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## From the DAG

Dear Retirees,

It is great to be back in North Dakota following a deployment to Kosovo with hundreds of our North Dakota National Guard Soldiers. They are the best and part of the proud legacy that all of our retirees have built over the years for our Air and Army National Guard organizations. I also am pleased and honored to re-join the Retirees Advisory Board and serve as its chairman. Teamwork is at the center of our success as a National Guard, our retirees along with our families, employers and other Guard supporters are what make us one of the finest organizations that exist anywhere.

I'd like to thank Brig. Gen. Pat Martin for his service as your chairman and for his 30-plus years of service to his nation and state. He now joins the ranks of our retirees. We all hope he is enjoying his retirement and look forward to his attendance at next year's Retirees' Weekend at Camp Grafton.

Speaking of the Retirees' Weekend, based on the comments I have heard, we had another great event this year. I can honestly say that this is one of my favorite events every year. It is a time to get reacquainted with old friends, make new friends, and, for folks like me, receive some mentoring and guidance from those of you that have gone before me. As a board, we work very hard to make this weekend what you, as our constituents, want it to be. Continue to provide your good ideas to your representatives. We know we cannot please everyone, but will continue to work to make this a great event.

Your National Guard is busy as always. While we will have significantly fewer deployed Soldiers and Airmen this year, we still have many challenges before us in 2011. Preparations have begun for what has become our annual spring flood. Additionally, another legislative session has begun. As in past sessions, the adjutant general's focus will be on programs that support our Soldiers, Airmen and their families. We also are pursuing legislation that would allow us to recall retired Guardsmen, who volunteer to be recalled, to work state emergencies and operations. This will allow us to tap into the wealth of experience that exists in our retired force. We also are working very closely with the commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Committee on

Veterans Affairs (ACOVA) to track and support bills of interest to our Veterans, both retired and those still serving.

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. I wish you the best of luck in 2011 and look forward to working with you and for you as the chairman of the Retirees Advisory Board.

BG Al Dohrmann

## Mark Your Calendars

### *Mesa Reunion*

The North Dakota National Guard retiree reunion in Arizona will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at South Hall, Citrus Gardens Mobile Home Park, 4065 E. University Drive, Mesa, Arizona, between the hours of 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. All retirees and their spouses are invited and encouraged to attend.

Chairman Larry Liere is making arrangements to have a guest speaker address our gathering. There will be plenty of time for us to share in our remembrances and stories. Many of you remember COL Virgil Kottsick, he currently is residing in Alabama and has made plans to attend to exchange memories with his friends and fellow Guardsmen.

Please give Larry Liere a call at 480-981-2414 or email him at [lkliere@gondtc.com](mailto:lkliere@gondtc.com) to let him know whether you can attend. The committee asks that you do so by February 20th. We need a headcount for planning purposes. See you there.

Don Baglien

### *Fargo Air Show & Hooligan Reunion*

Announcement is made of the Hooligan Reunion the weekend of the Fargo Air Sho 2011, August 13th & 14th. The reunion will be on Saturday, August 13th. Details will be forthcoming as the dates get closer.

