



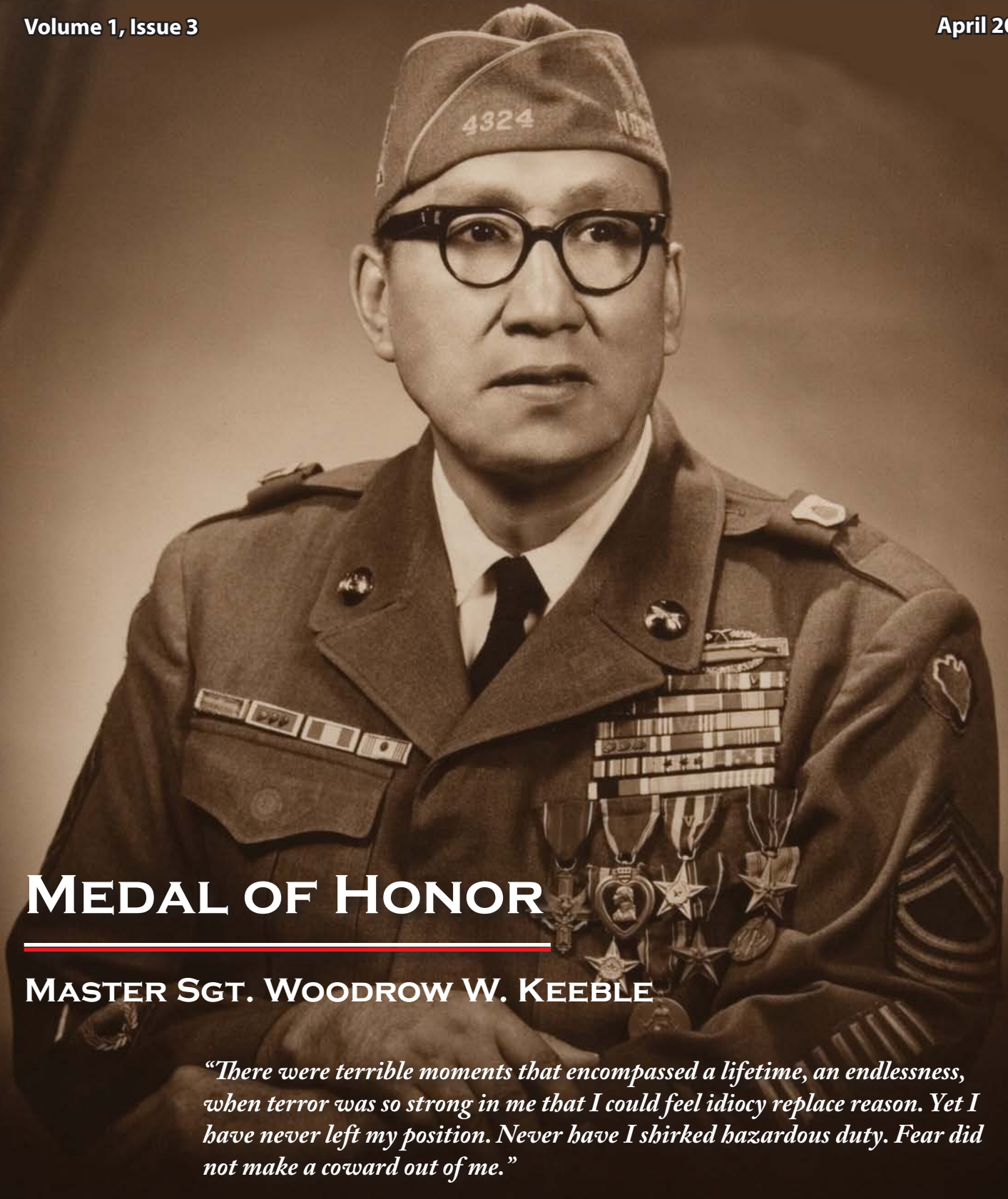
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MASTER SGT. WOODROW W. KEEBLE

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On the Cover

Hero: This portrait of Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble is displayed at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Wahpeton, N.D. Keeble is the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to be awarded the Medal of Honor and was a member of the North Dakota Army National Guard. (Photo of Portrait by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp)



VIEW FROM THE TOP

Chief Master Sgt. Paula K. Johnson, North Dakota State Command Chief

Leadership Potential is Within Every Soldier and Airman

My leadership traits probably sprouted during my elementary years, when I orchestrated parades around our neighborhood, including bike riders, clowns, baton twirlers, and TV characters (my brother, Breck, was Yogi the Bear). The event culminated in our backyard, where acrobats performed on our swing set.

Fast forward ... As the North Dakota State Command Chief, I am excited to showcase talented Airmen and Soldiers within our organization. Our North Dakota National Guard team has a vision to build “a dynamic, relevant force where everyone is a trained, mentored and empowered leader.” We proclaim — everyone is a leader!

Why such emphasis on leadership? People want leadership. They want guidance, direction, goals and a focus. They want a reason for being part of our organization. They want to know the vision, they want to feel it, and they want to achieve it. What we each need to figure out is how to become the person others will want to follow.

As a leader, you need confidence so you can instill it in others, which in turn, excels them to do the best for the team. Confidence is a key component of leadership, and it's more than just feeling sure of yourself. It's about tackling new situations without being held back by doubts.

Having a positive attitude also is a player in leadership. You've probably heard that “if you believe you can, you can.” Your attitude is a choice (don't blame it on someone else). Your attitude will determine your actions, and strangely, maintaining a good attitude

is easier than regaining one.

Another huge attribute is commitment; persistence with a purpose. Commitment ignites action!

To the marathoner, it is running another 10 miles when your strength is gone. To the Soldier, it is going over the hill not knowing what is waiting on the other side. To the leader, it is that and more because everyone you lead is depending on you.

Be passionate about what you do. We may be placed into a leadership position where we're out of our comfort zone. This is an opportunity to concentrate on what we do well and do it better than anybody else! If you have passion, it will make a difference!

Trustworthiness also is an admirable leadership trait. Being trustworthy is being honest, reliable and responsible. Others will respect you more and want to continue relationships and working with you. People like to deal with those they can trust. Also, you will feel a sense of self-respect.

Some points to consider as you strive to be an effective leader:

- Lead by example
- Take care of your people
- Have character
- Be humble
- Have a goal
- Do your homework
- Encourage people to think, innovate and be creative.

As you go forward in your special leadership roles serving the North Dakota National Guard, accentuate the special talents you possess and acquire those you need. I am anxious to help and serve.



