19. The students raised money to pay for the bandannas and distributed them to members of the Williston and Hazen, N.D.- based unit, which was honored during a send-off ceremony April 29 at the Bismarck Civic Center. Accepting on behalf of the unit were Mandan residents Sgt. Michael Beechie, Sgt. Derek Beechie and Pfc. Preston Beechie. Michael is the cousin of brothers Derrek and Preston. The unit will serve a yearlong mobilization in Afghanistan.

Photo by Maj. Shannon Horton



Top, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, visits with members of the 188th Engineer Company (Vertical), during a command visit with deployed N.D. Guardsmen last month. Left, Spc. Eric Benson, of Grand Forks, N.D., performs electrical work on a trailer in Kuwait. Above, a T-wall in Kuwait is decorated with logo art created by Soldiers from the 188th Engineer Company (Vertical).

KUWAIT

The Wahpeton, N.D.-based 188th Engineer Company (Vertical), with 160 Soldiers, departed last August for Kuwait for a yearlong deployment there. It is the first mobilization for the 188th Engineers, although its legacy unit in Wahpeton — Company B, 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion — deployed to Iraq in 2003 and to Kosovo in 2000.

As a vertical engineer unit, the 188th is comprised of Soldiers trained as electricians, carpentry and masonry specialists, plumbers and horizontal construction engineers. They also have Soldiers skilled in supply, administrative and maintenance areas.

The Guardsmen hail from nearly 70 cities across North Dakota and into Minnesota. They are commanded by Capt. Lucas Klettke, of Perham, Minn., and 1st Sgt. Eric Binstock, of Argusville, N.D., is the senior enlisted leader.

As of February, the unit helped complete more than 38,000 hours of engineer work and has accumulated more than 980 hours on its equipment. Soldiers in Kuwait received more than 14,000 care packets during the holiday season.



Courtesy of the N.D. National Guard Public Affairs Office

based 1919th Contingency Contracting Team is expected to depart by the end of 2012, the Bismarck-based Detachment 42, Operational Support Airlift, is expected to deploy in early 2013 and the Williston and Hazen-based 818th Engineer Company (Sapper) was honored with a send-off ceremony April 29. The unit departed for its mobilization at Fort Bliss, Texas, and will later travel to Afghanistan for a yearlong route clearance mission. ■

SOUTHWEST ASIA

About 50 members of the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Civil Engineer Squadron have been providing construction support and electrician expertise in southwest Asia since December during a six-month deployment.

"The (electrical workers) are working 12-hour days, six days a week. The power plant operates 24/7/365," said Master Sgt. David Wosick, the electrical power production superintendent.

More photos of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron's overseas mission are available online at <http://bit.ly/CESinSWAsia>.

More photos of the 188th Engineer Company are at <http://bit.ly/188thENinKuwait>.



Retired Col. Albino, the A7 for the U.S. Air Force, visits with members of the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Civil Engineer Squadron Jan. 27. About 60 members of the Fargo-based Happy Hooligans deployed to Southwest Asia in December 2011 for a six-month mission.

KOSOVO

The 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Security and Support Regiment mobilized for a yearlong deployment in September. About 55 Soldiers with the unit are providing aviation command support for other units participating in NATO peacekeeping operations as part of Kosovo (KFOR) Force 15.

Col. Gordy Leingang returned from Kosovo in March after departing for his deployment there in December 2011. The Bismarck-area doctor serves as a flight surgeon and has deployed overseas four times.

The N.D. National Guard's largest unit deployment in decades was to Kosovo in 2009-2010. More than a dozen Guardsmen extended to continue to serve there. One N.D. Guard Soldier is still serving in Kosovo — Capt. Shane Clennon, of West Fargo, N.D.

Photos by Capt. Joy Staab



Above, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, right, gets a tour of the new outpost along the Serbian border, referred to as "Gate 1," during his visit to Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Security and Support Regiment, who have been serving in Kosovo since September. Left, Sprynczynatyk and Command Sgt. Maj. Harley Schwind, state command sergeant major for the N.D. Army National Guard, pictured in the front row at right, visit with the 112th Aviation Security and Support Regiment Soldiers. About 55 Guardsmen are mobilized for a yearlong deployment and are providing aviation command support for other units participating in NATO peacekeeping operations as part of Kosovo Force 15 (KFOR 15).

