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GUARD POSTS

Dispatches from the N.D. Guard Family

AUGER INN A PART OF AIR GUARD'S PROUD HERITAGE

A few months back, I received a package in the mail addressed to the Auger Inn. The parcel had a Fargo return address, but no name. My initial thought was that it was probably just an advertisement of some sort; I get plenty of that as the Auger Inn club manager.

This time, however, I was pleasantly surprised. The envelope contained a folder full of clippings about the Auger Inn as they appeared in the Jet Letter throughout the past 60 years. It was sent to me by retired Chief Master Sgt. Fred Quam. Incidentally, Fred was one of the original members of the N.D. Air National Guard, and he is now running the library at the Fargo Air Museum.

Some interesting things have happened during the course of the Auger Inn's history:

October 1955 – Officers were elected to run the new noncommissioned officer (NCO) club. A reminder was published, letting NCOs know that the club was open for Tuesday night drills, from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

August 1956 – Apparently a member of the club's Board of Governors caught wind that the club *was* run by a "clique." The author agreed that the club was run by a clique — composed of faithful members who work very hard to create a valuable organization. The author went on to recommend that this individual join their clique. *Note: the "Board of Governors" has since been changed to the "Board of Directors." When I first became involved with the club, the board was 100 percent male. Today, more than 50 percent of the board is female.*

March 1957 – A hangar dance helped raise money for club improvements including, among other things, curtains along the entire east side. Next time you're in our fitness center, close your eyes and imagine what it was like back then. The stage was on the north end. The club was open from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. during Saturday drills.

January 1959 – The Auger Inn incorporated as a nonprofit organization with the State of North Dakota. In those days, you had to be an NCO and, if you lost a stripe, you'd cease to be a member. Oh, and your wife (not "spouse") would lose her honorary membership as well.

September 1971 – The Auger Inn hosted a steak fry dinner and dance, and the price to attend was \$5 per couple. *Note: That's per couple! Apparently you also could get a band for less than \$1,000 a night in those days.*

December 1971 – A children's Christmas party took place. Attendees were asked to "bring a \$1 gift for your child and a nonperishable food item." I'm not sure when the first children's Christmas party took place at the Auger Inn, but I know I've talked to a number of second and third generation Hooligans who grew up going to those events.

For more than 60 years, the Auger Inn has been a common thread to the fellowship and esprit de corps of the members of the N.D. Air National Guard. It has evolved from an NCO club to an all-ranks club. Loyal supporters have enabled us to donate tens of thousands of dollars to charities during the past decade, and, at the same time, develop an endowment fund, which we hope will allow us to stay the



CHIEF MASTER SGT.
BRAD JOHNSON

119th Equipment Maintenance
Flight Supervisor

course for the next 60 years.

NCOs and officers alike still share their good fortune and contribute to promotion parties. We've also set aside money for our members who are facing a personal hardship (known as the Base Airman Relief Fund, or BARF). Our leadership has provided us with outstanding facilities that lead visiting units from across the country to ask, "why can't we have a club like this?" In 2008, we were rated "Best Seen to Date" during the Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection. I guess it's just another example of what we can accomplish when we put our heads together and do things the "Hooligan Way."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Johnson".

Chief Master Sgt. Brad Johnson



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

Chief Master Sgt. John Nordquist, of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron, serves breakfast to retired Happy Hooligans Erling Opskar and Al Sjurseth during the annual N.D. Air National Guard retiree's breakfast at the Auger Inn, Oct. 3. Touted as the "official hangout" for the 119th Wing and "home of the legendary Happy Hooligans," the Auger Inn is an all-ranks club at the 119th Wing in Fargo.

GOING GOLD

GUARDSMAN BECOMES FIRST TO MOVE FROM CIVILIAN TO OFFICER IN A YEAR

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

Barely a year after raising his right hand and enlisting in the military, 2nd Lt. Austin Kastet now leads Soldiers as a platoon leader in the N.D. Army National Guard.

With no prior military experience, Kastet, 24, enlisted in May 2011, headed to basic combat training that August, and by February of this year, he was partaking in Federal Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. Despite his short stint in uniform, he soon became a Distinguished Honor Graduate, performing better than his active-duty peers with years of experience. He also became the first in the state — as far as anyone recalls — to ever enlist and move almost directly into OCS.

“2nd Lt. Kastet is an outstanding Soldier that has accomplished much in a short time,” said Chief Warrant Officer Jammy Ryckman, N.D. National Guard officer strength manager. “To graduate Distinguished Honor Graduate at the Federal OCS program is an example of the quality of leaders we have in the state of North Dakota”.

Less than 12 months after joining the military, 2nd Lt. Austin Kastet was commissioned as an officer in the N.D. Army National Guard. Kastet, currently a platoon leader in the 816th Engineer Company, saw Officer Candidate School as a opportunity to learn and grow.



For Kastet, it gave him “the chance to be part of something bigger than myself. I want to be able to help others, whether it is somewhere in the U.S. or somewhere overseas. I have always had the urge to be a part of the military, and have the opportunity to serve my state and my country.”