“People want leadership. They want guidance, direction, goals and a focus.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula K. Johnson".



N.D. Guardsman Receives Soldier's Medal



Chief Warrant Officer Kiel Skager, Joint Force Headquarters

Staff Sgt. Justin Lampert, 818th Engineer Company (Sapper), addresses a crowd of family and peers after receiving the Soldier's Medal for his heroics in Las Vegas. A Soldier's Medal ceremony for Lampert was at the North Dakota Capitol grounds on March 14.

Joint Force Headquarters Press Release

Gov. John Hoeven and N.D. National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, presented the Soldier's Medal to Staff Sgt. Justin J. Lampert at a ceremony at the North

Dakota Capitol grounds on March 14.

Lampert earned the medal for his actions on July 6, 2007, when he subdued a gunman firing at patrons in the New York-New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

"Justin Lampert embodies the heroism and selfless service indicative of the nation's

men and women in uniform," Hoeven said during the ceremony. "All North Dakotans can be proud of this great brave man and his life-saving actions."

Lampert also earned a Bronze Star with "V" device for valor while serving in Iraq with the North Dakota's 141st Engineer Battalion in 2004.

"Justin Lampert is a true warrior," Sprynczynatyk said. "He acted quickly and without regard to his personal safety when tackling that gunman and is truly deserving of the Soldier's Medal. This ceremony was one small way to appropriately recognize him for his heroism."

Lampert's parents, Carol and Dennis Lampert, and other members of his family attended the ceremony.

Lampert serves as a squad leader with the Williston-based 818th Engineer Company (Sapper).

His other awards include the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Iraqi Campaign Medal.

Lampert is Air Assault (honor graduate) and rappel master qualified.

Lampert, a native of Crosby, N.D., joined the North Dakota Army National Guard in 2000.

Families' Contributions Acknowledged at Combined Conference

*By Amy Wieser Willson,
Joint Force Headquarters*

Families' contributions were acknowledged during the North Dakota National Guard Officer and Enlisted Combined Conference Feb. 23-24. The Air Guard recognized one Family of the Year and, for the first time, the Army Guard named two families to share the honor.

Master Sgt. Chuck Kasin and his wife, Shelli, of Embden, N.D., were chosen Family of the Year for the Air Guard. Shelli has been instrumental in the Burden Bear Project.

Howard and Peggy Pribula, parents of Spc. Adam Pribula, became the first parents to receive the honor in the North Dakota Army National Guard. The Thompson,

N.D., couple coordinated events and helped others while their son was mobilized with the 1-188th Air Defense Artillery.

They also supported many families one-on-one by babysitting, raking leaves, mowing lawns, fixing appliances and teaching a Soldier's spouse how to drive.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Leshovsky and his wife, Sheila, of Minot, also were named Family of the Year. Sheila actively participated in the 142nd Engineer Battalion's Family Readiness Group while her husband was deployed and then volunteered with the 164th Engineer Battalion's Company A group when the unit mobilized.

Sheila organized numerous successful programs, including the Yellow Ribbon Fence Project, Flat Stanley Father's Day gifts and "Night Catch" book exchange.



Senior Master Sgt. Eric Johnson, 119th Wing

Master Sgt. Chuck Kasin and his wife, Shelli, at the 2008 North Dakota National Guard Officer and Enlisted Combined Conference in Fargo, Feb. 3-4.

ABATE Offers Free Motorcycle Safety Courses for N.D. National Guardsmen



Sgt. Eric W. Jensen, Joint Force Headquarters

By Amy Wieser Willson,
Joint Force Headquarters

You probably know somebody who treated themselves to a new motorcycle after a long deployment. Maybe you even bought one yourself. The feel of the open road beneath two wheels can be hard to resist. It's just so much different than driving a car.

While the North Dakota Air National Guard had only one motorcycle accident with injuries last year and Soldiers in the Army National Guard made it through the year without any motorcycle-accident injuries, our fellow North Dakotans were in 217 motorcycle crashes, resulting in eight fatalities and 208 injuries last year.

Yes, it's much different than driving a car.

Riding a motorcycle requires training and skill that many riders — even those who have been riding for years — may lack. Safety courses can help riders sharpen their skills and, in turn, prevent accidents.

ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) of North Dakota offers such classes and partners with the North Dakota National Guard to offer the training at no cost to Guard members. The North Dakota National Guard Safety Office will provide a code to Guardsmen to enter on

the Web site for registration. Be prepared to show a military I.D. when attending the course.

Typically, the Basic Rider Course costs \$50 for North Dakota residents and \$100 for others and the Experienced Rider Course costs \$40. The basic course does not require a permit or license. It runs 18 hours with five hours of classroom instruction and the remaining time spent on the range. The experienced course trains licensed riders and lasts six hours.

Upon successful completion of the course, ABATE issues a Motorcycle Safety Foundation card to carry when riding a motorcycle. Cost to replace the card is \$10.

Classes take place between May and September and are offered at various days and times to accommodate most people. Numerous cities host the classes, including Bismarck, Bowman, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Grand Forks, Fargo, Hazen, Jamestown, Minot, Wahpeton and Williston.

For more information or to register for a class, go to www.ndmsp.com.

In the meantime, remember to wear personal protective clothing and to T-CLOCS your bike before riding. This mnemonic from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation encapsulates your pre-ride checklist: tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis and stands.



Sgt. Eric W. Jensen, Joint Force Headquarters

Left: The North Dakota National Guard's motorcycle safety program includes the opportunity to use a fleet of 10 bikes and receive instruction from more than 30 rider coaches at no cost.

Top: Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk and Michael Jay, ABATE Director, participate in a public service announcement to promote "May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month."

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. Enhance your skills with free safety classes or with information online. Also, watch for North Dakota National Guard Soldiers debuting in a statewide commercial that will run throughout the month.

Safety Tips and Classes:

North Dakota Motorcycle Safety Program: www.ndmsp.com
ABATE of North Dakota: www.abatend.com

Additional Information:

Motorcycle Safety Foundation:
www.msf-usa.org
— Includes complete T-CLOCS checklist

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.dot.gov

A Look Back With the Happy Hooligans

By Col. Tom "TLAR" Larson (Ret.) and Chief Master Sgt. J.C. "Jack" Tietgens (Ret.)

What advances and transformations we've seen in the 178th, now the 119th, in more than 50 years! Included here are selected paragraphs from the "Command Channel" by Maj. Marsh Johnson, squadron commander, quoted from the January 1956 edition of The Jet Letter. A brief glimpse of the unit's staffing and imminent upgrade to a new aircraft back in the "good old days."