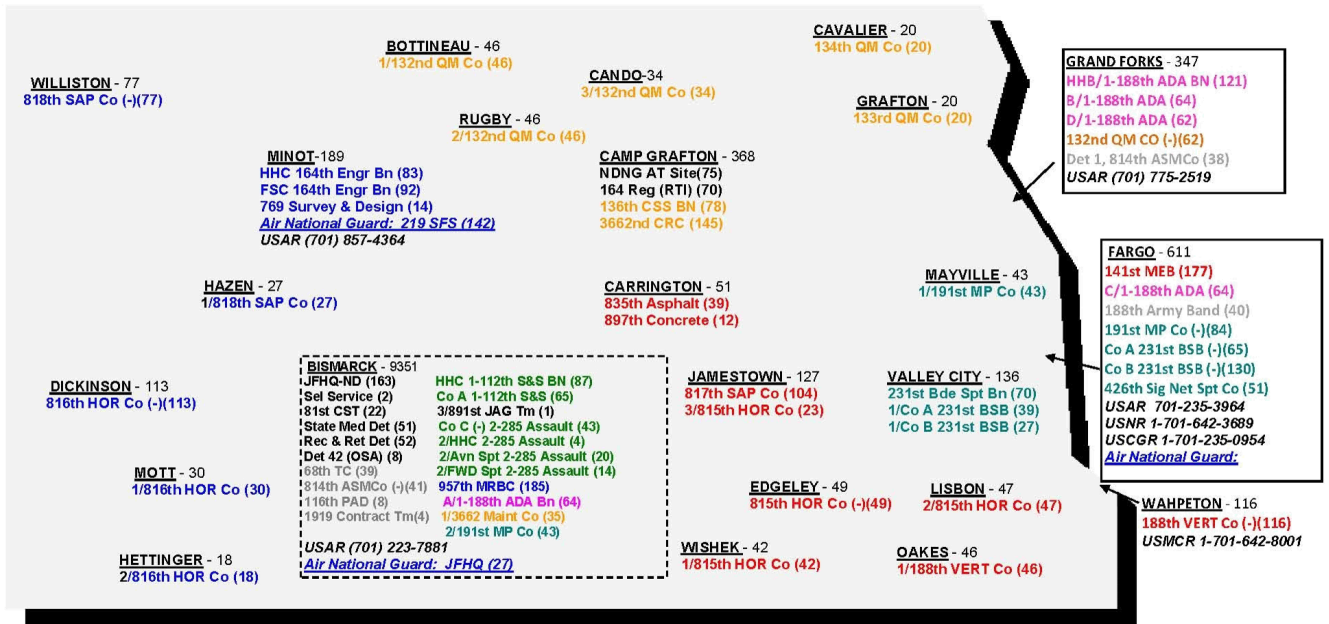
### *Retirees Weekend - Camp Grafton*

The National Guard Retirees Weekend will be held at Camp Grafton on 9-10-11 September 2011, its regular weekend, the first weekend after Labor Day.



# ARMY GUARD UPDATE

## Current Locations of Army Guard Units.



ARMY GUARD: Troop Command UNITS = GREY (170) Engineer BN = BLUE (625) Aviation BN = GREEN (218) Combat Service Support BN = BROWN (484)  
141 Maneuver Enhanced Brigade = RED (654) Brigade Support BN = TEAL (565) Air Defense Artillery BN = PINK (386)

AIR GUARD" Underlined Blue

Other RC: Branch and phone number is included at locations where other Reserve Components have units



# AIR GUARD UPDATE

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Relevancy is deeply rooted in the North Dakota Air Guard, not only in missions, but also in the character of personnel. Recently, the North Dakota Air Guard celebrated the graduation of 21 Airmen who will receive 28 associate of science degrees from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). CCAF is a federally-chartered degree granting institution that serves the United States Air Force's enlisted force. Airman in the program accomplish their associate degrees through their military training and by taking general education courses online or at local colleges, in this instance, Bismarck State College. Our hats are off to these educated and relevant Hooligans who are looking to the future.

In October, The Happy Hooligans got a glimpse of another new future mission the C-27J Spartan. A Familiarization Tour, conducted by L-3 Platform Integration, Alenia North America and the companies joint venture, Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), took place at the base in Fargo for the Airmen and guard leadership. The 119th Wing is scheduled to receive four C-27J aircraft in 2013. The C-27J mission will replace the current "bridge mission" of the C-21 Learjet.

The C-27 J aircraft is a mid-range, multifunctional and interoperable aircraft able to perform logistical re-supply medical evacuation, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and homeland security missions for the U.S. Air Force. When not deployed in support of intra-theater missions, C-27J aircraft will be available for national and international disaster response and homeland security needs. Relevancy for endless years into the future. All the best Happy "relevant" Hooligans.

Until next time....  
Jerry Engelman

# Committee Reports

## Region 1 - Williston Area

HELP WANTED: Immediate opening for any Region 1 Retiree to fulfill the duties as a liaison. Please contact Cw4 Theresia Hersch at Theresia.hersch@us.army.mil or 701-333-2002.

## Region 2

It was great to see everybody at the annual Retirees weekend at Camp Grafton. Because I was driving truck I did not make it for most of the events Friday and Saturday. It has been a very cold winter here in Minot and for the most part Retiree activities slowed down. I hope that everybody is surviving winter and at worst, you are just tired of shoveling snow. For those of you that might be watching the Daytona 500 February 20 I just wanted to let you know I am hoping to be there. My seats are in turn four, I will try to wave to all of you still freezing in North Dakota. For Region 2 Retirees my email address has changed. It is now mheiser@midco.com. Stay warm everyone, spring is around the corner.

Joe Heiser

## Region 3

Happy New Year to all of you. Hoping the new year brings you all blessings of peace, joy, and good health.

Region 3 is alive and well, but under an overabundance off snow. As of January 1st Devils Lake had over 40 inches. Rugby area had about 35 inches. With the snow we have now in January, the National Weather Service is predicting that Devils Lake has a 50-50 chance of rising over 3 feet. With all the snow, the snowmobile riders are having a great time. Ice Fishing in the area has not been the best because it has been hard to get on the ice and it isn't very good. A few of our area people have gone where it is warm and the sun shines more that once every 10 days.

We will have a guard reunion again in February in Mesa, AZ for all of you that are in the area. Look for the date in this issue of the Dog Tag. For those of you who will attend the Joint Conference in Bismarck, have a good meeting.

Stay warm and safe travels.

