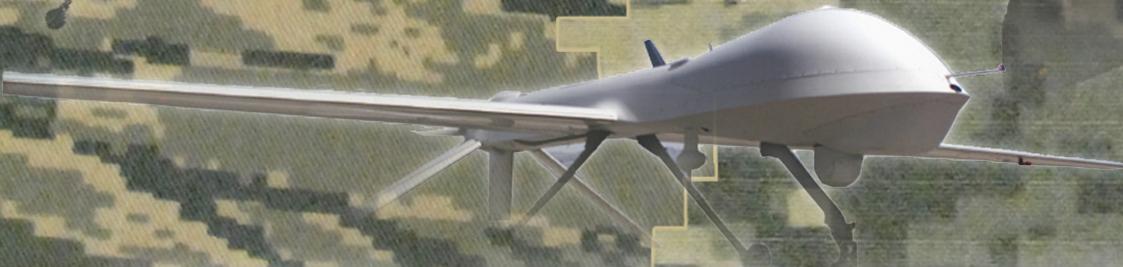




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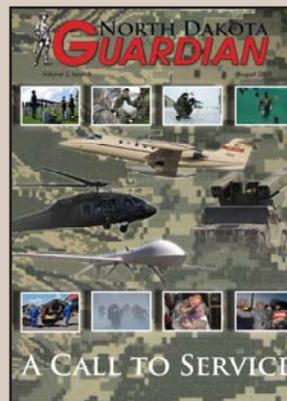
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A Look Back: This edition of the North Dakota Guardian features two DVDs. 'A Call to Service' is a retrospective of the last past four years of N.D. National Guard deployments and activities. Also in this issue is the 'Guardians — By Air, By Land' DVD. This disc contains extensive coverage of the N.D. National Guard's participation in the historic flood fight in the spring of 2009.

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Comments from North Dakota National Guard Leadership

Kosovo Force 12 is Ready for Historic Mission

Nearly 700 North Dakota National Guard Soldiers are about to set out on a yearlong adventure to Kosovo. This area is rich with European history, but unfortunately a history fraught with conflict and war which has affected the residents of the entire Balkan region.

For more than 10 years now, the United States European Command (EUCOM) has provided U.S. forces and logistical support to Operation Joint Guardian, the NATO-led peacekeeping operation in Kosovo. We (N.D.) will be the lead element for this effort. We'll experience working not only with the citizens of Kosovo, but Soldiers from other state's national guards as well as foreign peacekeepers from other nations. About 700 North Dakota Soldiers will comprise the lead element for about 2,500 Soldiers when you include our allied forces. Not since the Korean War has the N.D. National Guard mobilized so many Soldiers under a single flag for an overseas deployment and mission.

We will replace the California Army National Guard currently on duty. Joining us will be national guard Soldiers from Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky, West Virginia, South Carolina, Virgin Islands, Michigan, Virginia, California and Utah. We'll also have U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from Georgia, Hawaii and Minnesota. Soldiers from Armenia, Greece, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Ukraine will round out the total U.S.-led Kosovo Force (KFOR).

This is an important mission which will prove to be a first-rate challenge for our Soldiers. Preparation began with mission notification nearly two years ago and we're trained and ready for the challenge.

Months of training, staff exercises, and briefings will finally be put to the test as we assist the people of Kosovo in maintaining their fragile but stable environment. Task Force Falcon's mission is to enforce all aspects of the Military Technical Agreement, with a primary function of providing a safe and secure environment to the residents. In addition, we will work with USAID, our state department and other international organizations to

improve civil functions, create businesses and improve infrastructure. We want to help ensure that the citizens of Kosovo can continue to live and work in a secure and peaceful environment which will ensure stability and freedom of movement.

And we have the right people to get this job done. The National Guard is uniquely qualified for this mission because of the citizen-Soldier aspect. We bring a wealth of civilian and military experience to the deployment that will be vital to the continued growth in Kosovo.

In the spirit of our 2009 theme, "The Year of the NCO," I need to mention our multi-talented NCOs Corps. Our Sergeants are currently filling many critical positions within the KFOR and are critical to our success during this deployment. They will take care of our Soldiers and officers with their judgment, competence and professionalism. Great Soldiers combined with professional NCOs will ensure our success.

We all appreciated the great turnout at our Bismarck send-off ceremony last month. Family members, friends, employers, members of our community, Veteran and patriotic groups were present to show their appreciation for our Soldiers and their mission — about 1,500 attendees in all. This great turnout continues to demonstrate the outstanding support our National Guard enjoys all throughout the state.

We promise to take care of each another when we are deployed. I ask that Families take care of each other in our absence. We understand that our Soldiers can better focus on their missions when they know that their Families are fully supported and assisted when needed. I know that the helpful and dedicated employees of our North Dakota National Guard State Family Program office here at home will do everything possible to support you. I encourage each of you to recognize the services available through the Military Service Center and I thank the Family Groups' volunteers that have stepped up to help not only for this mobilization, but for



Brig. Gen. Al Dohrmann

Task Force Falcon Commander
North Dakota National Guard

all of our National Guard missions.

I'd also like to thank our Families for sharing your Soldier with not only us, but with the citizens of Kosovo. They will help the Kosovars continue to build their nation.

I encourage each Soldier to stay connected with their Families and friends during this deployment. Their job is tough too; they feel the pain of separation. With phone service and email we can continue to share our experiences with our loved ones and associates, which will help our deployment time, seem quicker and hopefully less stressful for both. We will leave soon for additional training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. and Germany before departing for Kosovo.

Our KFOR Soldiers are about to make history during this mobilization. Enclosed with this magazine are two DVDs; our 2009 Flood Response "Guardians by Air by Land" and "Call to Service 2 – Continuing the Call" which highlights the North Dakota National Guard's history over the past four years. Please be sure to check out the past achievements and accomplishments already in the books by the Soldiers and Airmen of the North Dakota National Guard. We hope that you enjoy these commemorative videos.

Thank you for all that you have done to prepare for this mission. We are ready for this pivotal role as peacekeepers and will maintain and honor the North Dakota National Guard's tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Dohrmann".

Brig. Gen. Al Dohrmann

Soldier Receives Second Purple Heart for Injuries in Iraq

Justin A. Glasser, a former sergeant with the N.D. Army National Guard, recently received a second Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action.

Glasser, of Fargo, served with the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion's Company C during its Iraq deployment, from December 2003 through February 2005. He was injured twice during that mobilization: on May 3, 2004, for which he received his first Purple Heart, and on Dec. 30, 2004.

Glasser, who served as a combat engineer, conducted Trailblazer patrols in Iraq, traveling roadways near Baqubah to find and detonate improvised explosive devices. Both injuries occurred while performing the Trailblazer mission.



"My left knee was busted open to the kneecap from blunt force trauma due to the ballistic window being blown on top of it. I also received shrapnel to my right leg, which is still in there to this day," Glasser said of his second injury.

Glasser's first Purple Heart was awarded in August 2005 after he suffered tears to his ear membrane following an IED explosion.

"As far as my thoughts on getting a second Purple Heart, I can say one is definitely more than enough," Glasser said. "I consider myself lucky in the fact that I was able to receive my second Purple Heart; that doesn't happen too often. I joke around about it at times, telling people if you want one I have an extra one, which surprises them. I am mainly honored to have two Purple Hearts that I received doing something I love, and that is fighting for freedom and serving my country."

Glasser, 27, was discharged from the Guard after 9 years of service. He's currently pursuing an online degree in architectural drafting and estimating from North Dakota State College of Science, and he works as a foreman for Kava Construction Inc. in Fargo, doing grain elevator construction and millwright service.

119th Wing Holds Biannual Hooligan Day

Hooligan Day is scheduled for Sept. 12 (Saturday of September drill). This bi-

annual event at the 119th Wing features individual and team competitions where winners can earn gold, silver or bronze medals. Competitors also can earn points for their squadron or flight that go towards winning the 119th Wing Commander's Cup.

Events in the past have included a fun run, tug-of-war, baseball, softball, volleyball, bocce ball, Norwegian golf, slooshing and more! The Wing is always looking for ideas for new events. Suggestions can be submitted by printing out the survey in the Official Folder and sending it to Chief Master Sgt. James E. Gibson, 119th Wing Security Forces Squadron manager.

If you are interested in helping with an event, please indicate that on your survey form. All you have to do is set up the event and turn in the winners' names for the medal ceremony in the Auger Inn at the end of the day. Think you got what it takes to win an event? Sign yourself up or encourage your section to sign up for a team event through your first sergeant. It's time to show your Hooligan Pride!

231st BSB Receives Supply Excellence Award

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 231st Brigade Support Battalion, N.D. Army National Guard, rose above six other national competitors to achieve a win in the Supply Excellence Award competition.

According to Maj. Debra Lien, 231st BSB executive officer, it is believed that the detachment is the only unit from North Dakota to ever compete for the

award at the national level.

The 231st Brigade Support Battalion grew from the Army's transformation and was officially activated two years ago. Sgt. 1st Class Dean McMurray, of Casselton, has supervised supply operations since the unit's inception.

"Sgt. 1st Class McMurray and his section did an outstanding job preparing for the national competition. The section put in a lot of long hours to prepare and it demonstrates the work ethic of the Soldiers in the 231st BSB," Lien said. "I only hope that this will inspire other supply sergeants, maintenance units, field maintenance shops and others in the logistics field around the state to compete for this national award."

"I was extremely proud of my section and all of the logisticians that helped my section and myself, to mentor us and help us prepare, because without their support it wouldn't have been possible. It was certainly a worthwhile experience," McMurray said.

The Supply Excellence Award was established in 1984 as a way to enhance the logistical readiness of all Army units, encourage use of available resources and enforce the Command Supply Discipline Program. Technically qualified teams visit each finalist across the United States to examine its supply operations in terms of the team's stringent evaluation criteria.

New GI Bill Takes Effect

Details on the Post 9-11 GI Bill have been released by the Veterans Administration. Eligible Soldiers are now able to



Maj. Teresa McDonough, 119th Security Forces Squadron commander, accepts the traveling Hooligan Day trophy from Col. Robert Becklund, 119th Wing commander, at the 2007 Hooligan Day event.

Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

transfer education benefits to their spouse or children.

Soldiers with Chapter 1607 GI Bill eligibility are now able to transfer their benefits to their spouses and/or children for the months of remaining eligibility. There are restrictions and may involve an additional service obligation. Benefits may include:

- Full tuition and fess
- Monthly stipend (ranging from \$800 1- \$1,000 a month, depending on location in N.D.)
- Book and supply stipend of \$1,000 per year
- One-time re-location benefit.

See the GI Bill Transferability Quick Reference Guide or the Post 9-11 GI Bill Post Policy on the N.D. National Guard public website at www.guard.bismarck.nd.us/benefits or contract the Education Office at 333-3089 or e-mail at ngndj1esos@ng.army.mil.

More information on the Post 9-11 GI Bill and Federal and State Tuition Assistance programs will be included in an upcoming edition of the North Dakota Guardian.

N.D. National Guard Responds to Dickinson Tornado

On July 8, shortly after 8 p.m., an EF3 tornado hit Dickinson south of the Heart River damaging more than a hundred buildings. Many trees were knocked over. Lines went down. Miraculously, or perhaps because of Weather Service warnings, nobody died, and only minor injuries were reported.

The 816th Engineer Company (Horizontal), Dickinson, responded immediately to the storm's damage, with shelter, traffic control, and patrols.

For two days, almost 100 Soldiers staffed 18 traffic control points (TCPs) in two shifts. They divided the south side in half, keeping Main South (also known as South Third Ave, or Highway 22) open, but allowing only repair crews, residents, and residents' helpers onto 5th through 7th Streets. "The home owners were very thankful, and the police department was just ecstatic to have the extra help," said Capt. Ann Mutzenberger, commander of the 816th.

Two-thirds of the Soldiers were from the 816th, its detachment in Mott, or the 818th Engineer Company in Williston. The rest volunteered from assorted units across the state.



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Spc. Phil Kurtz and Spc. Dustin Kirschenmann, both of the 817th Engineer Company, stand by a memorial they constructed for their fellow Soldiers from Company B of the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion. The memorial honors Spc. Philip D. Brown and Staff Sgt. Lance J. Koenig, who were killed in Iraq in 2004. Kurtz and Kirschenmann also served in the Jamestown-based Company B before it was deactivated last year.

"I'm extremely proud of our Soldiers," said Capt. Mutzenberger. "They've got families, they've got jobs, but every time we call, they're here. The Soldiers are very proud to be able to assist their own town, and the community support has been awesome."

Sappers Build Tribute to Departed Soldiers

Never forget. Those two words summarize the drive behind a memorial two 817th Engineer Sappers constructed for their fellow Soldiers who were killed in action in Iraq.

That's the message Spc. Phil Kurtz hopes people receive when they view the display that he built with Spc. Dustin Kirschenmann. Both Soldiers deployed with Jamestown's now-deactivated Company B of the 141st Engineer Combat Battalion from December 2003 through February 2005. The battalion lost four Soldiers during that deployment, two of whom served with Company B. Spc. Philip D. Brown, 21, died May 8, 2004, after an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol by Samarra, Iraq. The Jamestown native joined the Guard in June 2002. Staff Sgt. Lance J. Koenig, 33, also died while on a dismounted patrol. The Fargo native was near Tikrit, Iraq, when an IED ended his life. He had served in the Guard since September 1988.

The new memorial in Jamestown honors

both men for their service and sacrifice.

"I guarantee you that the memorial display we built is second to none in the North Dakota Army National Guard," said Sgt. 1st Class Robbie R. Hertz, 817th readiness NCO.

For the memorial's placement, Kurtz and Kirschenmann chose the room in the armory — which is co-located with the Jamestown Civic Center — that had the most foot traffic.

"We wanted a location that everyone in the unit would see on a regular basis along with any visitors," Kurtz said.

They boxed in an opening in the wall, lined it with black felt and positioned track lighting to highlight the center-pieces. Brown's former squad leader, Mark Chapin, who works for C-H Lumber in Jamestown, donated the lumber for the project. The memorial case features a framed biography and photos for both Brown and Koenig and a memorial statue for each. It also displays a large wood plaque donated by the family support group, a folded American flag, framed state flag, the deceased Soldiers' awards and the company's Valorous Unit Citation.

"It was important to do this because these two are a part of the unit and need to be recognized for what they did. The case was the best way we could think of to do this ... their own little place in the armory," Kurtz said. "I grew up with Phil and got to know Lance well being in his platoon."

2009 Legislative Assembly Enacts Bills Supporting Military Members

Several bills were passed by the 2009 North Dakota Legislative Assembly affecting military members including North Dakota Army and Air Guardsmen. The following is a breakdown of some of those bills:

HB1016 - The Adjutant General's (TAG) Appropriation bill provides state funding to TAG programs and positions, including the Reintegration Program, Veteran Cemetery, Tuition, Recruiting and Retention, Operating Expenses and Salary/Wages.

HB1181 - The Job Protection bill provides protections for N.D. National Guard members who respond to a disaster or emergency. Employers may not discriminate from hiring, terminate or demote someone who is a voluntary emergency responder. When responding to a disaster or emergency, the N.D. National Guard member is protected for 20 working days.

HB1414 - Gold Star License Plates - allows for the issuance of special plates for surviving members of fallen members of the U.S. military while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict.

HB1482 - Foreign Service - states that each National Guard resident Veteran mobilized stateside is entitled to \$50 each month of domestic service and \$100 for each month for foreign service without any maximum established.

HB1162 - State entities or political subdivisions may not purchase a United States flag unless it is manufactured in the United States.

SB2082 - Allows tuition waivers for Veterans and their dependents

at the state institution of higher education. The definition of dependent was expanded upon to include children of a Veteran who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service connected causes, was totally disabled, was a prisoner of war or was declared missing in action.

SB2192 - Vietnam Veterans' Day will be celebrated March 29 every year in honor and remembrance of surviving and departed Vietnam Veterans.



Chaplain Candidates Ready to Assist Guardsmen, Families

What is a Chaplain Candidate?

I have been asked this question more than a hundred times since I took my commission. Simply put, a Chaplain Candidate is someone who is in the process of entering the Chaplain Corps (**), but there are several reasons a Candidate is not a full Chaplain. The reason could be that our civilian education is not yet complete or that we have not yet been ordained/endorsed for ministry from our church denomination. Or it could be that experience reasons are holding up the process. In most cases, a Chaplain Candidate has met most of the qualifications of a Chaplain, but they

Chaplain's Corner

*By Chaplain Candidate
(2nd Lt.) Jason Wood
164th Engineer Battalion*

are in the process of finishing all of the requirements.

There are a few things to keep in mind with Candidates. First, we are not Chaplains yet, so we do not wear a cross, we are not referred to as Chaplains and we are non deployable. Secondly, although we are supervised by a Chaplain, our civilian endorsement and experience allows us to take part in certain aspects of Chaplaincy such as brief counseling/support, religious services, state active duty support and the presentation of briefs. Thirdly, many of us, just like Chaplains, are prior



service, so we know where you, the Service Members are coming from. Bottom line up front...we are here to learn and support you in the best way that we can.

We currently have four Chaplain Candidates in the N.D. Army National Guard. With the advancement of technology and online course work, seminary education is getting to be more and more accessible all the time. To that end, the state of North Dakota will be seeing more Chaplain Candidates, so it is good to understand what a Candidate is and is not. Most importantly, you need to know that Chaplain Candidates are there for the Service Member/Family just as the Chaplains are.

**Note: There are no Chaplain Candidates in the Air Guard. They are found only in the Army Guard.

119th Wing Sails Through ESOH CAMP Evaluation

By Capt. Penny Ripperger
119th Wing

The Air National Guard Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program (ESOH CAMP) evaluation was conducted at the 119th Wing Jul 6-9. The external team of auditors judged base compliance with environmental, occupational health and safety protocols.

Airmen began the painstaking preparations for the assessment over a year ago and the results proved that their hard work, dedication and most importantly 'Hooligan pride' did not go unnoticed by the assessors.

"You do definitely live up to your nickname here. You are a bunch of happy people," said Maj. James Coker, ESOH-CAMP team chief, during the out brief on July 9. "It's great to see the high morale at this base."

The ESOH CAMP team evaluated multiple areas on base including: management of hazardous materials and waste, natural resources, solid waste, storage tanks, drinking water, wastewater, toxic substances and other environmental contaminants. Safety and occupational health were also included in the assessment.

"The assessment is part of a continuous improvement process. Any deficiencies that were noted are a good way to show us where we stand and what we need to improve on to ensure that the processes at our base are not only compliant, but safe for the Airmen, the community and the environment," said 1Lt. Jason Olheiser, 119th Wing environmental manager.

Some of the main challenges mentioned in the findings included the difficulty of maintaining high performance during



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Master Sgt. Shane Amundson, of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron, right, shows environmental consultant Robbie Gray the fuel receiving lines in the petroleum, oils and lubricants (POL) area, also known as "fuels," at the N.D. Air National Guard, July 8, during an ESOH CAMP inspection.

transitions and deployments. Several walking and working areas were addressed for potential slips and falls and the continued establishment of staffing continuity and development of environmental and safety programs.

In addition to providing constructive feedback to applicable work centers, the ESOH CAMP team looked for best practices to be recognized with excellent compliance programs. Many comments

were made by various assessors during the out brief exemplifying the commitment of the Happy Hooligans.

"Out of my three years of doing these inspections, for me to give a 'positive' it needs to be something exceptional. Until today, I had never given a positive

before," said Darrell Hunt, occupational health assessor referencing his positive critique of the occupational health program at the 119th Wing.

"This is the first location that I have not had at least a couple of findings without a 'lockout-tag out' procedure listed," said Chip Howard, ground safety assessor.

"This whole unit, the safety attitude of all the people here is just phenomenal. How your people have thought outside the

box to get your mission done with all the red tape and different issues that your unit is facing are absolutely outstanding," said Coker.

The 119th Wing flight safety program was also highlighted by Dick Fechter, flight safety assessor, commenting that the management of the program was extremely commendable. He further complimented Lt. Col. David S. Winjum, 119th Wing chief of safety, for establishing a Community of Practice Web site making an easily accessible reference source for flight safety items.

Overall the assessors praised the 119th Wing with having very good environmental, health and safety programs in place and further complimented the unit for the minimal amount of waste produced by the base.

"We received a very thorough evaluation of our environmental, safety and occupational health programs and we were fortunate to have numerous areas highlighted as positive examples for other units and agencies to follow. The inspectors noted the outstanding attitude, expertise and professionalism of all of our personnel," said Col. Robert J. Becklund, 119th Wing commander.

"We could not have done this well without the commitment and dedication of all our unit members and their focus toward our environmental, health and safety programs."

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— Maj. James Coker,
ESOH CAMP team chief

North Dakota to Lead Kosovo Peacekeeping Operation

They've shot weapons, and received shots. They have both learned and taught. Family care plans are in place and budgets established. Employers have been informed and had more than a year to develop a plan. Universities have let out, but next semester's schedule remains empty for a number of student-Soldiers.

Now all that's left are some hugs before loading duffle bags onto the plane.

The send-off for the 12th Kosovo Force peace-keeping operation, or KFOR12, brings the end of months of planning and training and the start of using those preparations to benefit people who have struggled to find and maintain a peaceful existence.

About 2,200 troops will be arriving in Kosovo this fall to help ensure a safe and

secure environment and freedom of movement. Nearly 700 of them — including Task Force Falcon's commanding general, Brig. Gen. Al Dohrmann, and headquarters element — come from the North Dakota Army National Guard. It's the single-largest deployment since the Korean conflict for the North Dakota Soldiers.

While many units have deployed simultaneously for separate GWOT missions in recent years, the KFOR mobilization encompasses the largest single element to mobilize in more than five decades.

The North Dakota Soldiers will be complemented with another 700 Guardsmen from across the United States; they hail from Arizona, California, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, South Carolina, Utah, the Virgin Islands, Virginia and West Virginia. The full KFOR12 contingent is rounded out with more than 800 troops from 35 other nations.

"This mission will give our North Dakota Soldiers invaluable experience in not only forging relationships with the Kosovars, but also in working with other states' National Guard units in a shared mission," said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota National Guard

adjutant general. "The mobilization will surely leave Kosovo an even better place than when they arrive, but the life-long relationships built with Soldiers from across the United States will yield dividends for years to come."

LEARNING, TRAINING

The KFOR mission isn't a new one to the Guard, or to North Dakota. In 1999, the Wahpeton, N.D.-based Company B, 142nd Engineer Battalion mobilized to Kosovo, and in 2004, a North Dakota National Guard combat engineer team supported explosive ordnance disposal teams in de-mining operations in Kosovo. When the 142nd mobilized, KFOR was still an active Army-led mission; Guard units have played an important role in that mission since the inception of operations on June 12, 1999, when KFOR entered Kosovo under a United Nations mandate. It was two days after the adoption of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1244. In March 2003, the National Guard assumed the mission's lead role for the first time, when the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 28th Infantry Division took the lead. Guard units from across the United States have continued the mission's success for the past six years.

These previous missions, coupled with current events and situation reports, have combined to develop an extensive training program for the new KFOR Soldiers. Since receiving the Notification for Training in November 2007, and with increased efforts after the Alert for Mobilization came in March 2008, Soldiers have been earnestly preparing to succeed in their newest mission.

"When you have a task force as big as we have, and a rank structure as large as we have ... I think it was beneficial to have that year to come together as a team and work together to learn the things we need to do to succeed," said Maj. Stuart Beckman, planner for Task Force Falcon, KFOR12.

Training has encompassed a broad range of topics while moving from classroom to hands-on training and from uniformed to civilian presenters. Units



Brig. Gen. Al Dohrmann, Task Force Falcon commander, rehearses receiving the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade's (MEB) colors from Brig. Gen. William Seekins, N.D. National Guard Land Component commander prior to the Kosovo Force 12 send-off ceremony at the Bismarck Civic Center July 12. Dohrmann will lead the Soldiers overseas in mid-August for a one-year deployment.

Sgt. Ann Knudson

Story by Sgt. Amy Wieser Willis



An aerial view of Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. The camp will be home to Task Force Falcon, Kosovo Force 12.

Staff Sgt. Jim Greenhill

pegged for KFOR12 distributed a five-page suggested reading list to all of their Soldiers in February 2008.

“It is vital we all spent the last year educating ourselves on the environment in Kosovo, and the history of Kosovo is part of that,” said Capt. Dan Murphy, public affairs officer for KFOR12. “We will deploy into a mature theater so we need to understand the issues and what progress has been made. We will live and work in the communities and the key is relationship building. That begins with understanding the environment.”

Beyond understanding the country and need for peace-keeping forces, Soldiers were exposed to cultural aspects, languages and more, which were weaved into months of mission training on drill weekends. Record flooding in North Dakota even offered some valuable training as Soldiers worked to save lives and property from the rising waters.

“I would say the best training I had during my pre-deployment training was real-life situation. There are two sides to every coin and what was a tragedy to North Dakota turned out to be a benefit to me and, I believe, to the 231 MTF,” said Master Sgt. John Waters, operations sergeant for the 231st Maneuver Task Force, KFOR12. “During the flood we were activated as a battalion and went right in to working together and doing our job. We liaised with the majors and city workers. We worked with the citizens. This is the same thing we will do in Kosovo — presence patrols, much like dike patrols — letting citizens know they are safe.”

FINAL PREPARATIONS

Throughout the training, leaders coordinated with their counterparts on KFOR10 and KFOR11, culling their successes and lessons learned. Key leaders traveled to Kosovo for two separate pre-deployment site surveys juxtaposed by a conference in Germany. About 15 command and primary staff members spent May 4-8 in Kosovo while 15 more personnel- and logistics-trained Soldiers were there May 13-16 focusing on sustainment issues. Together, they spent the middle week learning in Germany. A wealth of information and meetings were packed into those few days, and valuable points of contact were established in country.

“We had an opportunity to sit down with our counterparts ... and we had a chance to discuss some lessons learned for pre-mobilization and in-theater operations,” said Lt. Col. Paul Harron, intel officer for Task Force Falcon.

His group asked a lot of questions to ensure Soldiers are well-prepared for the mission. They also traveled to Camp Bondsteel, the main U.S. base in Kosovo, to survey the working and living conditions as well as what facilities are available for Soldiers’ morale, welfare and recreation. A visit to NATO Headquarters near Pristina established face-to-face connections with those serving in KFOR12’s higher headquarters.

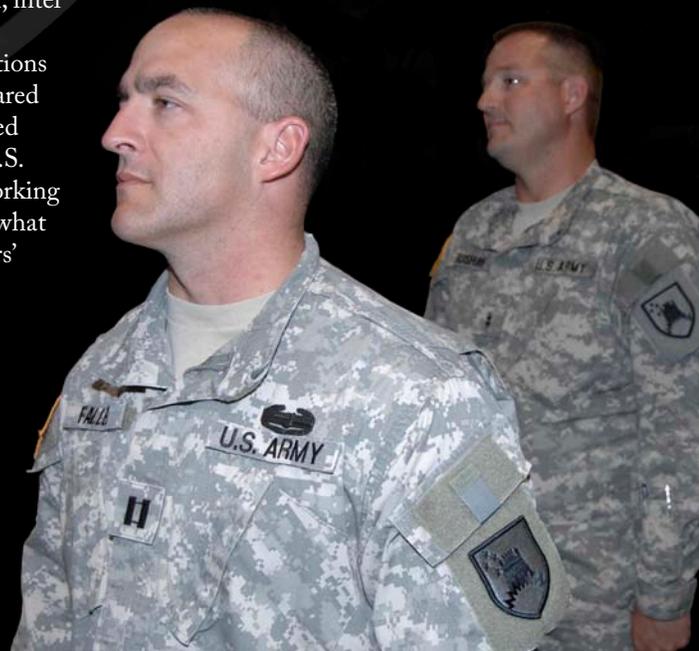
“I feel that we are absolutely prepared for this mission,” Harron said. “Brig. Gen.

Dohrmann has laid out clear training and guidance to set his team up for success.”

The training will continue as August draws to a close and KFOR12 arrives at Camp Atterbury, Ind., to reinforce their preparations and acquire new skills. Then, it’s on to Germany for a few more weeks of training before arriving in Kosovo sometime in October.

“I think we’re well prepared as we move on to mob station and Germany, where we will do more collective tasks and staff exercises,” Beckman said. “We’ve done a very good job of doing all of these individual tasks and battle drills to prepare the individual Soldier.”

Capt. Joseph Falla and Chief Warrant Officer Lee Bushaw display the 141st MEB patch on their sleeve. Soldiers of Task Force Falcon will wear the patch during their deployment to Kosovo. ▼



Senior Airman Sarah Rasmussen, an aircraft mechanic with the 119th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, connects air conditioning duct to the main cabin of a C-21 at Al-Udeid Air Base. Prior to flights, the cabin of the jet is cooled to ensure a comfortable climate for passengers upon entering the aircraft.



DESERT EAGLES

119th Airmen
Take Over C-21
Maintenance Mission
in Southwest Asia

Staff Sgt. Joshua Garcia

By Senior Airman Brok McCarthy
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

Editor's note: The following article was written about the 119th Wing Airmen currently serving in southwest Asia by the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs Office. The first rotation of Airmen deployed to Al-Udeid Air Base in May and a second deployed in June. This is the first time that the North Dakota Air National Guard C-21s have deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"Whenever someone needs to use one of our jets, they won't have to worry if it is ready to go or not."

For the first time in the history of the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility the C-21s stationed here are being maintained by Airmen rather than contractors.

The 119th Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) stood up May 30 after 25 Airmen deployed here for 60 days from the North Dakota Air National Guard Base, Fargo.

"Air Mobility Command pilots have been flying the C-21 in the area of responsibility (AOR) for at least the past 10 years, and our Guard unit was partially mobilized to support the air tasking order," said Capt. Grant Larson, 119th AMU officer-in-charge. "Since our pilots were tasked to fly and support the air tasking order with Guard aircraft, the decision was made to bring blue-suit maintenance as well."

The unit's noncommissioned officer-in-charge said their goal isn't to outshine the contractors who were taking care of the C-21, but to make sure they can meet any air tasking order that comes down.

"Hopefully, the 119th taking over maintenance on the C-21 will be transparent," said Chief Master Sgt. Doug Faldet. "The contractors kept jets ready to fly at any time, and our goal is to do the same thing. Whenever someone needs to use one of our jets, they won't have to worry if it is ready to go or not."

The Guard units at Fargo and at Bradley Air National Guard Base, Conn., were assigned the C-21 aircraft as a "bridge mission," helping the maintenance unit transition from maintaining fighters to maintaining cargo aircraft.

"In March of 2006, the North Dakota Air National Guard set a safety record by

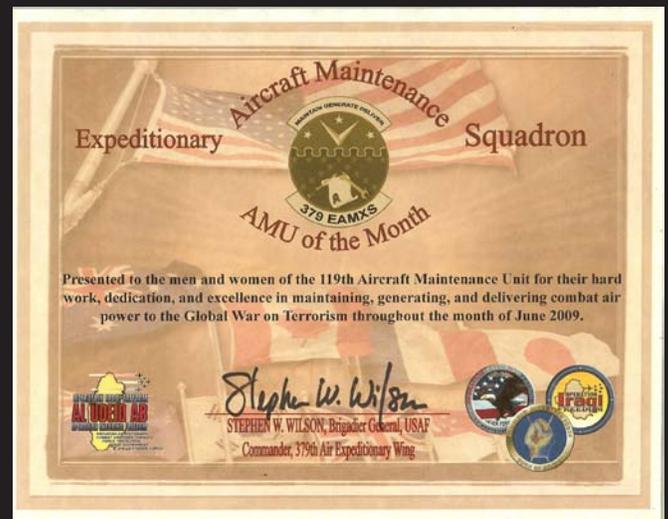
DEPLOYED HAPPY HOOLIGANS WIN MAINTENANCE AWARD

By Capt. Grant Larson
119th Wing

The hard working men and women of the 119 Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) have made history again by winning the 379th Aircraft Maintenance Unit (AMU) of the Month for June 2009. This was the first month the 119th Wing AMU has been in the area of responsibility and the Airmen were determined to show how Happy Hooligans earn respect through hard work and attention to detail.

Among the tough competition, included the leadership and maintainers from the B-1 Lancers, Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System operators (J-Stars), KC-135 Stratotankers and the C-130 Hercules. The Happy Hooligans managed to outscore their peers in each category to win the award.

The 119th Wing AMU was awarded a trophy and a certificate. The Flying Vikings, the Minneapolis-based C-130 unit who won the award the previous month, decided to start a tradition of placing a



squadron sticker on the bottom of the trophy. Of course, the Happy Hooligans were more than happy to keep with the tradition and place a fresh Happy Hooligan sticker to mark their own place in history.



Airmen from the 119th Wing, N.D. Air National Guard, stand in front of a C-21 Lear Jet at Al-Udeid Air Base.

Courtesy Photo

reaching 70,000 hours of accident-free flying in the F-16 aircraft," Larson, a West Fargo native, said. "The C-21 bridge mission will help us prepare for our follow on mission in the C-27 (Spartan) Joint Cargo Aircraft. Maintaining C-21 aircraft for an Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in the AOR will give us invaluable experience for when we get [the C-27], since we will probably be deployed quite a bit."

One of the biggest challenges the AMU has faced in the past two years since it began working on the C-21 at home station is the fact that civilian contractors typically didn't use technical orders like those used by Airmen for maintenance.

"The customized maintenance manual that was built for the C-21 isn't written for a military setting," said Faldet, of Moorhead, Minn. "There are a lot of things that would normally be in a technical order (TO) that

the [manual] left out. Instead of giving step by step-by-step instructions, it will just say 'take this off.'"

"The [manual] made a certain amount of assumptions that you should be able to look at a part and figure out how to take everything off to get the main part out," he said. "In the Air Force, TOs are written to be understood by everyone, regardless of experience level."

Airmen also don't have the benefit of going through a detailed technical training program like they would on other airframes. Prior to working on the C-21, maintenance personnel are sent through a general introduction course and then a course on the jet's autopilot, both of which are two weeks long.

"It's been a lot of hands-on, scratch your head work, trying to figure things out," Faldet said. "Just gaining system knowl-

edge has been the hardest thing for us. The contractor who does maintenance has one airframe and power plant mechanic at each site to provide technical assistance, but he may or may not have run into a specific problem before."

In the short time since the unit stood up, it has already dealt with several major maintenance issues, however, Faldet said the Airmen were able to fix them in good time.

While Larson is happy his Airmen are here gaining valuable job knowledge, one of the things he is the most proud of is knowing all his Airmen want to be here.

"We were partially mobilized, but didn't have to involuntarily activate Airman. All the Airmen volunteered to be out here," he said. "They all wanted the experience and are all proud to be here serving their country."



Hot Pursuit: Staff Sgt. Cynthia J. Olsen, of the 119th Security Forces Squadron, pursues a simulated suspect during a training exercise June 19, at the N.D. Air National Guard.

Helping Hands: Sgt. Jason Badinger and Spc. Jace Kouba, of the 816th Engineer Company, load debris left behind from an EF3 tornado that ravaged parts of Dickinson July 8. The 816th, in addition to the 818th Engineer Company out of Williston along with volunteers from units across the state, assisted in cleaning up neighborhoods and manning traffic control points.



Sgt. Ann Knudson

New Team: Master Sgt. Todd Strom, of the 119th Logistics Readiness Squadron, prepares an Alaska Air National Guard 249th Airlift Wing C-17 for loading July 8, at the N.D. Air National Guard, as he begins loading equipment (also known as increments) for air lift to Volk Field, Wis. The Airman is a member of the newly created 119th Air Terminal Flight (also known as Aerial Port). The increments being loaded are part of the first shipment, known as a chalk, for the Aerial Port at the N.D. Air National Guard. Future activities at the Aerial Port may include processing personnel for deployment, possibly including both N.D. Army and Air National Guard members who are deploying.



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp



Chief Warrant Officer Russ Zuraff

Leaders' Reunion: The past five N.D. National Guard adjutants general come together for the Kosovo Force 12 send-off ceremony at the Bismarck Civic Center July 12. From left to right, Maj. Gen. C. Emerson Murry (1975-1984), Maj. Gen. Alexander Macdonald (1984-1993), Maj. Gen. Keith Bjerke (1993-2000), Maj. Gen. Michael Haugen (2000-2006) and Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk (2006-Current).



Master Sgt. Duane Kangas

Breaking Ground: Master Sgt. Thomas Parks, of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a jackhammer to level rocks to create a foundation for footings of a dock being built on the shore of the Trondheim Fjord June 17, during a 119th Civil Engineer Squadron mission to Norway.



Rob Keller

Saying 'Thank You': Gov. John Hoeven visits with members of the Patriot Guard Riders during a picnic hosted by the Military Service Center staff in Bismarck June 27. The event was organized by the Military Service Center to show their appreciation to the Patriot Guard for the overwhelming support they have given to members of the North Dakota National Guard and their Families over the years. Members of the Patriot Guard regularly show their gratitude for military members by attending send-off and welcome home ceremonies, military funerals and other military-related events.

Guardian Snapshots

RETIREMENTS • PROMOTIONS • NEW MEMBERS

March 2009 — June 2009

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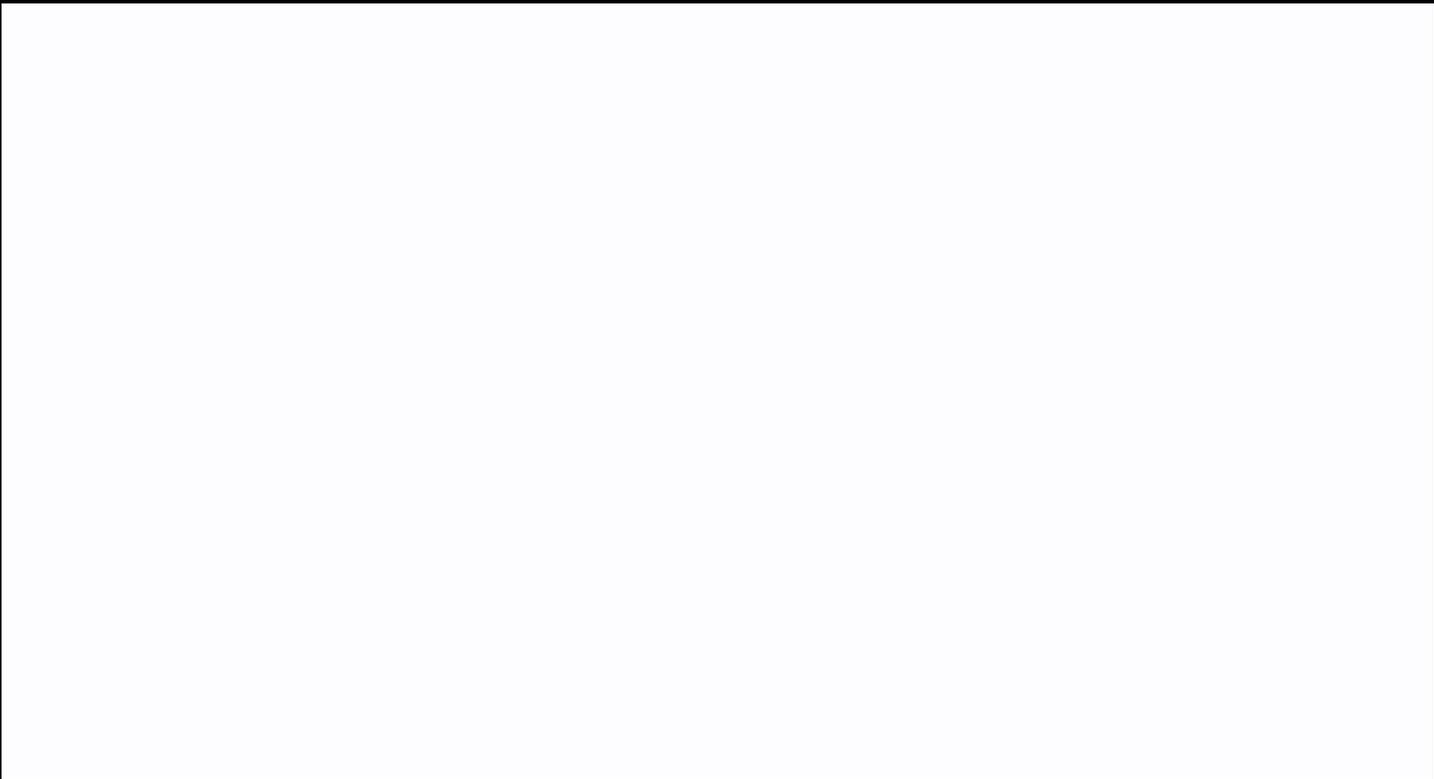
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WO Jefferey T. Haugen
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Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Burning Up: Tech. Sgt. Scott Kaufman, of the 119th Civil Engineer Squadron, left, leads a two-person firefighter hose team, as Charles Richard, a civilian state employee firefighter, assists during night firefighter training June 29 at the N.D. Air National Guard Regional Training Site. The firefighters are spraying water on a mock aircraft burn pit fire to fulfill annual training requirements.