"On January 17th, 1947, the 178th Fighter Squadron received its original Federal Recognition as an Air National Guard unit with a strength of 23 officers and 36 airmen. This compared to our present day strength of 48 officers and 389 airmen is an indication of healthy growth. Instead of a multi-million dollar facility for our use, we had the use of two small and remote rooms in the National Guard Armory on south Broadway below the Crystal Ballroom.

"Another item of considerable interest — to old and new members alike — is the announcement

of a change in Unit Tactical Aircraft. Starting in February we are programmed to receive F-94C Starfires. It has been announced that these aircraft in the near future will replace the F-94A&B types that we now have assigned. The Starfires are a considerably heavier and much more powerful version of the old F-94. This change will make the 178th one of the very first ANG units to receive a first line aircraft."

Thanks to Fred Quam for his remarkable contribution in establishing and organizing the library at the Fargo Air Museum. Copies of past issues of The Jet Letter are on file in this library, providing an excellent resource of the history of the North Dakota Air National Guard and the Happy Hooligans.

The Fargo-Moorhead area retired Hooligans established a new location in January for their monthly breakfast, the Northtown Grill (I-29 and 12th Avenue North in Fargo). The May breakfast will be at 8 a. m. on May 7.

The Happy Hooligans in the Mesa, Ariz., area met for their final breakfast of the season on April 3 at the IHOP Restaurant



Submitted Photo

Darrell Cornell and Neil Modin of the Happy Hooligans climb into an F-94C Starfire (1956-57).

on Power Road, south of Baseline Road. The dates for next season will be published later this fall.

It also is time for the semiannual weapons system officer reunion. It will be 7 p.m., April 9 at the Auger Inn.

The next bi-monthly breakfast of the Detroit Lakes-area Happy Hooligans (at the Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn) will be 8 a.m., April 19.

Reintegration and the Chain of Concern

By Chaplain (Capt.) Maury Millican, 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

We already understand the concept of the battle buddy. In combat, every Soldier has a battle buddy who watches his or her back. Battle buddies take care of one another and fight for one another. For 365 days or more,



Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson, Joint Force Headquarters

Chaplain (Capt.) Maury Millican and Sgt. 1st Class Roy Wilkowski visit with Iraqi children during an Operation Backpack Iraq mission at a school near Tikrit in late 2004.

they go through good days and bad days — together.

When we come home, the need for battle buddies does not diminish. After your initial reunion with family, friends and fellow workers, the realities of reintegration kick in. While many Soldiers have no significant problems with reintegration, some Soldiers get depressed, feel angry, feel misunderstood, fight with their spouse, argue with the boss, feel insignificant, drink too much and/or isolate themselves. A battle buddy can make all the difference.

Every Soldier needs a battle buddy to talk about their deployment and redeployment and reintegration issues. A battle buddy can ask, "How are you doing?" and get an honest answer. A battle buddy can say, "You've had too much to drink. I'm driving." A battle buddy can say, "You're gonna make it" and mean it. A battle buddy takes the time to care. A battle buddy can help you find your way to the chaplain, social worker or counselor. A battle buddy can make all the difference.

Sgt. 1st Class Roy Wilkowski was my chaplain assistant and battle buddy in Iraq.

We are still sorting through our personal challenges and issues — together. He is one of my battle buddies.

Every Soldier needs a battle buddy and every unit needs a chain of concern.

Because North Dakota National Guard Soldiers understand respect, and work the chain of command, we have been highly successful in completing our missions and defeating the enemies of the United States of America.

In addition to the chain of command, we need to develop the chain of concern.

Simply put, the chain of concern means that every Soldier is not only accounted for but cared for. No Soldier is forgotten. No Soldier is ignored. No Soldier is left behind. When we see a Soldier struggling, we reach out, talk about it straight up, and support that Soldier. Ultimately, the chain of concern is a leadership issue. It is up to the leadership of the unit to implement the chain of concern at every level. It can become as much a way of military life and culture as the chain of command.

The chain of concern. Understand it, respect it, work it. (And don't forget your battle buddy!)



Guardian Snapshots



Standing Guard

From left to right, Staff Sgt. Aaron D. Giere and Staff Sgt. Francisco Gonzalez, both of the 119th Detachment 2, approach to investigate a suspicious vehicle during security training at a North Dakota missile alert facility Feb. 14. Giere and Gonzalez are among the first members of the North Dakota Air National Guard to train for the security mission which will integrate the Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force active duty forces to defend North Dakota missile sites on a regular basis.

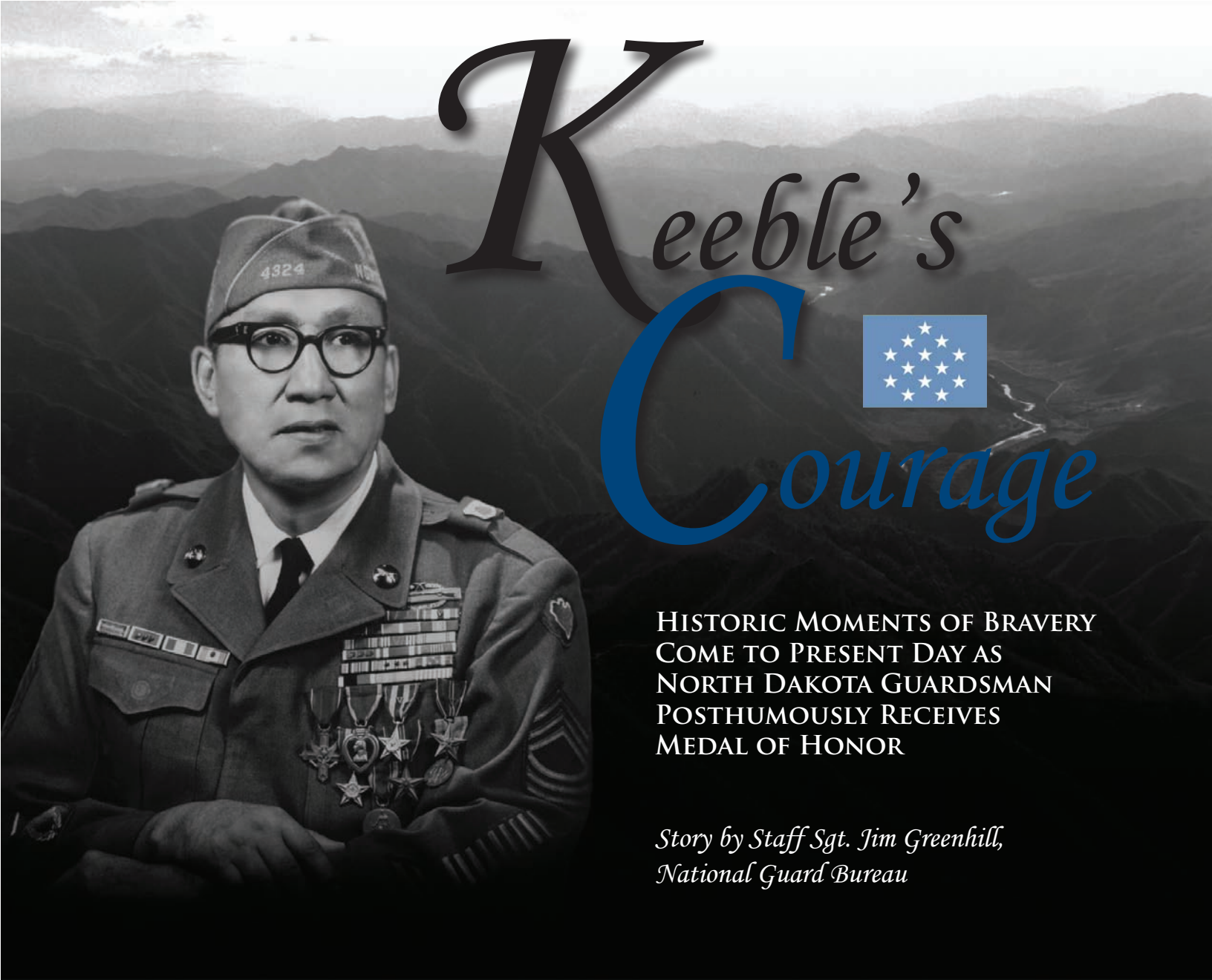
Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing

Going for a Swim

Officer candidates from the 164th Regional Training Institute conduct water survival training at the North Dakota School for the Deaf in Devils Lake on March 15. The training included a three-phase test that consisted of a 15-meter swim, equipment removal underwater and 3-meter drop blindfolded into the water in uniform with webgear and M-16.



Sgt. Jonathan Haugen, Joint Force Headquarters



Keeble's Courage

HISTORIC MOMENTS OF BRAVERY
COME TO PRESENT DAY AS
NORTH DAKOTA GUARDSMAN
POSTHUMOUSLY RECEIVES
MEDAL OF HONOR

*Story by Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill,
National Guard Bureau*

Mentor. Teacher. Legend. Strong. Courageous. A great Soldier. A Good Samaritan.

These are some of the ways President Bush described Master Sgt. Woodrow “Woody” Wilson Keeble, a former North Dakota National Guard member to whom the commander in chief posthumously gave the nation’s highest military award on March 3.

Keeble is the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to be awarded the Medal of Honor. He was also honored March 4, when he was inducted into the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon.

Keeble is the 121st member of the National Guard to be awarded the Medal of Honor, according to National Guard Educational Foundation records. He is also the 17th North Dakotan who has received

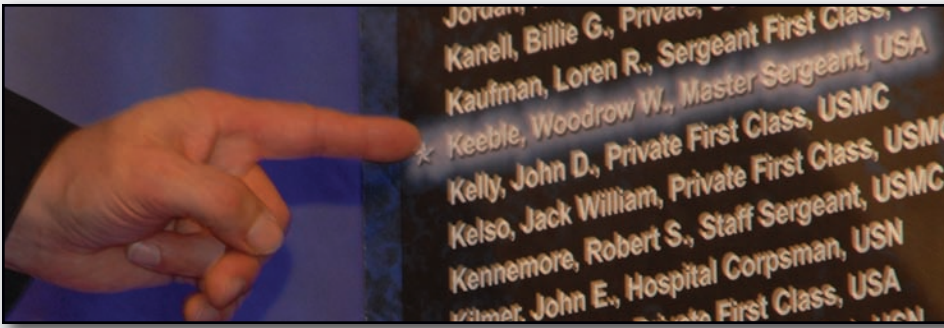
this commendation, according to the State Historical Society of North Dakota. Famous Medal of Honor recipients who were in the National Guard include pioneering pilot Charles A. Lindbergh and President Theodore Roosevelt.

It was President Bush’s ninth Medal of Honor ceremony — but he said this one was different. “It’s taken nearly 60 years for ... Keeble to be awarded the medal he earned on the battlefield in Korea,” Bush said in the East Room of the White House. Russell Hawkins, Keeble’s stepson, accepted the medal. His stepfather enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard in 1942.

The audience included Vice President Cheney; Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; LT. Gen. H. Steven Blum, the chief of the National

Guard Bureau; members of the N.D. National Guard, including Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk and Maj. Gen. Michael Haugen (Ret.) along with N.D. Gov. John Hoeven, and numerous other civilian and military leaders, but the president focused on the 17 members of Keeble’s surviving family and dozens of Sioux Indians, many of them uniformed veterans.

“His (Medal of Honor) nominating paperwork was lost, and then it was resubmitted, and then it was lost again,” Bush explained. “Then the deadline passed, and Woody and his family were told it was too late. Some blamed the bureaucracy for a shameful blunder. Others suspected racism. ... Whatever the reason, the first Sioux to ever receive the Medal of Honor died without knowing it was his. A terrible injustice was done to a good man, to his



Carrie L. McLeroy

Top: Master Sgt. Woodrow “Woody” Wilson Keeble’s name is now included on the distinguished list of names enshrined at the Pentagon’s Hall of Heroes. Keeble earned the Medal of Honor for his actions during the Korean War in October 1951. His family received the Medal on his behalf in a White House ceremony on March 3.

Bottom Right: Kurt Bluedog and Russell Hawkins respond to questions from the media outside the White House on March 3, 2008, following a Medal of Honor presentation ceremony. The men accepted the medal from the president on behalf of Master Sgt. Woodrow Wilson Keeble. Keeble was Bluedog’s great-uncle and Hawkins’ stepfather, and he is the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to earn the nation’s highest military honor. Keeble enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard in 1942.

family and to history. ... On behalf of a grateful nation, I deeply regret that this tribute comes decades too late.”

His voice lowered, the commander in chief became storyteller in chief as he honored Keeble by telling of his exploits as a Soldier on the battlefield and of the respect he earned as a citizen in his community.

“There are some things we can still do for him,” Bush said. “We can tell his story. We can honor his memory. And we can follow his lead by showing all those who have followed him on the battlefield the same love and generosity of spirit that Woody showed his country every day.”