Dave Cichos

## Region 4

Attention all Retirees in Region 4 and those who visit. We have a new location for Monthly Monday Morning Meeting (MMMM). We now meet at Perkins Family Restaurant in Grand Forks located at Highway 2 (Gateway). The address is:

1213 N 47th St.  
Grand Forks, ND 58203

Phone number (701) 775-0900. The meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 0800. When you come for the meeting, just ask the host for the 'Retiree Group' breakfast. If bad weather is a concern, then call the restaurant directly to make sure the business is open.

For retirees in the region who cannot make the MMMM and are interested in another day/time, and desire to be involved please contact me.

If you have any other questions or Information to pass on, then e-mail holwerdaj@gra.midco.net or call (701)746-8296 Jill H.

Jill Holwerda, Grand Forks

## Region 6

I called Gordon Lund recently and asked if he was going to organize another reunion in our area. He was somewhat disappointed in the turnout last year, (although there was a significant blizzard that night), but thought maybe a different location, perhaps Valley City, would be more successful as well as a little later time frame. In other words the day after the last blizzard and before the flood. We hope to discuss the topic at our next monthly gathering which should occur before you read this at the Broken Spoke Cafe in Valley City. But keep your ears open and your eyes on Baggie's E-mail for possible future developments. Other than that we just watch the snowflakes fall and listen to the snowbirds whine about 50 degrees. Have a safe and warm winter!

Gerry Gerntholz, Valley City

To steal information from a person is called plagiarism. To steal information from the enemy is called gathering intelligence.



## Committee Reports Continued

### Region 7

Another year has passed and again quite a busy year for those in the Bismarck-Mandan area. The retiree breakfast held the second Tuesday of every month is attended by approximately 15-20 individuals, although attendance is slightly less during the winter months.

Most inquiries from retirees relates to Tricare issues and changes that affect the retired service member. Fortunately a Tricare representative is available monthly at the RJ Bohn Armory in Bismarck, and is available to answer any questions that a retiree may have. Both Don Baglien and the North Dakota National Guard web site post the dates when a representative will be at the armory.

This past December the Civil Air Patrol again was in charge of the "Wreaths Across the Nation" program. There were over 3400 wreaths placed at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery by numerous volunteers on a cold and blustery Saturday, December 16th. The red and green wreaths really stood out against the backdrop of the white snow.

The Veterans Cemetery now has approximately 4000 interments. With volunteer retirees mowing the cemetery during the summer months, the cemetery continues to be a very lovely and impressive site that all of us can be proud of.

There was another Freedom Flight that departed the Bismarck Airport for Washington, DC this past fall with nearly 100 World War II Veterans. To see these elderly veterans enjoying this adventure is quite remarkable. There is another flight from Bismarck scheduled for May, 2011.

Each year there are many North Dakota Veterans that pass away and we wish to remember and recognize all of them. This past year we especially want to recognize former Adjutant General C. Emmerson Murry, who gave last year's Memorial Day Address at the Veterans Cemetery.

The North Dakota State Legislature is again in session and there are several bills relating to veterans benefits. Be proactive and contact your local representatives in supporting these bills.

Ernie Reinert, Region 7  
Bismarck

### REGION 8

My biggest challenge for this article is to tell you something new and exciting that has not been in previous articles. The problem is the activities of Region 8, remain much the same.

I think that is the good news. Our meetings continue to be well attended. Representatives from the active guard and veteran's administration keep us updated on subjects of interest. With the help of Jim Bosch [who attends board meetings when I cannot] we receive the news from Fraine Barracks, and we give Fraine Barracks our input. The discussions on various subjects informs each other, especially the new retirees, on experiences with health care issues, pharmaceutical matters, insurance matters, use of active duty facilities and services and travel opportunities. And, of course, the constant exchange of "war stories". In other words the system is working as it was intended to work.

At the last meeting the reports and comments from those who attended the 2010 Retiree Weekend at Camp Grafton in September were presented. The comments continue to be positive. The weekend seems to be improving each year. I continue to urge you to put that weekend on your "bucket list" of things to do. If you have not been back to "camp" for a few years you will be amazed at how "camp", the facilities and the lake around camp have changed. In addition you will have a great time renewing guard acquaintances. The cost of the weekend is very modest.

The recent elections and coming elections, the state of the federal financial status remains a topic of discussion and concern for all of us. We remain fortunate that the reputation of the military, active, guard, reserve, veterans, and retirees remains very positive among government officials, representatives as well as the civilian population. But, it appears evident that the military operating and benefit budgets will not be exempt from some cuts. It is pertinent that we keep ourselves informed of the facts. That we are not swayed by unfounded opinions and cute word bites. We must get our points of view and opinions to officials and persons who can make a difference.

I am writing to you from Arizona, on the day of the memorial service in Tucson. It is my sincere hope that as we forcefully present our points of view and opinions, that we do it sincerely, in a civil manner, respectful of those that may have a different view.

Gerald Galloway, Region 8  
Dickinson

The Pentagon once did a study on why so many American Servicemen marry women in the countries where they're stationed. Contrary to popular belief, loneliness had nothing to do with it. Once the men rotated back to the US, all their in-laws were thousands of miles away.