That opportunity came in short order, but the learning curve the correctional center counselor faced wasn't as sharp as one might expect.

“I think that OCS was very challenging for everyone, whether we were prior service or not,” Kastet said. “... In some ways the prior service candidates may have had an advantage in the testing and FTXs (field training exercises), but I saw it as more of an opportunity to learn.”

He credits his family, including his wife, Rachel, and employer, the James River Correctional Center in Jamestown, with the support needed to fulfill that opportunity. Now, he's pursuing his dream, leading Soldiers in the 816th Engineer Company in Dickinson.

“The opportunity to lead Soldiers was something that I knew would be challenging but would also be extremely rewarding,” Kastet said.

According to Ryckman, others interested in the same opportunity need to meet the basic enlistment criteria in Army Regulation 601-210 and the eligibility criteria in National Guard Regulation 600-100. They also must have completed a bachelor's degree, earned a 110 General Technical Aptitude Area (GT) score, be able to receive a Secret security clearance, and be able to complete OCS before age 37. Fort Benning offers the 14-week Federal OCS program year-round.

OFFICER PATHS

If a Soldier desires to serve as a commissioned officer in the National Guard, there are numerous paths to reaching the goal. Traditional, Fast Track and Federal Officer Candidate School all offer the same result across different timeframes, as does Reserve Officer Training Course, or ROTC.

Direct commission routes have become more predominant, with a recent emphasis on lessening schools and relying on experience to strengthen the officer corps.

A Soldier interested in pursuing a direct commission should first speak to his or her commander for a recommendation. Eligibility requirements include being between 22-41 years old, holding a bachelor's degree, being an E-5 (or higher) who has completed Warrior Leader Course, and having served at least two years in the Army National Guard. They also must be able to obtain a security clearance, have no prior civil convictions other than traffic tickets, and have multiple letters of recommendation.

Want to learn more? Eagle Flight Light will introduce Soldiers interested in pursuing any route to becoming an officer (commissioned or warrant). Soldiers should coordinate attendance with their units at one of these events: Nov. 17 at Raymond J. Bohn Armory in Bismarck and Jan. 26 at the Fargo Armed Forces Reserve Center.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Jammy Ryckman at 701-451-6337, 1st Lt. Patty Omlid at 701-471-6095 or Chief Warrant Officer Jade Falcon at 701-333-3142.



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Leaders. Mentors. Spouses.

Top Enlisted Leaders Discuss Serving Together, Living Together

By Spc. Kristin Berg
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“My greatest mentor has always been my best friend, my debate partner and husband, Harley.”

— Sgt. Maj. Darcy Schwind

Working toward and achieving the highest rank for enlisted members of the National Guard is a daunting task, but a little easier with a spouse who understands. State Command Sgt. Maj. Harley Schwind Jr. and Sgt. Maj. Darcy Schwind, with the N.D. Army National Guard, along with Chief Master Sgt. Leah Terry and Chief Master Sgt. Scott Terry, with the N.D. Air National Guard, are couples with plenty of knowledge about being a senior leader and supporting each other through the pressures of the job.

Leah enlisted in the National Guard in November 1980 and began her military career in supply. Scott enlisted in February 1981, just before graduating high school. He has spent his entire military career in the same unit, the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron. Leah and Scott met while in uniform and married in 1998. They live in Argusville, N.D.

Harley enlisted in 1981 as a combat engineer in the National Guard. His first assignment was with Company D, 141st Engineer Battalion (Corps Wheeled).

Darcy enlisted her junior year of high school in 1982. Her first assignment was Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion. The couple met at Camp Grafton in 1990 and married. They reside in Mandan, N.D., with their three children.

"After my initial training was complete, I knew I wanted to be part of this organization for as long as they would have me. Thirty years and nine MOSs (military occupational specialties) later, I can honestly say I've had some great mentors in my career that have guided to the path of success," Darcy said. "However, my greatest mentor has always been my best friend, my debate partner and husband, Harley."

Senior leaders are responsible for the enforcement of policies and standards of performance, training, appearance, conduct, health, morale and welfare of their assigned Soldiers and Airmen. Add on taking care of a family, and the duties seem to never end. The logistics of being a senior leader and taking care of a family becomes tricky at times.

"We're constantly gone," Harley said. "Basically the two of you are gone quite a bit of the time. Both have huge obligations that come with the position. I'll be on the road and Darcy's on the road at the same

time. It makes it a little bit tough."

By discussing their day and upcoming activities and events, the Schwinds are able to sync their schedules as much as possible, but obligations during the week continue to add challenges.

"It is a struggle at times, and it takes great communication skills, but it can be done," Darcy said. "I'm just happy to be on the same page. Family support is imperative when you have dual military people. If you have good friends and good family that are willing to help you out, you can succeed and you can accomplish many things, but you definitely need support from each other and family support."

More than discussing daily events and planning for the future occurs with the couples. The knowledge and wisdom they gain talking each night helps on the job. Sometimes discussing issues takes over, though, and these couples need to get away from work temporarily.

"Conversations at home tend to deal with work a lot, but it's a good de-stresser," Leah said. "It could be a good thing and a bad thing. It helps us get rid of our stress, but also we take too much work home with us. We really try not to talk shop at home."