Keeble’s Medal of Honor was awarded for action near Sangsan-ni, Korea, on Oct. 20, 1951. It was awarded for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty.

Prior to Oct. 20, Keeble’s company had taken heavy losses and the master sergeant himself had more than 83 grenade fragments in his body, Bush said. Defying his doctor, he returned to the battlefield Oct. 20.

“Communist forces still held a crucial hill,” Bush said. “They had pinned down U.S. forces. ... One Soldier said the enemy lobbed so many grenades ... that they looked like a flock of blackbirds. ... Nothing seemed to be working. ... American boys were dying. But our forces had one advantage: Woody was back, and Woody was some kind of mad.

“He grabbed grenades and his weapon and climbed that crucial hill alone. Woody climbed hundreds of yards through dirt

and rock, with his wounds aching, bullets flying and grenades falling. ... Someone ... remarked: ‘Either he’s the bravest Soldier I have ever met, or he’s crazy.’ Soldiers watched in awe as Woody single-handedly took out one machinegun nest and then another. When Woody was through, all 16 enemy soldiers were dead, the hill was taken and the allies won the day.” The president credited Keeble’s heroism with saving many American lives.

But Keeble’s life wasn’t defined by that act alone, and the president described the man who won the affection and respect of those with whom he served, of his fellow Sioux and of those who came into contact with him.

He was already a decorated veteran of World War II, for actions at Guadalcanal. The Chicago White Sox scouted him, but his arm would throw grenades, not baseballs. He led Soldiers through a minefield, putting himself at risk. He fought on despite two wounds in his arm.

Though he suffered strokes after Korea and could not speak, after his first wife’s death he courted a second woman, named Blossom.

“He wrote a note asking Blossom to marry him,” Bush said. “She told him she needed some time to think about it. So while she was deliberating, Woody put their engagement announcement in the newspaper. This is a man who was relentless in love as well as war.”

On the platform behind the president were two empty chairs, honoring a Sioux tradition by representing Woody and Blossom and acknowledging their passing to the spiritual world.

The president called the master sergeant “an everyday hero” who despite his war injuries and strokes mowed lawns for senior citizens, helped pull cars from snow banks and was generous to those less fortunate than himself. Bush called him a devoted veteran who never complained about his missing medal.

“The Sioux have a saying: ‘The life of a man is a circle,’” Bush said. “Today we complete Woody Keeble’s circle — from an example to his men to an example for the ages.”

Hawkins talked about his stepfather after the ceremony. “We know he lives with us



Carrie L. McLeroy

in spirit," he said. "His honor will continue by the honor that his country gave him by recognizing him with the Medal of Honor.

"It means a lot to the Sioux nation," Hawkins said. "The traditional values that we had were ones of bravery, humility and generosity, and when you look at Woodrow's life as a Soldier and as a civilian, you can see that he exemplified all those qualities."

A National Guard armory is among places the family is considering displaying the medal so the public can learn of the story. "Woodrow started his military service with the 164th Infantry, which is a National Guard unit in North Dakota," Hawkins explained. "The National Guard ... has been very, very supportive of Woodrow throughout all these efforts."



Submitted by the Hawkins Family

Master Sgt. Keeble during the Korean War.

At the Pentagon the following day, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren called Keeble an extraordinary American hero. Geren quoted Keeble's own writings about his combat experiences: "There were terrible moments that encompassed a lifetime, an endlessness when terror was so strong in me that I could feel idiocy replace reason. Yet, I never left my position, nor have I shirked hazardous duty. Fear never made a coward out of me."

"He was a professional Soldier," said Lawrence Orcutt, who served alongside Keeble in Korea and was one of the numerous Soldiers who first nominated him for the Medal of Honor, said after the Pentagon ceremony. "Everywhere he went, I had confidence in the man and I would follow him. I'm glad he got this. I hope there's some way in our spirit world for him to know."

Comments on Master Sgt. Woody Keeble



President George W. Bush

"We can tell his story. We can honor his memory. And we can follow his lead, by showing all those who have followed him on the battlefield the same love and generosity of spirit that Woody showed his country every day."



Gov. John Hoeven

"This honor was long delayed to Master Sgt. Keeble. Today (March 3, 2008), he took his rightful place beside the other prominent recipients of the Medal of Honor. This is a great day for North Dakota, a great day for the Sioux nation, and a great day for the North Dakota National Guard."



Maj. Gen. David A. Sprynczynatyk

"With the receipt of our nation's highest military decoration, Master Sgt. Keeble's prominent place in U.S. history is now secure. We are all proud of this N.D. National Guardsman's achievements and will remain grateful for all of his dedicated service."

WHAT IS THE MEDAL OF HONOR?

The Medal of Honor is awarded by the president in the name of Congress to a person who, while a member of the military, distinguishes himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life. Incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.

Extracted from: Chapter 3-6, Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) dated Feb. 25, 1995.



Happy Hooligans Receive Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for 12th Time



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

Maj. Gen. David A. Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, right, places an Outstanding Unit Award streamer on the 119th Wing flag as Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Brad W. Childs lowers the flag into place. Col. Robert J. Becklund, 119th Wing commander, center, looks on during the ceremony at the North Dakota Air National Guard, March 8. Also present on the stage for the ceremony are North Dakota State Command Chief Master Sgt. Paula K. Johnson, far left, and Lt. Col. Nathan W. Erstad, 119th Wing comptroller, far right. It is the twelfth time the unit has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

*By Capt. Penny Ripperger,
119th Wing Public Affairs*

The 119th Wing has once again set itself apart from other similar units in the nation by receiving the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the 12th time.

Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, presented the award at a ceremony conducted at the 119th Wing on March 8.

Each year similar units compete with each other across the nation to obtain this prestigious award, but only four out of 31 units walk away with the honor, Sprynczynatyk said at the ceremony.

With 12 wins under its belt, the 119th Wing has continued to place itself in the

elite top percent of the nation, with other units across the U.S. averaging three to five awards.

The award is presented to units that have made achievements of national or international significance, successful involvement with combat and military operations or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force.

Specifically, the 119th Wing received the award for the following actions in 2007:

Deploying 200 Airmen to 12 locations amounting to more than 66 man-years in support to the Global War on Terrorism, responding to a call for aid after the Northwood, N.D., tornado, successfully converting to two new missions with new aircraft and extending the Wing's

extraordinary safety record to more than 35 years, reaching more than 144,700 flying hours and achieving more than 101,600 sorties without a mishap as well as completing the stand up of a new Air National Guard security forces squadron at Minot Air Force Base.