TRAVELS ABROAD

GUARD LEADERS JUMP THE POND, MEET WITH DEPLOYED GUARDSMEN

The N.D. National Guard's leadership team of Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Harley Schwind, state command sergeant major, conducted a command visit with N.D. Guardsmen serving on overseas deployments last month. Sprynczynatyk and Schwind visited nearly 160 Soldiers from the Wahpeton and Oakes-based 188th Engineer Company (Vertical) serving in Kuwait and about 50 members of

the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Civil Engineer Squadron serving in Southwest Asia.

They also visited more than 50 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Security and Support Regiment, who have been serving in Kosovo since September.

While nearly 400 N.D. Guardsmen are mobilized for overseas missions, other units have been alerted in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Bismarck-

Tropical Treatment

Airmen Learn While Providing Free Medical Care to Uninsured in Kauai

Story by 119th Medical Group

Members of the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Medical Group and 119th Services Flight participated in and supported Operation Tropic Care 2012 Kauai earlier this year. This ground-breaking, first-in-series field training provided more than \$2 million in health services to 10,292 uninsured and underinsured residents of Kauai, Hawaii.

"Field training, such as Tropic Care 2012, is priceless," said Senior Master Sgt. Belinda Reep, who serves in the 119th Medical Group and took part in the mission. "It goes far beyond just training and personal gain — it builds teams and communities. It is invaluable in building relationships that enhance military operations and future missions for our Airmen."

The Tropic Care medical humanitarian team was comprised of 335 military members representing 27 units across the U.S. Armed Forces. Despite flash floods there, the members of Tropic Care 2012, along with the Kauai District Health Office, provided free care from Feb. 28 through March 9 at three outreach clinics across the rural island. Medical, dental and eye care were provided at All Saints Episcopal Church in Kapaa, Kauai Community



Lt. Col. Craig Smith, far right, demonstrates how to insert an IV on Senior Airman Janessa Evans for local college nursing students as well as 119th Medical Group personnel during Operation Tropic Care 2012 in Kauai, Hawaii.



Master Sgt. Michelle Nicklay takes a blood pressure reading for a Kauai citizen prior to a dental and optical exam by Operation Tropic Care military doctors.

College in Lihue, and the Kauai Soto Zen Temple Zenshuji in Hanapepe.

"It was wonderful to be a part of something bigger than just me and what we do here at the 119th Wing," said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Reich.

Master Sgt. Michelle Nicklay, who also took part in the trip, agreed.

"I was putting smiles on the faces of others, but they put a bigger smile on my face," she said. "They were so appreciative and grateful of the care we gave."

The State Governor's Office expressed appreciation to the service members helping in Kauai by hosting a traditional luau for them.

"The gratitude and thankfulness was overwhelming and felt by everyone involved in this training operation," Reep said. ■

Little Patriots

Valley City Schools Honor Military Kids

Story by 231st Brigade Support Battalion
Photos by Spc. Sue Urlacher

More than four dozen elementary school students in the small town of Valley City, N.D., have military family members. It's a challenge their guidance counselors have recognized over the years. They have made efforts to support those children's unique needs, whether it's by helping them use Skype to connect with their parents during school hours in order to catch a deployed parent in a different time zone, or just lending an ear to listen to their struggles.

Those same counselors, Judi Hillier and Vanessa Kocka, also took it upon themselves to host an event at both schools in town to honor the kids for their own service.

Hillier developed the idea for the inaugural event, which took place in 2010, when many Valley City parents were deployed to Kosovo. She immediately asked the principal if they could do it again in two years.

This year's events featured kindergartners using sign language to say the Pledge of Allegiance. They sang patriotic songs and pictures were projected on screens of kids and their military family members. More importantly, the military children received "True Patriot Awards" from N.D. National Guard members with the Valley City-based 231st Brigade Support Battalion. Diane Hahn with North Dakota's Operation: Military Kids presented gifts to the children, too: teddy bears wrapped in a patriotic bandana and clasped with a photo button of each child's military member.

The military children of Jefferson Elementary in Valley City, N.D., show off their "True Patriot Awards" April 13. The awards were presented by members of the Valley City-based Headquarters Detachment, 231st Brigade Support Battalion.



Sgt. 1st Class Darin Leick, of Valley City, N.D., presents his son, Noah, with a "True Patriot Award" certificate April 13 at Washington Elementary in Valley City. Leick is a member of the Valley City-based Headquarters Detachment, 231st Brigade Support Battalion. See more photos from this event at <http://bit.ly/VCMilitaryKids>.