However, talking the same military language doesn't necessarily mean leading the same. Harley says he is a direct and delegating type of leader. At times, he can be an authoritative leader, but tries to avoid it. Darcy is more on the softer side, trying to understand what the Soldier is going through before making a decision or by negotiating solutions. Harley tends to tell someone to do something while Darcy asks.

Scott explains his and Leah's leadership styles: "We just did the leadership challenge ... and we are almost completely opposite. Most people would say that she is nicer than I am. I'm more outgoing, she's more reserved. She is more caring. ... She's genuinely a nicer person. Not that I'm not nice, it's just my style is a little bit more direct and aggressive. That's where we really differ I think."

Both the Terrys and the Schwinds look to their spouse for support and knowledge. All four senior leaders explained that their spouse gives a new perspective into an issue while still applying the military culture in the solutions. The Terrys and Schwinds look at their spouse as a role model for work and life. ■



(Left) Spouses Command Sgt. Maj. Harley Schwind and Sgt. Maj. Darcy Schwind are members of the N.D. Army National Guard. (Above) Spouses Chief Master Sgt. Scott Terry and Chief Master Sgt. Leah Terry are members of the N.D. Air National Guard. (Army photos by Staff Sgt. Brett Miller, N.D. National Guard Visual Information. Air Force Photos by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing)



LIFT OFF

Launch & Recovery Element Mission Begins in Grand Forks

By Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
Joint Force Headquarters

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

For the first time in the N.D. Air National Guard's history, a group of Guardsmen have begun operating from the Grand Forks Air Force Base. It's a mission years in the making that continues to develop and grow, moving toward providing training for pilots and crews on remotely piloted aircraft.

Once fully operational, the Launch and Recovery Element, known as LRE, will enable training in take-off, flight and landings of the MQ-1 Predator. It's the first time since the N.D. Air National Guard began flying Predators in 2006 that Guardsmen will be able to train outside of their initial schools.

"Setting up the LRE has been a challenge given all of the diverse entities involved, but a rewarding one," said Col. John Dougherty, 119th Operations Group commander. "The capabilities gained will allow us the opportunity to train our crews and to support our state and FEMA region in times of need — truly

(Below left) A 119th Communications Flight Airman does computer checks on an LRE ground control station at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., during the initial installation of the equipment to be used for Predator training.





(Above left) A 119th Wing MQ-1 Predator moves down the runway at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. Oct. 10, 2012, during the first flight for the 119th Wing Launch and Recovery Element (LRE). (Above right) A 119th Communications Flight Airman does computer checks on an LRE ground control station at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., during the initial installation of the equipment to be used for Predator training.



(Left) Col. John Dougherty, the 119th Operations Group commander, points out locations on a training flight map for Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, right, in the 119th Launch and Recovery Element (LRE) operations area at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. (Above) 119th Aircraft Maintenance personnel assemble one of the first Launch and Recovery Element (LRE) MQ-1 Predator aircraft at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D.

a force-enabling capability. In addition, this should help provide opportunities to further research supporting integrating RPAs into our National Airspace System, an effort vitally important to our national defense strategy.”

Once a building was remodeled to accommodate a Predator ground control station, 119th Maintenance Squadron personnel worked on setting up the control station’s hardware and software functions, as well as assembling the aircraft.

The first launch took place last month, and once the Military Operational Area opens, periodic flights will take place over Camp Grafton South.

As the 119th Wing’s conversion officer, Lt. Col. Mike DePree’s time on the mission intensified this year, with him making as many as three trips a week from Fargo to Grand Forks as preparations picked up, and five days weekly as operations began.

Remodeling plans are in the works for a large hangar on base that will be used for the LRE after having previously accommodated the active-duty base’s tanker mission. In the meantime, a temporary hangar houses the aircraft and gives maintenance personnel the ability to train and conduct repairs.

DePree has been helping to “make the transition absolutely seamless,” said those with U.S. Custom and Border Protection, which also operates remotely piloted aircraft from the Grand Forks base, as do the active-duty Airmen who fly the Global Hawk remotely piloted aircraft there.

“We’re not working with CBP jointly, but there are synergies to partner on hardware issues,” Dougherty said. “Theirs is a law enforcement mission, and ours is a military training mission, so the synergies would be equipment only.”

Once the mission becomes fully operational, Dougherty said there will be opportunities to train others from across the country on aircraft operations. ■

Changing Times, Steadfast People

N.D. National Guard Marks 150 Years of Service

By Staff Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson
Joint Force Headquarters

From horses and covered wagons to mine-resistant vehicles and remotely piloted aircraft, the face of the Guard today differs dramatically from its origins. Since Gov. William Jayne organized Company A, 1st Dakota Cavalry 150 years ago, geopolitical and technological changes have made a dramatic impact on the organization. The roles of the force have changed, too, from blacksmiths, wagoners and farriers to pilots, communications specialists and broadcast journalists. Through it all, the desire of Dakotans to serve their communities, state and nation remains strong and consistent.