At the ceremony a streamer was placed on the unit flag to signify the accomplishment and all current unit members will be awarded the AFOUA ribbon. In addition, the AFOUA ribbon will be proudly displayed on the 119th Wing aircraft to signify how many times the N.D. Air National Guard has won this award as a unit.

The 119th Wing received the AFOUA in 1973, 1974, 1979, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2006 and 2007.

Guardsmen Battle Nerves, Sergeants Major Board for Soldier of the Year Title



Senior Master Sgt. Eric Johnson, 119th Wing

Spc. Carl A. Smith and Spc. Zachary C. Verke are congratulated by Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Cripe, state command sergeant major, during the State Soldier of the Year competition at the North Dakota National Guard Combined Conference held in Fargo on Feb. 23-24. The winners of the state competition go on to compete in Helena, Mont., for the regional competition in May.

*By Sgt. Amy Wieser Willson,
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It's 8 a.m. on a Friday and 10 Soldiers are making tracks around a small conference room in a Fargo hotel. They pace from one corner of the room to the other, their freshly Pledged shoes reflecting the overhead fluorescent lights. They occasionally stop to make conversation to take their minds off of the inevitable or to question another.

"Do you know the NCO Creed?"

"What's in the 4-25.11?"

"The Joint Chief of Staff is Pace, right?" (It's actually Navy Adm. Mike Mullen now, but nobody jumped in to correct the competition.)

"Can I see that?" asks another of a sheet detailing the chain of command.

"See there," comments another, "sweaty palms. It's a sign of nervousness."

Just what could make this crew of battle-trained Soldiers — who, by the way, had already been chosen as some of the best in the state — so anxious? A group of sergeants major.

Five sergeants major each lined a board room table in two rooms, waiting to question each Soldier on a wealth of military topics: drill and ceremony, the Education Assistance Program, military bearing, first aid, acronyms, military law, chain of command,

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awards, preventative maintenance checks and services, Soldier support activities, land navigation, sponsorship, military history, Army manuals, marksmanship, NBC protection and current events. The extensive questioning was intended to narrow the

top five Soldiers (E-4 and below) and noncommissioned officers (E-5 through E-7) down to one Soldier of the Year and one NCO of the Year.

All 10 had already come out on top of company and battalion-level boards and made it through the first phase of the state-level competition in September. Phase One included the Army Physical Fitness Test, day and night land navigation, a written test, common task testing and writing an essay on Army values.

Sgt. Scott R. Obrigewitch took the physical aspects of the first phase of competition as a personal challenge, wanting to prove to himself that he could still do it.

"I'm nearly 40," he said, "but I still have a little left in the tank."

He approached the second phase of competition with the same attitude. While he said he was "relieved" once the question-and-answer session was done, he was satisfied with how he did.

"I guess I'm most happy because I did well from my own personal standpoint," he said. "It's not so much about competing with the other guys. It's more about how I did personally, just to prove to myself."

Others took a different approach. Sgt. Corey J. Moen, who was named runner-up Soldier of the Year last year, had a little more confidence this time around.

"I'm a little more relaxed," the Williston native said before going before the board. "I've been through six boards now, but it's still intimidating going up in front of the sergeants major."

The intimidation apparently faded quickly once inside the chamber, as Moen "coin challenged" the board. There's a lengthy history to this tradition, but what it came down to this particular Friday was five sergeants major owing Moen a beverage of his choice.

Sgt. Anthony T. Peck wasn't quite as relaxed. Even as he bounced excitedly out of the board room, he said, "I almost passed out. Seriously. I wasn't breathing for the first half of it."

Spc. Jarett N. Dinius' day started better than others when his brother, Staff Sgt. Jordan Dinius, called from Iraq with Gen. David H. Petraeus to wish him good luck.

The elder Dinius deployed with the 34th Engineer Brigade and has worked with Petreaus in Iraq.

Sgt. Travis Tennancour wasn't quite so fortunate. The stress of going before the board turned into one of the least of his problems that morning.

He got a flat tire on the way from his home in West Fargo. He called his girlfriend for a ride, but her car wouldn't start due to the cold. Then he called his dad, who brought him a Blazer. Running late for the competition by this time, he got in a bit of a fender bender on the way. Oh, and sometime during the string of events he ripped his combat patch halfway off of his dress coat (yes, the board members noticed) and missed an accounting test at North Dakota State University.

Despite the chaotic morning, Tennancour and the other nine Soldiers can take assurance knowing that there were no losers at this stage of competition.

"All of us here know there's no such thing as a failure," Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Job, president of the NCO of the Year board, told the five sergeants at the end of the competition. "All of you are good people with good potential."

Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Miller, president of the Soldier of the Year board, had similar words for the enlisted Soldiers following the competition. Out of nearly 1,500 North Dakota Soldiers ranking E-1 through E-4, only five were left standing before the board, he said.

In the end, two ultimate winners needed to be chosen to represent North Dakota. At a banquet the following evening, Obrigewitch was named NCO of the Year and Spc. Carl A. Smith was named Soldier of the Year. Both will receive a \$150 check from the Military Service Club and are authorized to spend \$100 on military clothing. They also will compete in May at the regional competition in Helena, Mont., said State Command Sgt. Maj. Jack Cripe. Winners from this competition will advance to the national competition.

"I am really excited to go to regionals for the Soldier of the Year competition and am proud to represent the state," Smith said. "I look forward to the upcoming challenges. I work out daily and listen to audio study guides randomly to ensure that I am physically and mentally prepared for the competition."

Results From the 2008 Officer and Enlisted Combined Conference

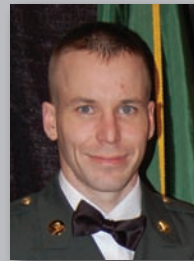
During the North Dakota National Guard Officer and Enlisted Combined Conference, the Army Guard's Soldier of the Year and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year were chosen, and Officers of the Year were named for both the Army and Air Guard.

Spc. Carl A. Smith, 28, was named Soldier of the Year. He joined the Guard two years ago and previously served four years on active duty. He serves as a cadet with the 1-188th Air Defense Artillery and attends the University of North Dakota, where he is majoring in physical education with a minor in military science. He and his wife, Jessi, live in Grand Forks with their three children: Darrell, 7, Matthew, 4, and James, 1.