## Committee Reports Continued



ESGR Members across the state of North Dakota continue to interact with both members of the Guard and the reserves and employers.

ESGR has been engaged in annual employment rights briefings to service members were given by our members this past month in Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, and Bismarck. Members have also participated in Yellow Ribbon events in Bismarck and Fargo. Grand Forks members also served Christmas dinner to members of the local Army National Guard units. Fargo members participated in a Business after - hour event. Bismarck members sponsored a booth at a Veteran's Job Fair hosted by Bismarck State College and Job Service North Dakota, and another booth at the Chamber's Holiday Mixer at the Civic Center.

We have a variety of upcoming events. On January 25th in Dickinson, we are planning an employer event that focuses on members of North Dakota's oil industry. In February we have proposed an employer event in Valley City. In March, the National Guard in Minot has asked us to host at employer event at the Armed Forces Reserve Center; in Bismarck, we plan to have a booth at the National Guard Association's Annual meeting. We have also discussed hosting an employer event in conjunction with this meeting but have not yet nailed down a date.

This year we are planning to conduct our Annual Planning Conference at Camp Grafton on April 3-5. Given our potential for flooding in the Spring, we have also ask for Camp Grafton to pencil us in with "back up" dates of May 1-3. Several of our members are potentially impacted if we have a flood this spring.

We are entering our annual Freedom Award Season. The Freedom Award is the national level award; where 15 employers per year are selected by the Secretary of Defense. Most years the President is involved in the presentation of the award. As of now, we have a total of 15 nominations from Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck, Dickinson, and the Valley City area. Of the nominations that we currently have, eleven are from members of the Army Guard, one from a member of the Army Reserve, two from members of the Air National Guard and two from members of the Air Force Reserve. We're planning for volunteers to interview each of these employers to select the North Dakota businesses that will compete at the national level.

Kevin Iverson, LTC, (Ret)  
Executive Director

## Service Member and Family Support

Hello, my name is David Mann. I am currently a Military Outreach Specialist and formerly a Chaplain's Assistant with the USAF. I hope in this article, to share a little with the readers who I am and my dealings with the Military, both then and now.

I grew up in North Pole, Alaska. Both my mother and father served in the USAF; my dad being Retired USAF. Being a Chaplain's Assistant is a job I both love and miss, very much. I'm not sure I added much to this career field, but one thing is for sure, I was lucky to be surrounded by many admirable and dedicated people. I found myself being educated in historic Montgomery Alabama, where I had the opportunity to know and befriend many fellow Airmen. I participated in pre-deployment training under the hot summer sun of Indian Springs Nevada, where I learned the value of hard work and camaraderie. Finally, I found myself in the war torn country of Iraq. It was here that I witnessed many Heroes and was haunted nightly, by their true courage; this was a very profound and personal experience in my life, one I hope I never forget.

In civilian life, I was honored to receive a job, which is known as a Military Outreach. In this career, I have the opportunity to travel to various parts of North Dakota, find Veterans and current Military members, and get them the help they need. As an Outreach Specialist, I am not taking the place of any current Veteran Helping Agency; I simply assist them by going into isolated towns and bringing Veterans to these Agencies' doors. In this job, I have the opportunity to work with many dedicated individuals. In North Dakota's NE Region, there is Gary Moore who is a Retired USAF First Sergeant; as he spends many hours helping Veterans in need. In North Dakota's SE Region, there is Vince Dicks who is a Retired USAF Command CMSgt; his roll as CMSgt lives on as he continues his Military Service with dignity and remarkable diligence. In North Dakota's Central Region, John Pitsiladis reigns; John is currently a member of the North Dakota Army National Guard, so he is very aware of current Military issues and concerns. In North Dakota's NW Region, Kelli Weiland devotes her time; as a dedicated spouse of a current Army National Guard Member, only she can express such tender devotion and personal respect in the Veterans she reaches.

As a former Military member, and now a Civilian still working for the Military, I am daily reminded of the many aspects of Military life. Whether we are Retired, served out one Enlistment, or are a Spouse, we all play apart in being productive members of the Military Team. We have various beliefs, political affiliations, and experiences, but we are all working towards a common cause; we are model America.

David Mann, USAF (Ret.)  
North Dakota's SW Region, Military Outreach Specialist

## Retiree Information

The Retirees' Advisory Board maintains a database of all North Dakota National Guard Retirees, a list of over 2100 names. To assist us in maintaining its accuracy, if you have a change of address please contact Verena Schauer at (701) 333-3122 or email her at verena.schauer@us.army.mil. We are also trying to add current email addresses to the database. If you want to have your email address added to the database please let Verena know that as well.

Don Baglien serves as the Communications Director for the Board and Don puts out useful, informative, and timely emails to any National Guard Retiree or spouse that would like to be on the email list. You can let Don know you would like to be added by emailing him at dbaglien1@msn.com.

## Regional Meetings

As of 1 February 2011

On the chart below is a list of the current retiree groups and when they meet. All Military Retiree's are welcome to attend all of the group meetings they want. Most groups meet as breakfast clubs with very informal agendas. If you would like to start a Military Retiree Group in your town the Retiree's Advisory Board stands ready to assist you in organizing your group. Give Verena a call at 333-3122 to have a Board member get in contact with you.

**Please join a regional meeting and reconnect with your Guard Retiree Family.**

Region	Meeting Date	Time	Location
1 - Williston	2nd Tuesday of every month	0700-0830	Dakota Farms
2 - Minot	2nd Tuesday of every month	1130-1230	Marco's Restaurant
3 - Devils Lake	3rd Monday of every month	0730-0900	White House Café
4 - Grand Forks	3rd Monday of every month	0800-0900	Perkins HWY 2
5 - Fargo	1st Wednesday of every month	0800-0930	Northtown Grill (I-29 & 12TH Ave)
6 - Valley City	Last Tuesday of every month	0830-0930	Broken Spoke
7 - Bismarck	2nd Tuesday of every month	0800-0900	BSC Student Union
8 - Dickinson	4th Tuesday of even months	0800-0900	Days Inn at Dakota Lodge
Detroit Lakes	3rd Saturday of even months.	0800-0930	Club House Hotel (Detroit Lakes)

## New Retirees

The following Guardsmen and Women have retired since 1 July 2010

RNK	NAME	BR	RDATE
MSG	DOUGLAS F BALLIET	ARMY	AUG 10
MSGT	JESSE J HAGEN	AIR	AUG 10
COL	WARD K JOHNSON III	ARMY	AUG 10
SFC	GREGORY J KAISER	ARMY	AUG 10
LT COL	STACY J MATTER	AIR	AUG 10
COL	JEAN L MCMERTY	AIR	AUG 10
SGT	SARA F MESSMER	ARMY	AUG 10
LTC	FRED R PARKS III	ARMY	AUG 10
SGT	JASON E SCHMIDT	ARMY	AUG 10
SSG	GREGORY D BURGARD	ARMY	DEC 10
SMSGT	RODNEY R DRAEGER	AIR	DEC 10
LTC	NEIL R HUTCHISON	ARMY	DEC 10
LT COL	PEGGY J MOSS	AIR	DEC 10
1SG	JOHN T WATERS	ARMY	DEC 10
SGT	JEFFREY L WILMER	ARMY	DEC 10
COL	DALE ADAMS	ARMY	JAN 11
MSG	SHAYNE A BECKERT	ARMY	JAN 11
CW5	DENNIS J CONNELLY	ARMY	JAN 11
CPT	GARY L DELORME	ARMY	JAN 11
LTC	MARK A FRIESE	ARMY	JAN 11
CPT	TRACY E HANSON	ARMY	JAN 11
SSG	CYNTHIA J KASPER	ARMY	JAN 11
SFC	ROBERT J MCFARLEN	ARMY	JAN 11
CMSGT	ROBERT C OLSON	AIR	JAN 11
SFC	WILLIAM M PHELPS III	ARMY	JAN 11
LTC	JILL M THOMAS	ARMY	JAN 11
SFC	ERIC J VOGEL	ARMY	JAN 11
SMSGT	TIMOTHY J HARMS	AIR	JUL 10
SFC	RICHARD HAUGEN	ARMY	JUL 10
SFC	JEROME A HETH	ARMY	JUL 10
SFC	LONNIE L MCCOMBS	ARMY	JUL 10
LT COL	THOMAS C MEYER	AIR	JUL 10
SSG	JAYMES E OSOWSKI	ARMY	JUL 10
LTC	DANIEL T TOMANEK	ARMY	JUL 10
MSGT	WALTER L WASWICK	AIR	JUL 10
SSG	ROXANNE R ANDERSON	ARMY	NOV 10
SFC	DANIEL E BARTLETT	ARMY	NOV 10
1SG	MARK J FLEMMER	ARMY	NOV 10
SGM	WARREN J HEIDENREICH	ARMY	NOV 10
BRIG GEN	PATRICK L MARTIN	AIR	NOV 10
MSGT	LINDA K PUTNEY	AIR	NOV 10
SGT	JEFFREY S SIMEK	ARMY	NOV 10
SMSGT	ANDREW FISCHER	AIR	OCT 10
MSGT	KIMBERLY K HARR	AIR	OCT 10
SGT	WAYNE C HOUSKA	ARMY	OCT 10
1SG	MARTIN J KUEFFLER	ARMY	OCT 10
CPT	RICHARD A LESHOVSKY, JR	ARMY	OCT 10
SFC	DAVID L RUSSELL	ARMY	OCT 10
COL	MARK B SCHMITZ	ARMY	OCT 10
LTC	JAMES A TORKILDSON, JR	ARMY	OCT 10
SMSGT	MICHAEL W VANBAVEL	AIR	OCT 10
MAJ	MICHAEL J BANNACH	ARMY	SEP 10
SFC	SCOTT J DECKER	ARMY	SEP 10
MSGT	JAMES S ERICKSON	AIR	SEP 10
MSG	LAVERN I GROSS	ARMY	SEP 10
SFC	AMY S HAAS	ARMY	SEP 10
COL	FRED A KARNIK JR	ARMY	SEP 10
MAJ	DENNIS T LOWMAN	ARMY	SEP 10
1SG	KENNETH J MILLER	ARMY	SEP 10
SGT	TODD L RADENZ	ARMY	SEP 10
SFC	BLAINE A ROGERS	ARMY	SEP 10
MAJ	WADE H WARREN	ARMY	SEP 10

★ Thank you for your service ★

## Retiree Community Ads

Retirees who need to update their Military ID Card can use any of the following locations. It is always best to call before a long trip to make sure operators are in.  
Locations

Military Service Center  
1850 W. Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501  
701-333-4800

Raymond J Bohn Armory  
4200 E. Divide Ave, Room 320  
Bismarck, ND 58506  
701-333-3070

Minot Armory  
3420 2nd St  
Minot, ND 58702  
701-420-5839

Camp Grafton Training Center RTI  
4417 Hwy 20  
Devils Lake, ND 58301  
701-662-0411

Grand Forks Armory  
1501 S. 48th St  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
701-792-4551 or 701-792-4503

Fargo Armory  
3920 31st St. N., Suite A  
Fargo, ND 58102  
701-451-6018 or 701-451-6354

Valley City Armory  
747 7th St. SE  
Valley City, ND 58072  
701-845-6727

Williston Armory  
10 Main St.  
Williston, ND 58801  
701-774-4325

Dickinson Armory  
46 Museum Dr  
Dickinson, ND 58601  
701-227-7441

## Retiree Legal Assistance

Legal service for retirees and or spouses can be requested through the North Dakota National Guard Legal Office:

Capt Michelle Hagel at (701) 333-2019  
or  
CW2 Amber Wilson at (701) 333-2021



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Bismarck, ND 58506-5511

# Camp Grafton Retiree's Weekend





# Year Group Photos from Retiree Weekend

1970-1985



1985-1990



1990-1995



1995-2000



2000-2010



The picture above is of attendees that were not staying for year group pictures on Saturday night.

# Photos from Retiree Weekend

## Spouse Group 1



## Steak Fry Grill Masters



## Spouse Group 2



## Spouse Group 3



This drill instructor, completely frazzled by the ineptitude of his recruits, burst into a blue streak of swearing hot enough to blister paint. He broke off suddenly when he noticed one of the recruits had been talking in ranks.

"WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID, RECRUIT??" the drill sergeant hollered.

In a quivering voice, the recruit replied, "I said, to myself, Drill Sergeant Sir, 'if that sucker thinks I'm going to stand here and take his crap . . . well, he's certainly an uncanny judge of character."

# Photos from Retiree Weekend



Head  
Shots



## NORTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD FOUNDATION Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

P O Box 5511, Bismarck, ND 58506-5511

(701) 333-2002

September 28, 2010

ND National Guard Retiree's  
4231 Shaun Lane  
Mandan, ND 58554

Dear Mr. Vern Fetch:

Thank you for your gift of \$ 349.00 on September 21, 2010, to the North Dakota National Guard Foundation Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Fund. This Fund will be used to provide grants to the families of soldiers that have been killed in action in the Global War on Terrorism for the purpose of attending TAPS.

TAPS Inc., is a one of a kind non-profit Veteran Service Organization offering hope, healing, comfort and care to thousands of American Armed Forces families faced with the death of their loved one. TAPS receives absolutely no government funding, but through the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, all families having experienced the death of their service member will receive information about TAPS and our military survivor programs.

Grants will be awarded to families based on a recommendation from the ND Family Program Office. The process will include an application and review board, with grants being awarded to those with burdensome financial responsibilities which would not allow them to otherwise attend this life changing event. Your gift will assure that National Guard Families without adequate financial resources that have suffered the loss of a loved one in the Global War on Terrorism will have an opportunity to attend the TAPS event.

These days, American citizens everywhere are looking for meaningful ways to contribute to peacekeeping efforts. With your contribution, you have helped the Families of our National Guard fallen heroes. The entire National Guard family is grateful for your generosity.

Additionally, you may rely on the Foundation's IRS recognized tax-exempt status granted under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For your tax records, this acknowledges receipt of your \$ 349.00 donation dated September 21, 2010, to the North Dakota TAPS fund. Again, thank you for partnering with us in this very important service to your neighbors and friends serving in the North Dakota National Guard.

Sincerely,

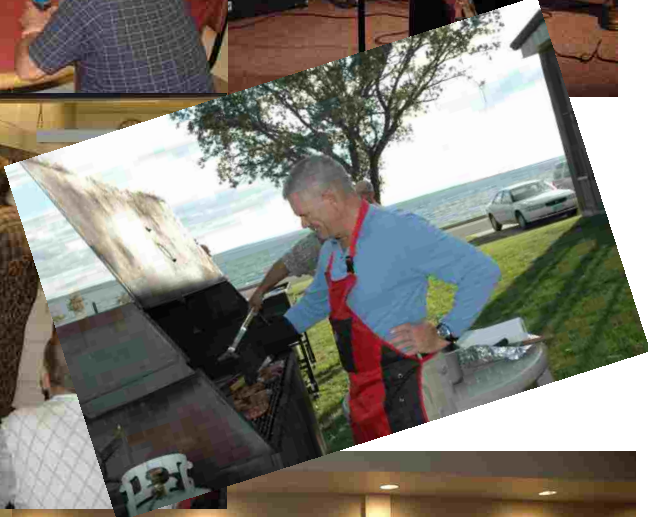
David A. Sprynczynatyk, President  
North Dakota National Guard Foundation

For the TAPS Fund

*Thank you for  
your donation!*  
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# Retirees' Scrapbook

A good time was had by all who attended!



## Hooligan Retirees' Breakfast



## North Dakota Roughrider Honor Flight

Sixty years after World War II, a monument recognizing the military service of 16 million American men and women was finally completed.

While the National WW II Memorial was being built, Ohio physician assistant and retired Air Force Captain Earl Morse often asked the veterans he cared for if they planned to visit the site. Many, he found, were without the means.

In May 2005, Morse took matters into his own hands, arranging for six small planes to transport a dozen veterans to Washington, DC. His idea grew, spreading across the United States.

The Honor Flight Network recognizes veterans' sacrifices and achievements by transporting them, with honor, to the WWII memorial at no cost to the former servicemen and women.

The North Dakota Roughrider Honor Flight (RRHF) committee began serving central and western North Dakota veterans in 2008. Currently, the Bismarck group is the only active Regional Hub in the state. Groups based in Fargo and Grand Forks have shutdown their operations.

The North Dakota RRHF's committee members have successfully raised funds for and lead four groups (almost 400 Veterans) to Washington, DC. In May 2011, the all-volunteer organization will escort a fifth group, bringing its total number of veterans served to 500+. Each flight costs approximately \$150,000.

World War II Veterans are provided a two day all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to see the World War II Memorial as well as the Vietnam, Korean, Women's, and Iwo Jima Memorial. They are provided a complete tour of the Arlington Cemetery and see the White House, the Washington Monument, the US Capital, the Pentagon, and Jefferson Memorial. They are honored at a banquet in the Crystal City Hyatt the first evening and then again at the Bismarck Airport on the return trip. Many World War II Veterans say they never thought they would live long enough to see their National Capital, the White House and all the Memorials. Many World War II Veterans come off the airplane, on the return flight, and they say they think it was all a dream because they saw so much in such a short time. All the World War II Veterans are so moved by the trip, that they do not want to take off their Roughrider Honor Flight jackets and they deeply treasure all their pictures taken during the trip.

Committee members include: Chairman Kevin Cramer, President Myron Lepp, Vice President Tara Holt, Secretary Beth Bouley, Treasurer Doug Prchal, and At-Large Members: Alan Butts, Clare Carlson, Jim Avard, Jon Long and Tony Welder.

Donations to Roughrider Honor Flight can be made online at [www.rrhonorflight.com](http://www.rrhonorflight.com), or sent to P.O. Box 220, Bismarck, ND 58502. All contributions are tax deductible.

Of the 69,000 men and women from North Dakota who enlisted during WWII, it is estimated that approximately 6,000 are still living.

Article by COL (R) Myron Lepp

# An Invitation to the National Guard's Professional Development Workshop and Officer and Enlisted Associations Combined Conference



North Dakota National Guard (NDNG) members, Retirees and their families are invited to participate in the 2011 Professional Development Workshop: *The National Guard Moving Forward*, and the annual North Dakota Adjutant General's Symposium for Families and Youth Symposium March 4th through the 6th, 2011. Concurrently, you are invited to also participate in the 2011 Combined Enlisted and Officer's Association Conference which will occur the 4th and 5th of March 2011. All of these events are now scheduled to take place together at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, ND - That is correct all events are on the same weekend!

**HURRY** book your hotel rooms early and the deadline to register is 15 February 2010 for all events.

The NDNG has been conducting the 2-3-day professional development workshops for several years. The focus will be on giving rising leaders from both services and at all levels the tools and information they need to face the missions ahead, and to train them how to best take care of themselves, each other, and their fellow servicemen and women. To participate or learn more about the 2011 Professional Development workshop, contact your respective ND National Guard Officer or Enlisted Association representatives or visit [www.ndngea.com](http://www.ndngea.com) or [www.ngand.org](http://www.ngand.org)

The TAG Symposium on Families will focus on how you, your family, your unit and others can work together in support of our military Families. It will also provide an opportunity to share information, best practices, and provide a forum to learn from your peers. This year's program should be informative and motivational. The Symposium will be March 4-6 and will be in concurrence with the Professional Development workshop.