"I was able to see each student's face as their name was called to meet their parent and receive their certificate and gifts from OMK," Hillier said. "The students were so appreciative and glad to see the support of the entire school — a family of support for them. Seeing their faces was a payback more than I can express. It was a touching and happy time for me."

The April 13 event, which took place in the middle of the Month of the Military Child, also featured Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson speaking on behalf of the N.D. National Guard. She told the children that she, too, was a military kid and knew firsthand that it came with challenges and rewards.

Washington and Jefferson Elementary Schools have already marked their calendars for the next Month of the Military Child event in April 2014. ■



Eleven Inducted Into N.D. Guard Marksmanship Hall of Fame

Eleven N.D. National Guard members were inducted into the Maj. Gen. Robert E. Schulte Marksmanship Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Raymond J. Bohn Armory on April 14. Two previous inductees also were honored for their marksmanship accomplishments since their induction.

The Hall of Fame honors individuals and teams that have excelled in sharpshooter competition or significantly contributed to the N.D. National Guard's marksmanship programs. The last induction was in 2006.

Those inducted during the ceremony included Sgt. 1st Class Gary Varberg, of Cooperstown, who is the most acclaimed shooter in the history of the N.D. National Guard.

The entire 2010 National Champion Biathlon Team also was inducted. The team consists of: Maj. Eric Nordgren, of Pelican Rapids, Minn.; 1st Lt. Blake Hillerson, of Fargo; Master Sgt. Kent Pulst and Sgt. Brandon Pulst, both of Penn, N.D.; and coach Sgt. Jordan Becker, of Grand Forks.

Additional inductees included Retired Senior Master Sgt. Clayton Brennan, of West Fargo, who had a 20-year career as an expert marksman and coach, combining marksmanship skill with incredible athleticism and physical fitness.

Master Sgt. Norman Weber, of Fargo, (Mrs. Pat Weber attended on his behalf as he is deceased) was a consummate coach and expert armorer who was remembered for his uncanny ability and skill to build and repair precision marksmanship rifles.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Lynn Baltrusch, of Fessenden, was a dominate force in the N.D. National Guard Marksmanship program through the 1980s.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Guenther, of Williston, was western North Dakota's premier military shooter for two decades.

Retired Lt. Col. Don Wingerter, of Bismarck, is the founder of the N.D. National Guard Marksmanship Hall of Fame and was inducted as the first "supporter" in the Hall of Fame. For more than a decade, from 1991 until 2005, Wingerter organized, directed and led the N.D. National Guard marksmanship teams (rifle, pistol and biathlon).



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer Kiel Skager

Sgt. 1st Class Gary Varberg uncovers his name marker as he is inducted as the most decorated marksman in the history of the N.D. National Guard during a Marksmanship Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Raymond J. Bohn Armory April 14. The Marksmanship Hall of Fame honors Maj. Gen. Robert Schulte, who was appointed as the National Guard Bureau's chairman of the Marksmanship Advisory Council from 1992 to 1994. The Marksmanship Hall of Fame is in the northeast hallway of Raymond J. Bohn Armory and displays plaques and pictures with descriptions of inductee accomplishments along with trophies and medals earned in competition. Learn more about the inductees and read about their achievements in the full news release at <http://bit.ly/NDNGHof>. To view additional photos from the induction ceremony, go to <http://bit.ly/HoFPhotos>.

Share Your Thoughts!

The National Guard Bureau is conducting a study on National Guard Readiness Centers, or armories, across the nation. The Readiness Center is the essential training facility for Army National Guard Soldiers and units. The N.D. National Guard's Directorate of Facilities Engineering is requesting all Soldiers complete a survey concerning the Readiness Center where you attend drill. The survey is on the front page of the N.D. National Guard website at ndguard.com. Your input is a vital part of this study and will be used to develop recommendations for future Readiness Center construction at both the local and national level. Please complete the survey by May 30. Thank you for your assistance.

Courtesy Illustration



An artist's rendering shows the N.D. Army National Guard's first LEED Silver project at the Camp Grafton Training Center, Devils Lake, N.D. It encompasses the remodeling of the existing 33,081-square-foot Readiness Center to 55,836 square feet of new space. Once completed this summer, the \$12 million facility will house the N.D. Army National Guard Training Center Detachment, the 136th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and the 3662nd Maintenance Company. The addition includes 7,084 square feet of administrative space, 6,717 square feet of storage space, 5,033 square feet of locker room space and a 14,850 square-foot enclosed, unheated vehicle storage facility.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Guard Encourages Energy Conservation to Cut Waste and Preserve Environment

Commentary by Mr. Wesley Schmidt
Directorate of Facilities Engineering

A primary objective of the N.D. National Guard's Energy Conservation Program is to continue increasing energy-saving practices and awareness for Guard members. Daily practices, such as turning off unnecessary lights, limiting the use of portable electric heaters, refrigerators and turning off computer monitors, speakers and printers at the end of the workday will allow us to continue to reduce energy consumption.

With your continued cooperation, the N.D. National Guard can meet the president's energy conservation directives, reduce our organization's energy consumption and reduce utility usage to stretch our limited energy resources and protect the environment.

Raising cooling set-points or lowering heating set-points by just one degree can save up to ten percent of our overall cooling and heating energy costs, respectively. Turning off computer monitors when leaving the office could result in an annual savings of nearly \$15,000 for our organization.



Mr. Wesley Schmidt
*N.D. National Guard Energy Manager

By using these practices, in 2009, the N.D. Army National Guard achieved an 11 percent reduction in natural gas usage. The total cost savings was nearly \$145,000.

Electrical usage and costs are being reduced,

as well, due to new temperature setting standards, lighting upgrades and increased awareness. In 2010, the N.D. Army National Guard was able to achieve a savings \$36,000 in power consumption.

Recently, the Reduce, Reuse and

Recycle (R-3) program was developed to aid the N.D. National Guard's Energy Conservation Committee to prioritize and manage your ideas and suggestions on how the organization can reduce levels of waste generation, products consumption and energy usage.

One example developed through the program was to pursue climate control, or complete shutdown of recommended buildings, during the winter to reduce heating costs at Camp Grafton.

To assist the R-3 effort, both the N.D. Air and Army National Guard have developed electronic suggestion boxes to allow members and employees to submit their ideas for further energy conservation. The suggestion boxes can be accessed on the N.D. Air National Guard's Community of Practice page and the N.D. Army National Guard's NDKO Directorate of Facilities Engineering page.

**This article is being published posthumously. Schmidt passed away March 27. He was instrumental in establishing the N.D. National Guard Energy Conservation and R-3 programs. His dedication and initiative were great assets to the organization, and he will be truly missed.*

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Laying Selfishness to Rest

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Yakob Makonnen
Joint Force Headquarters

A. W. Tozer, an American Christian pastor and author, pointed out that people learn to bear one of two pains — either the pain of double-mindedness or the pain of the crucified self. What does this mean for us in the military? It means being committed to the point of sacrifice so that the team may grow.

Of course, we wear different hats. Some in the military are husbands and wives, as well as fathers and mothers. Some of those same Soldiers and Airmen also wear other hats in civilian jobs.

But, what is this "crucified self?" To "crucify ones' self" simply means to allow those different hats we wear in life to lay our own selfishness to rest. This type of crucifying (dying to selfishness) is a daily process. But, it is a dying that causes new, lovely birth, just like the idea of a seed going into the ground that must first die before it can produce new fruit. A buried seed goes through this type of crucifying process.

Do you at times feel buried by your responsibilities? You may



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

1st Lt. Yakob Makonnen, left, and 1st Lt. Ike Ummunnah, both chaplain candidates in Joint Force Headquarters, discuss the class agenda at a premarital interpersonal choices and knowledge (PICK) seminar, Feb. 27, 2010, Fargo. The pair of chaplain candidates were instructors at the event, which focuses on providing single Soldiers and Airmen skills they need for successful, lifelong relationships.

have pain, but be encouraged! You're dying to selfishness. You're dying to double-mindedness, which is a lack of commitment. In short, weakness is leaving you and you are becoming stronger.

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Early members of the N.D. Air National Guard pose for a group photo in 1947. The 178th Fighter Squadron (Single Engine) was established on Jan. 16, 1947, in Fargo, N.D., along with the 178th Utility Flight, 178th Weather Squadron (Type A) and Detachment B of the 233rd Air Service Group (Fighter). Under the direction of Brig. Gen. Heber L. Edwards, state adjutant general, Lt. Col. Richard D. Neece, an active Air Force officer, served as the initial leader and consultant to establish the fledgling unit until Air National Guard officers were ready to take the helm. Read the stories of those first commanders of the men and women who would become known as the Happy Hooligans in a series beginning in next month's North Dakota Guardian.