Sgt. Scott R. Obrigewitch, 38, of Dickinson, was named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. He served three years on active duty and joined the Guard seven years ago. He's a member of the 816th Engineer Company (Horizontal). Outside of the Guard, he teaches seventh-grade geography at Hagen Junior High School in Dickinson and coaches girls' basketball, junior high track and seventh-grade football. He and his wife, Naomi, have three children: Zachary, 13, Griffin, 5, and Matigan, 3. He is the son of Claude and Ruth Obrigewitch, of Belfield, N.D.

Should Obrigewitch or Smith be unable to participate in the regional competition in May, a runner-up was named in each category. Spc. Zachary C. Verke, Fargo, was named runner-up Soldier of the Year and Sgt. Anthony T. Peck, Bismarck, was named runner-up NCO of the Year. Both Soldiers serve in the 112th Aviation Battalion.

Officers of the Year named during the February banquet include Capt. Paul Helten, Bismarck, Army Company-Grade Officer of the Year; Capt. Ryan Rastedt, Fargo, Air Company-Grade Officer of the Year; Maj. Robert Fugere, Grand Forks, Army Field-Grade Officer of the Year; and Lt. Col. John Dougherty, Fargo, Air Field-Grade Officer of the Year. Helten serves as supervisory aircraft pilot with Joint Force's Division of Aviation, and Rastedt is the flying safety officer with the 119th Wing. Fugere serves as the officer in charge of the 1-188th Air Defense Artillery, and Dougherty is the Operations Support Squadron's Director of Operations.



Spc. Carl A. Smith



Sgt. Scott R. Obrigewitch



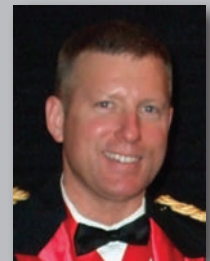
Capt. Ryan Rastedt



Capt. Paul Helten



Lt. Col. John Dougherty



Maj. Robert Fugere

34th Engineer Brigade Returns From Iraq



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By Sgt. 1st Class Mike Hagburg,
141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

The North Dakota National Guard's 34th Engineer Brigade returned to the United States on March 16 and to North Dakota on March 21.

In between, the Brigade Soldiers demobilized at Camp Atterbury, Ind., where a year ago they did their final training prior to departing for Iraq in April 2007.

North Dakota National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, led a welcoming committee that greeted the 40 Brigade Soldiers when they arrived in Indianapolis, Ind., March 16.

"Everybody back home is proud of you. We're proud that you were successful in everything you did," Sprynczynatyk told the Brigade Soldiers. "You had a tremendously successful deployment."

In Iraq, the Brigade Soldiers worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Gulf Region Division, on projects throughout the country.

Hand-in-hand with the Corps, the Brigade's Soldiers helped provide "essential services" such as drinking water, reliable electricity, an improved oil infrastructure, and public health clinics, said Col. Dale Adams of Bismarck, the Brigade's commander.

"We're building the largest hospital in Iraq in over 30 years, the Basrah Children's

Hospital," Adams said. "There's a very large cancer problem in the Basrah area with children and the hospital will fill a void."

The Brigade Soldiers did not serve together in Iraq, but stepped in wherever needed to assist the Corps.

"We were spread out in about 17 different locations nationwide," Adams said. "There were 16 of us who worked at the Gulf Region Division headquarters in the Green Zone in Baghdad and the rest were pretty much spread to the winds."

Command Sgt. Maj. Orville Wang of Devils Lake, the Brigade's senior noncommissioned officer, said that, in working with the Corps, the Brigade's Soldiers "had to guide and mentor and try to get the most out of civilian employees, which is something we've never done before."

"We worked long, hard hours," he said.

"No matter where I went, I can't count the times I was complimented on the efforts of the individual Soldier from the 34th Division," Adams said. "The cohesion that we had as a unit, with what they brought not only as individuals, but as a team to the Gulf Region Division, their work ethic, their attitude, their integrity, I couldn't be more proud of them."

The Brigade spent 36 hours traveling from Iraq to Indiana. After touching down in Indianapolis at 10:05 p.m., the Brigade Soldiers were in formation the next morning at 6:45 a.m. to begin four



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Left: Family members cheer as Soldiers of the 34th Engineer Brigade arrive at the Bismarck Municipal Airport on March 24. **Above:** Col. Dale Adams, 34th Engineer Brigade commander, greets his nephew, Levi, upon arriving back in North Dakota. The 34th Engineer Brigade was mobilized to Iraq in April 2007 where they worked with the Army Corps of Engineers on a variety of projects.

days of briefings, medical examinations and financial and records updates.

The North Dakota Guard sent a 27-member demobilization team to Indiana to help speed the Brigade's out-processing. Maj. Warren Pauling, state mobilization officer, said the team's goal was "to bring the Soldiers back home in a status where they can go directly to their families with all their state requirements met." Otherwise, returning Soldiers would have to spend time at their armories doing paperwork instead of at home.

A Brigade party on March 18 at Camp Atterbury gave the Soldiers a chance to celebrate their return from Iraq and their reunion as a unit. Spc. Michael Mercado, Bismarck, the only Brigade Soldier below the rank of staff sergeant, prepared a computer video for the event, reviewing the Brigade's pre-deployment training at Atterbury and their year in Iraq.

The Brigade honored two Soldiers at the party:

Master Sgt. Lavern Gross, who served in Kuwait during the deployment, was awarded the Bronze Star for his service coordinating the movement of Corps troops and civilians in and out of Iraq.

Lt. Col. Pete Conlin was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his work producing the Sand Castle, a unit newsletter that had wide circulation throughout the North Dakota Guard and among Brigade Families.

Promotions, New Members and Retirements - Jan., Feb. & Mar. 2008

Promotions - Army

Lieutenant Colonel

Lt. Col. Owen C. Speidel

First Lieutenant

1st Lt. Timothy G. Mattson

Chief Warrant Officer

CW2 Galen R. Roness
CW4 Thomas F. Marsh
CW5 Jerome P. Hager Jr.