“Reading the history of the N.D. National Guard and talking to our retirees shows the strength and determination of the generations who preceded us,” said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, the 20th N.D. adjutant general. “I see that dedication to duty persist yet today in the faces of even our youngest Guardsmen.”

Responding to conflicts and natural disasters, and training for both, continues, just as it did in the 1860s. The value of families and employers in supporting that mission remains imperative, as well.

EARLY YEARS

The size of the Dakota militia fluctuated in the beginning. After the territory split, with North and South Dakota achieving statehood in 1889, the N.D. Guard included six infantry companies,

two cavalry troops and an artillery battery. A year later, the “Great Dakota Boom” busted, leaving few funds and people for such a force.

A decade later, in 1898, North Dakotans prepared to fight in their first war. The War Department gave commanders five days to fix shortages. Within six hours, 450 Soldiers stood ready to deploy to the Philippines. They served 24-hour shifts in the trenches of Manila and, after just 13 days there, took part in the battle that brought Manila’s surrender. The Soldiers then shifted to occupation duty for about a year.

During subsequent fighting, 10 N.D. Soldiers would step up with heroic actions that resulted in them being awarded the Medal of Honor.

War took its toll in not only dead and wounded, but illness.

“Most of us are near skeletons and have lost from 15 to 40 pounds,” Col. William Treumann wrote from the Philippines to Brig. Gen. Elliot Miller, N.D. adjutant general.

Nearly two decades would pass before the Guard was activated again. This time, N.D. Soldiers were called up to support Mexican Border Defense. After four days of travel and six months of training, the Soldiers were disappointed to depart without seeing any action.

That training, however, would prove beneficial soon enough. After only 40 days at home, the Soldiers were called for World War I.



On Jan. 27, 1862, Company A of the 1st Dakota Cavalry was formed in Yankton with Capt. Nelson Miner as company commander. Company A’s formation represents the birth of the N.D. National Guard. Company A was federally recognized April 29, 1862, as part of the 1st Dakota Cavalry.



On Nov. 2, 1889, the Dakota Territory was split, and North and South Dakota were admitted U.S. as the 39th and 40th states. At this time, the N.D. National Guard included six infantry companies, two cavalry troops and one artillery battery.

On Aug. 5, 1898, during the Spanish-American War, volunteers of the 1st N.D. Infantry Regiment landed on the Manila Bay peninsula of Cavite, south of Manila. On Aug. 13, 1898, after being assigned to Gen. Arthur MacArthur’s 1st Brigade and ordered to entrenched positions surrounding Manila the N.D. Soldiers took part in an hour-long engagement that resulted in Spain’s surrender of Manila. Following the surrender of Manila, the 1st North Dakota became an occupation force.



Between February and April 1899, fighting erupted between Filipino insurgents and American troops, during a revolt referred to as the Philippine Insurrection. Ten N.D. Soldiers received the Medal of Honor for their actions during the deployment to the Philippines.

Between 1917 and 1918, approximately 3,700 N.D. National Guard members served during World War I, in various locations throughout the U.S. and Europe.

1862

1889

1898

1899

1917

About 3,700 North Dakotans served, with North Dakota's 164th Infantry Regiment being one of the first divisions nationwide to depart for France. North Dakota lost 278 men and nearly 650 were wounded in action during the war.

N.D.'S GREATEST GENERATION

More than 20 years later, on the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the 164th Infantry Regiment again deployed. They had been training for the possibility of war for nine months prior, and after the attack moved from Camp Claiborne, La., to San Francisco to guard the Golden Gate Bridge from possible attack — the first of many missions in the war. The new 188th Field Artillery Regiment also deployed, resulting in 3,222 North Dakotans on active duty.

The war launched a noble and painful era of the N.D. Guard's history — one that still

brings tears to those who survive when they share recollections.

"We were young kids. Got along good. Fought," Retired Col. Bernie Wagner, of Valley City, recently recalled.

He served in the 164th, which became the first Army unit to fight offensively in the war when the unit served alongside the 1st Marine Division in Guadalcanal.

Before leaving the island, about 150 North Dakota Soldiers would be killed in action or die from their wounds. Another 360 were wounded. For the Guardsmen then, just as today, the Guard was family. Those 150 weren't numbers, but brothers.

"That's the bad thing. You get so close," Wagner recalled about the pain of losing a 'brother' in the war. "... You get so close in combat."

Nearly two years later, on June 11, 1944, Soldiers from the Field Artillery Regiment

landed on Utah Beach during the D-Day invasion of Normandy. They pushed toward Germany as they fought in the Cherbourg Offensive and Battle of the Bulge.

John Graber, of Fargo, who recently turned 96, was one of the men who fought in those battles.

"I was always proud of my military service," he said. "Can't say you were glad that there was a war, but it made men out of boys in a hurry."

POST-WAR CHANGES

As World War II drew to a close, North Dakota pulled in former U.S. Army Air Corps Soldiers to start a new unit, birthing the N.D. Air National Guard in January 1947.

Just a few years later, the unit, which would come to be internationally known as the Happy Hooligans, activated for



The 164th Infantry Regiment of the N.D. National Guard was the first U.S. Army unit to take offensive action against the enemy during World War II on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, when they reinforced the First Marine Division, Oct. 13, 1942. The unit spent nearly 600 days in combat and suffered 325 killed in action and 1193 wounded. Regimental Soldiers earned the following decorations: one Navy Cross, six Distinguished Service Crosses, 89 Silver Stars, 199 Bronze Stars, seven Legions of Merit, 10 Soldier's Medals, and about 2,000 Purple Hearts.



In June, the 188th and 957th Field Artillery Battalions, 188th Field Artillery Group, departed for Utah Beach and participated in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. By the end of World War II, the N.D. National Guard had provided 3,199 Soldiers to the Pacific and European theaters.

On Oct. 30, the N.D. Air National Guard was born when the 178th Fighter Squadron was organized under Heber L. Edwards, N.D. adjutant general. The organization's first flight took place in a single-engine advanced trainer A-6 aircraft Jan. 20, 1947. A year and a half later, the N.D. Air National Guard was assigned its first F-51 Mustang fighter, May 2, 1948.

On April 1, the N.D. Air National Guard was activated for federal service in support of U.S. operations during the Korean War. A total of 2,404 Airmen and Soldiers of the N.D. National Guard were mobilized for service during the conflict in Korea. Sixteen lost their lives in combat. Many years later, on March 3, 2008, President George W. Bush posthumously awarded Woodrow W. Keeble the Medal of Honor for his actions in the Korean War. Keeble — member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, a Sioux Native American tribe — was a N.D. Army National Guard veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.



On June 20, Governor John Davis activated the N.D. Air National Guard to provide security and protection after a devastating tornado ripped through Fargo. The tornado struck northern Fargo, killing 10 people and injuring another 103. The violent twister completely destroyed 329 homes and damaged another 1,035.

1942

1944

1946

1951

1957

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In late 1961, N.D. Guardsmen were activated for federal service in response to the crisis in Berlin. Amid the heightened tensions between the U.S. and Soviet Union, 790 members of the N.D. National Guard stood ready to deploy and spent 10 months on active duty at Fort Riley, Kansas.

1961

On May 10, Governor William Guy mobilized 500 members of the N.D. National Guard to respond to a party turned full-fledged riot in the small town of Zap, N.D. Between 2,000 and 3,000 people had descended on the small town as part of an organized spring break festival, and, before long, the festivities turned destructive. Guardsmen who arrived to disperse the crowd were met with little resistance.

1969

The N.D. Air National Guard deployed six F-4 Phantom fighters and 120 support personnel to Keflavik, Iceland, while tensions were high during the Cold War. Hooligan pilots intercepted eight Russian TU-95 Bear bombers during the deployment.

1983

On August 24, N.D. Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Alexander McDonald received federal notifications for the deployment of N.D. National Guard forces to support Operation Desert Shield. Multiple N.D. Army National Guard units were mobilized and immediately deployed to Saudi Arabia, while N.D. Air National Guard assets were mobilized and deployed stateside to provide crucial, war-related personnel and equipment airlift capabilities. Between 1990 and 1991, 632 N.D. National Guardsmen were deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

1990

On September 11, the N.D. Air National Guard was among the first military organizations to act in response to coordinated terrorist attacks on the U.S. in New York City and Washington, D.C. Immediately following the attacks, F-16 Fighting Falcon fighters from a detachment of the 119th Fighter Wing, stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, were scrambled to clear air space over the Pentagon and protect against further attacks.

2001

the Korean War, as did their brothers in the N.D. Army National Guard. In all, more than 2,600 N.D. Guardsmen served on active-duty during the war. About 800 deployed overseas and 16 died in combat.

After the war, massive organizational change took place across the N.D. National Guard. The Air Guard transitioned from piston to jet engine aircraft between 1954 and 1956, while all Army Guard units converted to engineers.

The Air Guard manned alert detachments for decades to come, responding to calls across the globe. During the Cold War, Happy Hooligan pilots became the first in the nation to go on nuclear alert, and the unit also intercepted eight Russian TU-95 Bear bombers during a deployment to Iceland. Their flight prowess became well-known outside of missions, too, as the Wing garnered the title of best fighter unit in the entire world three times following William Tell competitions. Maintenance personnel also captured the Hughes Trophy twice — the only Air National Guard unit to ever achieve such an accomplishment.

“We had ups and downs when I was the commander. You weren’t always the best unit in the country, but you were always up there. I think that’s still true,” said Retired Maj. Gen. Alexander Macdonald, who commanded the Air Guard from 1968 to 1984 and later served as the first Air adjutant general in the state.

The Army Guard saw small deployments during that time, as

well. Several units deployed stateside during the Berlin Crisis in 1961-62. Three decades passed before more active-duty missions, when quartermaster, military police and medical units responded to Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Later in the 1990s, peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo began, with the largest such deployment occurring to Kosovo in 2009 under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Alan Dohrmann.

“I believe we will be remembered as an exceptionally professional organization that worked hard with other institutions to move Kosovo forward to a brighter future,” Dohrmann said of the largest N.D. National Guard call-up since the Korean War. “Moving from Focused Engagement to Deterrent Presence while preserving security in Kosovo stands as a great accomplishment. Arguably, we were here during one of the greatest periods of transformation of the entire KFOR mission.”

Outside of active-duty missions, the N.D. Army and Air Guard responded to natural disasters, including a massive tornado that struck Fargo in 1957, and civil disturbances, such as the Zip to Zap party that grew out of control in 1969. Missions overseas during that time also supplemented training while helping other countries, such as Honduras, Panama, South Korea and Germany.

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DON'T TASE ME, BRO!

(Top) Master Sgt. Eric Johnson, of the 119th Wing public affairs office, center, feels the effects of a Taser electronic control device (ECD) shot into his back by Capt. Joseph Anderson, the 119th Security Forces commander, as Master Sgt. Jarrod Pahl, left, and Master Sgt. Steven Gibson support him for safety reasons at the N.D. Air National Guard, Fargo, Oct. 17. (Above left) Staff Sgt. Richard Gladue also experiences the effects of the taser. (Above right) 119th Security Forces Squadron members, from left to right, Master Sgt. Steven Gibson, Senior Airman Lacy Bunkelman, Master Sgt. James Casias and Staff Sgt. Richard Gladue aim tasers at targets. The taser training is an annual requirement for the Air National Guard security forces personnel, and is designed to give Airmen a better understanding of the use and effectiveness of tasers. Johnson and Gladue volunteered to experience the effects of the taser during the training, and Anderson, a full-time Fargo police officer, is a certified instructor.



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OPEN SESAME

Soldiers are trained on the various combat and structure breaching uses of C4 explosives at Camp Grafton's South Breach Range during an Advanced Leadership Course for combat engineers in Devils Lake Oct. 19. (Left) Staff Sgt. Blake Neumeier, of the Arkansas Army National Guard, smiles as he looks at the effect of an explosive device on the wall of a training structure. (Above) Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Bergeron, of the N.D. Army National Guard, left, discusses "stacking" procedures with the students. The realistic training provided at Camp Grafton makes use of demolition charges placed on target doors to simulate assaults through a variety of locked doors. The charges are detonated to allow access into buildings containing simulated combatants as the Soldiers are stacked behind a protective breacher's blanket, which contains layers of Kevlar. The blanket allows the Soldiers to stand near the target while protecting them from blast pressure and fragmentation so that they can quickly pass through the door after detonation.

LATE NIGHT GAME OF BRIDGE

Each year, the N.D. National Guard's 164th Regional Training Institute hosts a 12C30 bridge crewmember course for noncommissioned officers across the United States. During the 2012 course in September, students took part in a situational training exercise (STX) that included tactics, bridge reconnaissance missions, boat operations and more as they put their skills to the test in real-world-style scenarios. (Left) Soldiers move out on a MKII Bridge Erection Boat on Lake Coe, Camp Grafton South, near Devils Lake, Sept. 26. (Below) Soldiers conduct bridge placement site reconnaissance and face tactical situations with oppositional forces during the STX.



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FLU DEFENSE

Senior Airman Janessa Evans, of the 119th Medical Group, administers the flu shot to Senior Airman Samantha Manning, also of the 119th Medical Group, during the October unit training assembly at the N.D. Air National Guard base in Fargo, Oct. 7, 2012.



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FUN RUN

Members of 1st Battalion, 112th Aviation Regiment (Security and Support) run as a unit on Taxiway Charlie at the Bismarck Airport, Bismarck, Oct. 20. Lt. Col. Jerry Anderson (front right), 1-112th Aviation Battalion commander, leads the formation next to 1st Sgt. Steven V. Kilde, while 1st Sgt. Russell Garrett calls cadence. The unit's physical training was organized in conjunction with Suicide Awareness Stand Down training conducted during the unit's October drill. Regular exercise, which is good for physical and mental health, is known to ease symptoms of depression and anxiety.



Photo by Chief Warrant Officer Nathan Clarys, 1-112th Aviation Battalion



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BACK!

(Left) Master Sgt. Kip Terry, of the 119th Maintenance Group, steps off of a C-21 aircraft Oct. 25 as he returns to the N.D. Air National Guard base, Fargo, upon completion of a deployment to Afghanistan. (Right) Master Sgt. Curt Stetz, also of the 119th Maintenance Group, is greeted by Col. Brian Sivertson, the 119th Maintenance Group commander. The two Airmen deployed Aug. 15 and have been working 14-hour days alongside about 300 members of the Duluth-based 148th Fighter Wing in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

IT'S OFFICIAL

Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general (left), Congressman Rick Berg, along with members of the N.D. National Guard, watch as Sen. John Hoeven (seated) prepares to sign the Senate's resolution proclaiming Oct. 26, 2012, as the second annual national "Day of the Deployed" at Bismarck State College. The U.S. Senate unanimously passed the resolution sponsored by Hoeven. As governor, Hoeven was the first state official to set aside a day of recognition for deployed service members in 2006. Since then, more than 40 other governors have signed proclamations marking Oct. 26 as an annual day of respect for the deployed.

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2012 HOLIDAY VISITS

Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, and Connie Sprynczynatyk, who serves as the civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, Brig. Gen. Alan Dohrmann, N.D. deputy adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. Dave Anderson, N.D. National Guard land component commander, invite you and your spouse or guest to join them at one of the locations listed below for annual N.D. National Guard Holiday Visits. During the visits, senior leaders will talk about current and future N.D. National Guard events, answer questions and share light refreshments.

Friday, November 30

7-8 p.m. Aviation Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC), 3406 Airway Ave., Bismarck, ND 58504
8:30-9:30 p.m. Raymond J. Bohn (RJB) Armory Drill Floor, 4200 E. Divide Ave., Bismarck, ND 58506-5511

Saturday, December 1

7:15-8:15 a.m. Bottineau Armory, 115 W. 6th St., Bottineau, ND 58318
8-9:15 a.m. Valley City Armory, 747 7th St. E., Valley City, ND 58072
8:45-9:45 a.m. Cavalier Armory, 114 E. Main St., Cavalier, ND 58220
9:15-10:15 a.m. Cando Armory, 408 5th Ave., Cando, ND 58234
10:30-11:30 a.m. Camp Grafton Armory, Bldg. 6400, 4417 Hwy. 20, Devils Lake, ND 58301
10:45-11:45 a.m. Camp Grafton Armory, 309 Hill Ave., Grafton, ND 58237
11:15-12:15 a.m. Rugby Armory, 1015 South Main, Rugby, ND 58368
1:15-2:15 p.m. (MST) Dickinson Armory, 46 Museum Drive, Dickinson, ND 58601
1:30-2:30 p.m. Grand Forks AFRC, 1501 48th St. S., Grand Forks, ND 58201
1:30-2:30 p.m. Lisbon Armory, 504 Prospect St., Lisbon, ND 58054
3:30-4:30 p.m. Edgeley Armory, 508 1st Ave., Edgeley, ND 58433

Sunday, December 2

8-9 a.m. Wishek Armory, 1208 1st Ave. S., Wishek, ND 58495
8-9 a.m. Jamestown Armory, 212 3rd St. NE, Jamestown, ND 58402
10-11 a.m. 119th Wing Dining Facility, 1400 28th Ave. N. Fargo, ND 58102
10:15-11:30 a.m. Minot AFRC, 3420 2nd St. NE, Minot, ND 58702
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Fargo AFRC, 3920 31st St. NW, Fargo, ND 58102
1-2 p.m. (MST) Mott Armory, 507 Brown Ave., Mott, ND 58646

Friday, December 7

3-4:30 p.m. Camp Grafton Military Service Club, Bldg. 3000, 4417 Hwy 20, Devils Lake, ND 58301

Saturday, December 8

8:15-9:15 a.m. Wahpeton Armory, 2003 4th St. N., Wahpeton, ND 58075
10:15-11:15 a.m. Fargo AFRC, 3920 31st St. NW, Fargo, ND 58102
1-2 p.m. Regional Training Institute, Camp Grafton, Bldg. 1500, 4417 Hwy 20, Devils Lake, ND 58301

Sunday, December 9

7:30-8:30 a.m. RJB Armory, 4200 E. Divide Ave., Bismarck, ND 58506-5511
11 a.m.-12 p.m. Carrington Armory, 1000 1st North, Carrington, ND 58421

Dates, times and locations subject to change. For questions regarding 2012 Holiday Visits, call 701-333-2000.

119th Firefighters Return from Mission in Bahrain

Ten Airmen with the N.D. Air National Guard's 119th Civil Engineer Squadron have returned home from a six-month deployment to Bahrain. The firefighters returned in October after working in Fire and Emergency Services at Detachment Isa Air Base.

The Guardsmen managed a fleet of 13 fire vehicles and made safety improvements at the base, all while ensuring the safety of more than 200 structures, about 1,200 personnel and more than \$715 million in U.S. Naval and Bahraini aircraft. ■

Group of Military Police Leave for Yearlong Guantanamo Mission

About 30 N.D. Army National Guard Soldiers were honored Oct. 27 before beginning a yearlong mission in Cuba. The Soldiers, who serve in the 191st Military Police Company, are now receiving additional training on detention facility operations at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Under the leadership of Lt. Col. Mark Tibor, they will join with about 120 U.S.



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

1st Sgt. Dean Richter, of the 191st Military Police Company, passes out teddy bears called "Battalion Buddies" Oct. 27, 2012, to children of the Soldiers deploying to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The bears are part of "Operation Gratitude" and give the children something to hold on to while their parent is on the yearlong deployment. About 30 members of the N.D. National Guard will serve on the mission to Guantanamo. They were honored during a send-off at the Fargo Armed Forces Reserve Center.

Army Reservists as part of the greater 1,000-personnel-strong mission at Joint Task Force Guantanamo. Maj. William Nels will serve as deputy commander while 1st Sgt. Dean Richter is the senior noncommissioned officer on the deployment.

The mission of Joint Task Force Guantanamo is to conduct safe, humane, legal and transparent care and custody of detainees, including those convicted by military commission. The Task Force also conducts intelligence collection, analysis and

dissemination for the safety and security of detainees and personnel employed at the facilities as well as in support of ongoing overseas contingency operations.

The 191st Military Police Company provides police, detainment and stability operations in order to enhance security and enable mobility. The unit most recently deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, from January 2008 to January 2009.

The deploying Soldiers hail from 15 communities and more than half have previously deployed. ■

Electronic Payments Required for TRICARE Reserve Select Premiums

To avoid losing coverage, current or and former Guard members enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) or TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) who pay monthly premiums by check need to switch to an electronic form of payment before Jan. 1, 2013.

Beginning that date, TRICARE will only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card, or by recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a linked bank account. To avoid confusion, beneficiaries should verify that their bank sends direct bill payments electronically.

The Defense Manpower Data Center is notifying current TRR and TRS beneficiaries directly by email, and new beneficiaries will be informed in their welcome package information when enrolling.

Electronic payments streamline account

management and ensure continuous coverage for beneficiaries. Failure to pay premiums by the due date results in termination of coverage.

Beneficiaries can contact their regional contractor to set up automatic payments and get more information. Contact information for each region is available online at www.tricare.mil/contacts.

TRS and TRR are premium-based health plans. TRS is available for eligible members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and their families; and TRR can be purchased by retired reserve members, their families and eligible survivors of deceased retired reserve sponsors. For more information about TRS or TRR, go to www.tricare.mil. ■

Air Guard Seeking Full-Time Happy Hooligans

Applications are being accepted for four Security Forces journeyman positions at Minot Air Force Base.

Other full-time opportunities are

available for Air and Army National Guard members. Contact your supervisor for more information, visit the N.D. National Guard full-time job listings page: www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/joblisting. ■

Two N.D. National Guard Enlisted Association Scholarships Available

The N.D. National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA) will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year.

One scholarship will be awarded to an enlisted member of the N.D. National Guard and NDNGEA. The other will be awarded to a dependent, unmarried son, daughter or grandchild of an enlisted NDNGEA member, or a spouse of an enlisted NDNGEA member. Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at a college, university, trade or business school.

For more information and to apply, visit: www.ndngea.com.

Chaplain's Corner:

Look to the Future, without Dwelling on the Past

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Flowers
State Chaplain, Joint Force Headquarters

Some famous words from people who failed to envision the future:

Television may be feasible, but I consider it an impossibility — a development which we should waste little time dreaming about.

– Lee de Forest, inventor of the cathode ray tube, in 1926.

I think there is a world market for about five computers.

– Thomas J. Watson, chairman of the board for IBM, in 1943.

Are you ready to embrace the future? With every passing drill, more and more people that I know are retiring. I look around, and I have become “the old guy.” It’s kind of sad. If you don’t believe me, wait a few years, and you’ll see for yourself! To embrace the future, I need to let go of the past.

A word of God’s ancient wisdom from the Book of Ecclesiastes:

“Don’t ask, ‘Why were the old days better than these?’ For it is not wise to ask such questions.”

Why is it “not wise” to dwell on old times in an unhealthy way?

1) *Because the “good old days” weren’t so good.*

We tend to edit out the hard parts and focus on what was good. For instance, some people think of the 1950s as “the good old days.” But, in the 1950s, America was rife with racial injustice. Nuclear destruction seemed moments away. Every summer was shadowed by the terrifying shadow of a polio epidemic that



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crippled thousands of children.

I have heard Guardsmen long for “the good old days” when Annual Training was a long, fun party. It may have been lots of fun, but it was militarily irrelevant. Today we are engaged in meaningful, essential work.

Be thankful for the good times of the past, but recognize that the past contained the same measure of hardship and hassle as today. Move on.

2) *Because longing for yesterday makes it difficult to appreciate today’s blessings.*

If you long for the way things were, you begin to close yourself off from what God is doing NOW. Every breath, every ray of sunshine, every laugh is a miracle from God.

When we start complaining, in a way we are accusing God of mismanaging

things. From there, it is a short step to ingratitude. Remember, these are the good old days!

3) *Because longing for yesterday closes your mind to the future.*

We are creatures of habit. We like our comfort zone. We like what is, and we don’t like what might be. The future is scary and insecure. But the future is coming, and you will spend the rest of your life there. So go with confidence into the future. Follow the Apostle’s advice who said, “Forgetting what is behind, I press on toward the goal.”

You do not move ahead by constantly looking in a rear view mirror. The past is a rudder to guide you, not an anchor to drag you. We must learn from the past but not live in the past.

– Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe.

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The Developing Leaders mentoring program will kick off its sixth year in Jan. 2013. Applications are available on the N.D. National Guard Web site, www.ndguard.ngb.army.mil/, or you may request an application by sending an e-mail to noreen.keeseey@us.army.mil. Get involved for learning, networking, and professional development. The deadline for applications is Dec. 10.

READY, AIM, INSPIRE.



U.S. Air Force Airman Paula Toay (left), the first female unit member assigned to the N.D. Air National Guard, gets help with her 5.56 mm M16A1 rifle from instructors Melvin Benefield (rank at the time unknown), and Staff Sgt. Fred Wilcox (right) during a marksmanship course at Hector Field, N.D.