To participate or learn more about the 2011 ND Adjutant General's Symposium for Families, register online at [www.ndguard.com](http://www.ndguard.com) or contact Justin Mattson 701-333-4805 or Sgt Julie McKenzie 701-333-4824. Deadline to register is 15 February 2011

The Youth Symposium will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Professional Development Workshop & TAG Symposium on Families. The Youth Symposium will be broken up in two sections, 8-12 and 13-17 year olds, which youth will be busy meeting senior leadership, working and listening to national youth motivational speakers, collaborating with other military youth, most importantly, having fun!

To participate or learn more about the 2011 NDNG Youth Symposium, register online at [www.ndguard.com](http://www.ndguard.com) or contact Jessica Clark-Woinarowicz at 333-4822 [j.clarkwoinarowicz@us.army.mil](mailto:j.clarkwoinarowicz@us.army.mil) Deadline to register is 15 February 2011.

The 2011 Combined NDNG Enlisted and Officer Associations Conference will be March 04-05, 2011. This combined conference will also occur at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. This conference will give current Guardsmen and Retirees the opportunity to become involved in their respective associations (National Guard Association of North Dakota and the N.D. National Guard Enlisted Association). For more information about the 2011 Combined Associations event contact your respective ND National Guard Officer or Enlisted Association representatives or visit [www.ndngea.com](http://www.ndngea.com) or [www.ngand.org](http://www.ngand.org)

# 2011

## ND National Guard Association's State Combined Conference and ND National Guard Professional Development Workshop

March 04-05, 2011  
Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center  
800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bismarck, ND  
701-258-7700 – Reserve your room early

**Registration Form**  
(Or register online at [www.ngand.org](http://www.ngand.org) or [www.ndngea.com](http://www.ndngea.com) )

Last First MI Rank Army Air

Address City State Zip

Desired Name on Tag

Professional Development Orders

Friday Lunch Saturday Lunch  
   
Lunches are \$10 each Day  
No Charge if on a military order

Banquet Choice  
  
Banquet Cost \$25.00

Spouse or Guest (If also in the military please fill out separate form)

Last First Desired Name on Tag

Friday Lunch Saturday Lunch  
   
Lunches are \$10 each Day

Banquet Choice  
  
Banquet Cost \$25.00

**Saturday Banquet Dinner Choices:**

**NEW YORK STRIP STEAK  
PAMPERED CHICKEN BREAST**

**BROILED WALLEYE PIKE  
PRIME RIB OF PORK**

**PASTA PRIMAVERA (VEGETARIAN)**

Business Casual for Business Session.  
  
Banquet will be formal dress, Suit and Tie. Class A with a white shirt and bow tie or Blues / Mess Dress is always welcome.

For Hotel reservations, contact the Ramkota Hotel Bismarck @ 701-258-7700 or 800-780-7234. Ask for a reserved room under the name of North Dakota National Guard. Room rate is guaranteed at \$7.00 per night for limited time.  
Reserve your room soon!

**Make checks payable to:  
2011 Combined Conference  
P.O. Box 9996  
Fargo, ND 58106**



1 August 2010 through 31 January 2011

**MG C Emerson Murry**  
**August 29, 2010**

**Dominic "Nick" Collette**  
**September 26, 2010**

**CW3 Thomas P. Mitchell**  
**November 1, 2010**

**COL Ronald D. Affeldt**  
**Jan. 10, 2011**

**George "Woody" Gagnon,**  
**January 30, 2011**

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

Cpl Christopher Kleinwachter, 29 Nov 2006  
Cpl Nathan Goodiron, 23 Nov 2006  
Cpl Paul A. Beyer, 23 June 2006  
Spc. Jeremiah S. Santos, June 15, 2006  
Cpl. Curtis Mehrer, June 6, 2006  
Sgt. Travis Van Zoest, June 6, 2006  
Spc. Michael Hermanson, May 23, 2006  
Spc. Dennis Ferderer Jr., Nov. 2, 2005  
Spc. Cody Wentz, Nov. 4, 2004,  
Pvt. 1st Class Anthony Monroe, Oct. 10, 2004  
Staff Sgt. Lance Koenig, Sept. 22, 2004  
Spc. James Holmes, May 8, 2004,  
Spc. Philip Brown, May 8, 2004  
Staff Sgt. Ken Hendrickson, Jan. 24, 2004  
Sgt. Keith Smette, Jan. 24, 2004  
Spc. Thomas Sweet II, Nov. 27, 2003  
Pfc. Sheldon Hawk Eagle, Nov. 15, 2003,  
Spc. Jon Fettig, July 22, 2003

*We apologize for those we may have missed  
or are not included at the time of printing.*