First Sergeant

First Sgt. Kenneth J. Miller

Master Sergeant

Master Sgt. Keith J. Brown
Master Sgt. Douglas R. Griffin
Master Sgt. Dawn M. Holm
Master Sgt. Scott E. Mai
Master Sgt. Lee M. Mimong
Master Sgt. Frances J. Roerick

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Sgt. 1st Class Donald S. Dinger
Sgt. 1st Class Larry D. Jacobson Sr.
Sgt. 1st Class Christopher J. Jennewein
Sgt. 1st Class Brett J. Nelson
Sgt. 1st Class Timothy A. Scheer
Sgt. 1st Class Marvin E. Weig

Staff Sergeant

Staff Sgt. Judith D. Bennefeld
Staff Sgt. Joey A. Bitz
Staff Sgt. Clifford K. Halvorson
Staff Sgt. Christopher P. Kringstad
Staff Sgt. Daniel F. Schmidtke
Staff Sgt. John W. Wyman

Sergeant

Sgt. Casey M. Bosch
Sgt. David M. Dreher
Sgt. Adam A. Eichele
Sgt. Jared L. Erhart
Sgt. Jesse C. Eversvik
Sgt. Laura A. Fajardo
Sgt. Zachary S. Follman
Sgt. Jimmy L. France Jr.
Sgt. Mark H. Heflin Jr.

Sgt. Christopher S. Hoff
Sgt. Eric G. Jorgenson
Sgt. Roxanne L. Kasowski
Sgt. Tobias J. Mathern
Sgt. Dinell D. Polsfut
Sgt. Keith E. Robinson
Sgt. Dane A. Severinson
Sgt. Jeremiah J. Trana

Specialist

Spc. Dustin K. Devillers
Spc. Chelsy M. Fornshell
Spc. Chelsey B. Fosdick
Spc. David M. Gizinski
Spc. Kent K. Hermanson
Spc. Corbin P. Hiller
Spc. Jordan S. Huwe
Spc. Courtney S. Jackman
Spc. Whitney C. John
Spc. Erik A. Johnson
Spc. Nicholas D. Jones
Spc. Jeremy D. Kaehler
Spc. Anthony J. Keegan
Spc. Derrick J. Levey
Spc. Cass A. Litton
Spc. Cody C. Mauch
Spc. Dustin S. Meadows
Spc. Taelor M. Owens
Spc. Kristin L. Proell
Spc. Diana M. Reese

Spc. Jared J. Reimer
Spc. Elijah J. Rude
Spc. Heidi V. Russell
Spc. Max D. Sanford III
Spc. Linda D. Schonert
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Spc. Ricky A. Smith
Spc. Nicholas J. Strom
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Pfc. Joseph A. Erickson
Pfc. Blaine P. Ernst
Pfc. Daniel J. Fitzner
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Pfc. Michael J. Freadhoff
Pfc. Brook N. Glatt
Pfc. Mikhail V. Gospodenok
Pfc. Curtis J. Hall
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Pfc. Christopher W. Hilfer
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Pfc. Dylan J. Hoppe
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Pfc. Brandon J. Molgard
Pfc. Joshua K. Peterson
Pfc. Timothy J. Pickering
Pfc. Celina M. Poukka
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Pfc. Steve A. Rau Jr.
Pfc. Geran D. Rick
Pfc. Michelle R. Smith
Pfc. Justin P. Swain
Pfc. Colby J. Vondall
Pfc. Christopher T. Wicks
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PV2 Scott R. Klein
PV2 Jordan K. Lunn
PV2 Tiffany J. Peterson
PV2 Kendra M. Siring
PV2 Nathan J. Svihovec
PV2 Shane D. Vondall

Promotions - Air

Lieutenant Colonel

Lt. Col. Gerard D. Mathern

Major

Maj. Robert M. Farmer
Maj. Timothy J. Peterson

Captain

Capt. Christopher M. Domitrovich
Capt. Christopher D. Hayden

Chief Master Sergeant

Chief Master Sgt. Bradley R. Klose
Chief Master Sgt. Robert C. Olson
Chief Master Sgt. Sandra G. Peterson

Senior Master Sergeant

Senior Master Sgt. Miles R. McAllister
Senior Master Sgt. Cameron S. McCullough
Senior Master Sgt. Belinda L. Reep
Senior Master Sgt. Michael W. Schreiner

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Master Sgt. Erik E. Clemenson
Master Sgt. John W. Dohm III
Master Sgt. Timothy J. Fruhwirth
Master Sgt. Charles J. Gooding
Master Sgt. Phillip A. Johnson
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Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey L. Evenson
Tech. Sgt. Gregory S. Goodman
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Tech. Sgt. Cole R. McConnell
Tech. Sgt. Charles D. Peterson
Tech. Sgt. Sam A. Ruiz
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey T. Sailer
Tech. Sgt. Joshua D. Swisher

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Staff Sgt. Jeffrey A. Gunter
Staff Sgt. Nicholas C. Hanson
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Staff Sgt. Travis C. Nelson
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Staff Sgt. Samuel D. Silberstein
Staff Sgt. Carolyn E. Smette
Staff Sgt. Brandon A. Sola
Staff Sgt. Justin B. Stoelting
Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Stutz
Staff Sgt. Jacob P. Zumbo

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Senior Airman David N. Fyre
Senior Airman Roman J. Gaughan
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Senior Airman Samantha A. Mattheis
Senior Airman Trisha K. McDonald
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Senior Airman Coltyn J. Penberthy
Senior Airman Eric L. Pribble
Senior Airman Benjamin E. Schumann
Senior Airman Jessica A. Shore
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Airman 1st Class Brittany A. Schulz

Airman Basic

Airman Basic Derek R. Jordahl

Appointments Army

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WO1 John W. Priddy IV
WO1 Aaron D. Schuler
WO1 Joshua H. Simmers

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2nd Lt. Paul J. Dosch

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Sgt. 1st Class Frank E. Waldner Jr.
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Maj. Kevin L. Solie
CW5 William J. Seelhammer

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Chief Master Sgt. Rodney A. Shaw
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Maj. Timothy J. Peterson
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Tech. Sgt. Mitchell D. Lundby
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Staff Sgt. Francisco Gonzalez
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Staff Sgt. Dean A. Johnson
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Staff Sgt. Mychal D. Stittsworth
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Senior Airman John F. Chalupa
Senior Airman Kari J. Irvis
Senior Airman Rebecca J. Klink

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Senior Airman Jose S. Rodriguez
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Airman Basic Jacob A. Backer
Airman Basic Dallas P. Fors
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Airman Basic Angela M. Keel
Airman Basic Samantha A. Magnus
Airman Basic Dane S. Moss
Airman Basic Anthony L. Rezac
Airman Basic Kyle J. Rosenfeldt

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Sgt. Jerrold F. Wallace
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PV1 Alberta Wilson



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On Feb. 25, Sgt. Jared Erhart of the 191st Military Police Company, in Fargo, navigates his way through the individual movement technique portion of the improvised explosive device range, commonly known as range 86 at Fort Dix, N.J. The 191st completed this training as part of its preparations for the unit's upcoming mobilization to Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism.