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Some of the future C-27J Spartan pilots, maintenance personnel, loadmasters and flight operations personnel got the opportunity to ride in the aircraft that will be the 119th Wing's new mission in 2013. Hooligans assigned to the C-27J anticipate the Joint Cargo Aircraft's arrival.



### 12 Squadron Triumphs

Three months ahead of schedule, the 219th Security Forces Squadron in Minot has achieved 100 percent manning within its ranks. In addition, the squadron received its nuclear certification in September, proving that it is ready for any and all challenges that lay ahead.

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## On the Cover



**New Ride:** Senior Airman Shawn Becker, of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, stands in front of a C-27J prior to a familiarization flight over North Dakota Oct. 15. Becker has been selected for a future position working in the C-27J as a loadmaster. (Photo by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp, 119th Wing)

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# VIEW FROM THE TOP

Comments from North Dakota National Guard Leadership

## Equal Opportunities in the N.D. National Guard

After 33 years of military service, and with a couple of months until retirement, I cannot help but reflect. When I think about my years of service, one thing stands out — the *opportunity* the N.D. National Guard (NDNG) has provided, and specifically, the *equal opportunity* (EO) I have had afforded to me to achieve both personal and organizational goals.

The NDNG has defined *EO* as “an organizational environment, absent of inequities, allowing everyone the opportunity to attain personal and professional goals.” Personally, I believe these are more than recent buzzwords. This organizational climate has existed for decades within the NDNG, before *EO* became a “program.” Where else can someone enlist (begin part-time employment) at the age of 17 and be afforded *opportunities* culminating with membership in the organization's Joint Executive Council (JEC/board of directors).

When I think back on some of the things I am thankful for throughout my years of service, they include the *opportunities* to:

- Transform from a long-haired, semi-disciplined teenager into a Soldier and a member of the NDNG “Family.”
- Obtain a civilian education at the baccalaureate and graduate levels through use of the State Tuition Assistance program and Army Continuing Education Systems.
- Earn an “honorary Ph.D.” (e.g. gray hair) in human resources.
- Attend Officer Candidate School in two different states.
- Lead ... and be lead. Mentor ... and be mentored.
- Be part of an organization where one

can voice new ideas and opposition to new or old ideas candidly and without fear of retribution.

- Serve in a multitude of varying positions — some where I was comfortable, and some where I was not — and to command at levels from detachment through brigade, ultimately stressing, stretching and growing both personally and professionally.

- See all 50 states, and perform missions in and be exposed to the cultures of numerous foreign countries.

- Be part of decision-making and, more specifically, assist in influencing Army force structure and stationing within the NDNG. Additionally, to be part of transforming the NDNG State Headquarters into an Operational Headquarters (Joint Force Headquarters), incorporating the Air Guard, and being capable of responding to natural disasters and homeland security/defense threats.

- Lead Soldiers into battle in defense of the American way of life, similar to what our forefathers have done, and to put 30 years of training to the test.

- Serve with the best Soldiers and Airmen in the U.S. military, at all levels (enlisted, noncommissioned officer and officer).

This list certainly is not all-inclusive, and it is certainly not intended to “toot my own horn,” but it does highlight some of the many *opportunities* the NDNG has provided. These opportunities were not provided because my skin color is white. They were not provided because I am male. The fact my father was a warrant officer had little influence, nor did my religious beliefs.

These *opportunities* are equal and available to all NDNG members. They came about because the

The N.D. National Guard is truly a “Family.” Here, in an October 1977 photo, from right to left, Col. (Ret.) Duane Dehne swears in his daughter, Pvt. DeeAnn (Dehne) Anderson, and Pvt. Joyce (Hall) Hessman in the presence of her father, Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.) Don Hall. Pvt. Dale Adams is also sworn in as his father, Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.) Dennis Adams, stands by as a witness.



**Col. Dale Adams**

Director, Joint Staff  
North Dakota National Guard

NDNG has an organizational climate of *equal opportunity*. They also became reality because I was willing to accept change, not shy away from the tough jobs, have a Family that was willing to relocate geographically and because I was willing to commit myself to a profession that is not just a job, but is a way of life.

We are all very fortunate to be a part of an outstanding organization and one that highly values its employees, their Families, the employers of traditional Guardsmen and values the diversity that each provides. I encourage each of you to take the *opportunities* available to you. Challenge yourselves personally and professionally. Embrace change. Volunteer for, and be willing to accept, tough assignments, especially those involving supervision of personnel. Be willing to accept a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move, if necessary, to meet the needs of the organization and potentially to meet your own personal goals. Commit yourself to doing your best at your current job. If you do, your next job or promotion will take care of itself.

Someday, when you're reflective, seeing your military career in the rear view mirror, you'll say, “It has been a good ride ... if I had the *opportunity* to do it all over again, I would ... I was provided unlimited *equal opportunities* ... and was very fortunate to have worked with some outstanding service members!”

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve with you, to have been a part of your formations and to have shared your foxhole!

Always ready, always there!



# Across the Horizon

## To Iraq and Back, Aviation Unit Marks Historic Achievements

By Sgt. Eric W. Jensen  
Joint Force Headquarters

North Dakota Guardsmen have seen progress in Iraq. They've been a part of the country's reconstruction since 2003. This year, Iraq reached another landmark when President Barack Obama announced the end of combat operations and Operation Iraqi Freedom transitioned into Operation New Dawn — a conversion that saw the drawdown of about 100,000 service members from the country, leaving 50,000 to provide assistance and training for Iraqi security forces.



Staff Sgt. Billie Jo Lorus

Once again, North Dakota Guardsmen were there, including 47 Soldiers serving with the Bismarck-based Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 285<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (C/2-285<sup>th</sup>).

Capt. Doug Larsen, C/2-285<sup>th</sup> commander, commented on the forthcoming mission change in Iraq when he addressed the unit's Family Readiness Group while on leave in June.

"What's been most exciting for us is that we are in Iraq during a time of historic transition," he said. "We are proud to contribute to the process of turning Iraq back over to its own citizens."

As Operation New Dawn begins, the sun has set on a yearlong mobilization for C/2-285<sup>th</sup> Aviation. The Soldiers returned home Sept. 28 after performing critical aviation tasks during a pivotal moment in Iraq's history.

### Air Miles

Company C, or "Charlie Company," is an assault Black Hawk helicopter unit with half of its Soldiers comprised of North Dakota Guardsmen and the other half from Utah, along with a few Soldiers from Arizona. Additionally, North Dakota had Soldiers with Companies D and E and Headquarters and Headquarters Company. While Charlie Company conducted missions in Basrah, Iraq, Soldiers in the sister companies were stationed at Tallil Airbase.

Staff Sgt. James Hoffer, of Bismarck, a fuel specialist with Company E, said all of North Dakota's Guardsmen were able to gain a tremendous amount of knowledge in regard to their job skills during the year in Iraq.

"We knew what we were doing before leaving, but there are always those little tips and tricks that we can apply back in the state," he said. "It does make a difference being in a combat zone, in a harsh environment, and doing this job every single day."

Company C has a fleet of 10 Black Hawk helicopters and assigned crews — five of which are flown by North Dakota Guardsmen. Assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division in Iraq, the unit flew more than 750 combat missions totaling more than 6,200 flight hours.

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Daniel Marquart, of Bismarck, the senior enlisted member of the unit, reported in June 2010, "All of our Soldiers have been putting their best foot forward since day one. I could not be more proud of the Soldiers and the tasks they are doing here."

Staff Sgt. James Hoffer, who served with Company E, 2nd Battalion, 285th Aviation Regiment, greets his son, Reed, as he is welcomed home by his family at the Bismarck Airport Sept. 28 after returning from a yearlong mobilization to Iraq.



Sgt. 1st Class Derek Heck holds his son, Coby, with his wife, Jenny, while home on leave from duty in Iraq. Heck served as a crew chief and platoon sergeant with Company C, 2/285th Aviation Battalion.

Marquart has much to be proud of since his Soldiers not only performed well in Iraq, but will bring an extensive amount of experience home, as well.

The typical North Dakota Guardsman aviator averages 100-125 flight hours per year and the typical crew chief averages 75-100 flight hours. On average, the flight crews saw 350-500 flight hours during their deployment. All totaled, their time in the air equals out to roughly four years worth of experience for a typical pilot and five years for a crew chief in home station flight time.

### Business Was Booming

Primarily, Company C supported the Command Aviation Company mission, which handled the transportation of VIPs in southern Iraq. Their customers usually included 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division general officers, but a number of distinguished guests found themselves escorted in Company C Black Hawks, too. The unit provided transportation for U.S. Deputy Secretary of State James Steinburg, Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth Preston and numerous morale, welfare and recreation stage acts, including country music singer Kellie Pickler and '80s rockers Bad Company.

One of the most significant moments for Hoffer was this year's



A sandstorm in southern Iraq is captured here off the tail of a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. Unit members cited extreme winds, heat and humidity as some of the challenges they encountered while mobilized.

elections in Iraq. Members of Company E were tasked with fueling Iraqi Air Force helicopters. Another historical occasion for Iraq, the elections saw 12 million Iraqis turn out to cast their votes at nearly 8,000 polling centers across the country.

"That was really cool," Hoffer said. "It was a big deal and a big deal for them (Iraqis) moving forward as a nation."

The contributions from North Dakota's aviators, however, did not end there. Company C also conducted missions with other military branches, including the U.S. Navy and Iraqi army. Some of these missions entailed air assaults, medical evacuation escort and assistance in training with the Iraqi army.

Larsen told family members in June that Soldiers would "bring a lot of experience in not only flying, but mission planning and aircraft maintenance" when they returned home.

"Put it all together and North Dakota will have some strong, knowledgeable and experienced crews available for any future homeland defense or state emergency missions," he said.

### Help From Home

During his leave this summer, Larsen cited the support from home as the number one contributing factor to his unit's success.

"We couldn't be doing as well as we are without the continual outstanding support of our folks back home. Thank you," he said.

That support came in various kind gestures.

Hoffer's neighbor and dad helped his family maintain his lawn in the summer and clear snow in the winter. One Guard supporter even brought meals to his family once a week.

Sgt. 1st Class Derek Heck, of Mandan, N.D., and his wife, Jenny, learned that they had a little one on the way exactly one week after Derek left for the unit's mobilization station in Fort Sill, Okla.

At home, a huge network of neighbors and friends formed a support system for the Hecks. Jenny said during the mobilization that the care they were receiving was not only comforting to her, but to her husband, as well.

"I didn't have to lift a shovel once over the winter time. Our neighbor took care of the snow all winter long and another good friend of ours comes over and takes care of the lawn for us in the summer. All of our neighbors and friends check in on us constantly. It's made it a lot easier," she said during the deployment.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Sieg, of the 1-112th Aviation Battalion and longtime friend of the Hecks (she attended high school with Jenny and has worked with Derek in various Guard units), volunteered to be Jenny's birthing coach in case she was needed. She was also able to get clearance to leave during her annual training at Camp Grafton, outside Devils Lake, N.D., should Jenny need assistance.

Jenny was overwhelmed by the support given to her.

"I thought it was awesome for the National Guard to be there for us like that," she said.

On June 17, Derek and Jenny welcomed a healthy 8-pound, 11-ounce baby boy, Coby James, who is the couple's first child. Derek was able to be at home for the birth since he had taken leave to coincide with the due date.

And, while citizens in Iraq can celebrate milestones in the history of their country, North Dakota's aviators and crews are glad to be home to celebrate their own personal milestones. ■

Courtesy Photos

Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Security Forces members, including 2nd Lt. Brian Ladwig, front right, and Tech. Sgt. Paul Skees, stand at attention for an awards presentation during their October unit training assembly. Bottom right, Col. Rick Gibney, 119th Wing commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. David Harmon, 119th Wing command chief master sergeant, right, pin on a promotion for Tech. Sgt. Aaron Giere, of the 219th Security Forces Squadron, Sept. 12 at the Minot Air Force Base during the squadron's September unit training assembly.



It was a challenge. In fact, some would say it was THE challenge — how will an Air National Guard squadron recruit enough qualified Airmen to fill a security forces squadron in an area of North Dakota where the existence of the Air National Guard was pretty much, well, unknown?

In June, the 219<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron (SFS) once again met the challenge. Not only did they reach 100 percent manning for drill-status Guardsmen, but they accomplished the goal three months ahead of schedule. In addition, the squadron received their nuclear certification just three months later in September.

“Reaching this recruiting milestone was huge for us, but we still have a lot of work to do,” said Master Sgt. Tanya Augdahl, 219<sup>th</sup> SFS recruiter. “We still have full-time AGR (Active Guard and Reserve) positions to fill, and we’re not letting up with recruiting on the traditional side either. Reaching this milestone only motivates us to get to the next one.”

Reaching milestones and surprising the critics is not something new to this successful squadron. The 219<sup>th</sup> has paved the way and continues to surpass expectations with its many achievements.

“A definite accomplishment that I will always be proud of is how well our Airmen

# Flying High

## 219th SFS Stands Up and Meets Challenges with Success

did in the Nuclear Surety Inspection (NSI). There was a lot of pressure for us to succeed as a new squadron, and we did outstanding. Not only did we prove that we are ready, we also demonstrated that the Guard can now provide a surge capability to the nuclear mission,” said Lt. Col. Tad Schauer, 219<sup>th</sup> SFS commander.

NSI is an inspection completed by the Air Force Inspector General with Air Force Inspection Agency and Defense Threat Reduction Agency oversight to ensure Airmen are capable of performing nuclear security operations. Initial NSI results are graded as ‘READY’ or ‘NOT READY.’ The 219<sup>th</sup> SFS is the first Air National Guard Squadron in the Air Force Global Strike Command (AFGSC) to be inspected and receive a ‘READY’ rating.

“The Airmen of the 219<sup>th</sup> have faced and successfully overcome every challenge thrown at them. The results of this inspection demonstrate the talent, dedication and mission readiness of our North Dakota Guardsmen,” said Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, North Dakota adjutant general.

At the NSI outbrief detailing the results of the inspection, Brig. Gen. Sandra E. Finan, the AFGSC inspector general, commented on the 219<sup>th</sup> Squadron’s achievements.

“We brought a fair amount of inspectors to inspect you to ensure we went through everything with a fine-tooth comb,” she said. “This is the most impressive one I’ve seen yet.”

During the inspection, the 219<sup>th</sup> SFS Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) team was recognized as a ‘Professional Team’ and a Security Response team made up of two Airmen were also recognized as ‘Professional Performers.’

“One hurdle that we successfully overcame was developing a PRP program that would fit the needs of Guardsmen,”



Lt. Col. Tad Schauer, 219th Security Forces commander, right, and Chief Master Sgt. Mike Schreiner check on a traffic control point March 17 near the entry of the N.D. Air National Guard, Fargo, N.D., during the 2010 Red River Valley flood fight. Many of the 219th personnel from Minot worked in the Fargo area during recent flood operations.

Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp



Capt. Penny Ripperger

Lt. Col. Tad Schauer, 219th Security Forces commander, places an Air Force Achievement Medal on the jacket of Tech. Sgt. Jon-Paul Berg during the squadron's October unit training assembly at Minot Air Force Base. Berg received the medal for his outstanding work with implementing the Air Force training records program, which was pivotal to the success of the 219th's initial Nuclear Surety Inspection.



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Schauer said. “The fact that our PRP team was recognized as a professional team by the active-duty inspectors shows the dedication and skill of our Airmen.”

The last step to nuclear certification was to complete another NSI within 120 days of the initial NSI. This was successfully completed in September in conjunction with the 91<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing’s minimal notice NSI.

Even with the many accomplishments and obstacles that have been surpassed by the Airmen of the 219<sup>th</sup> SFS, they’re not letting up as they continue to strive for excellence. “The 219<sup>th</sup> was invited to participate in the very first AFGSC Global Strike Challenge team,” said Chief Master Sgt. Michael W. Schreiner, 219<sup>th</sup> SFS manager. “We will compete for the honor of being the best security forces team in the AFGSC.”

The competition will take place at Barksdale Air Force Base in November 2011. Additionally, the 219<sup>th</sup> SFS will participate in the 91<sup>st</sup> Missile Wing’s nuclear operational readiness inspection, which is anticipated to be in June of 2011.

Whether it’s passing inspections, completing exercises or just doing their day-to-day work to the best of their abilities, the 219<sup>th</sup> SFS is definitely making a mark in the N.D. National Guard and the military.

“I am very proud of what these exceptional Airmen have completed,” Sprynczynatyk said. “They are paving the way as a squadron on the leading edge, implementing the total force concept throughout the military.”

• Story by Capt. Penny Ripperger, 119th Wing •

# Flights of fancy

## Dreams of Future Spartan Mission Near Reality for Hooligans

Story by Capt. Penny Ripperger  
Photos by Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp  
119th Wing



N.D. Gov. John Hoeven and Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, left, step out of a C-27J upon completion of a familiarization flight over North Dakota Oct. 15.

“Welcome to North Dakota!” was shouted over the roar of the engines as a C-27J Spartan taxied to a stop at the 119<sup>th</sup> Wing Oct. 14. The aircraft and crew were greeted by eager Airmen anxious to get their first peek at the aircraft that will be a future mission for the N.D. Air National Guard.

A familiarization tour, conducted by L-3 Platform Integration, Alenia North America, and the companies’ joint venture, Global Military Aircraft Systems, took place at the 119<sup>th</sup> Wing the following day. The visit was filled with briefings and familiarization flights for the Airmen and National Guard leadership.

“Welcome to the absolute finest Guard unit in the country,” said Gov. John Hoeven as he greeted the visitors that morning prior to the first flight. “We have great Guardsmen, both Soldiers and Airmen throughout this country, but we are very proud of our North Dakota Guard members. They’re doing a fantastic job with the C-21 and the unmanned aerial mission and we can’t wait to get the C-27J aircraft!”

In addition to Hoeven, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, also welcomed the visitors.

“I’m willing to bet it’s your first time in North Dakota. I assure you as we fly around the state today, you’re going to see a beautiful state and more importantly you’re going to



Unit members of the N.D. Air National Guard, Fargo, N.D., get their first look at the C-27J Spartan aircraft.

meet some incredible people,” he said. “I say that of all our men and women in uniform in North Dakota.”

The aircraft flew three familiarization flights during their visit. Airmen who will participate in the operation of the new aircraft, to include future C-27J pilots, maintenance personnel, loadmasters and flight operations personnel, had priority to go on the flights.

Future C-27J loadmaster, Staff Sgt. Brandon Miller, of the 177<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, was one of those Airmen.

“It wasn’t what I expected, it was so much more. I can’t believe the performance of this aircraft,” said Miller as he described the hard banks and steep climbs during his own familiarization flight. “It’s like giving your kids the keys to a Ferrari and telling them to go get the groceries. It was such an awesome opportunity,” he said.

The 119<sup>th</sup> Wing is scheduled to receive four C-27 aircraft in 2013. The C-27 mission will replace the current ‘bridge mission’ of the C-21 Lear Jet.

“As in any other aircraft conversion for the past 60 years, the Happy Hooligans have successfully met every challenge assigned to them,” Sprynczynatyk said.

## About the C-27J Spartan

The C-27J is a mid-range, multi-functional and interoperable aircraft able to perform logistical re-supply, medical evacuation, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and homeland security missions for the U.S. Air Force. The C-27J is essential to the U.S. Air Force’s ability to provide on-demand transport of time-sensitive/mission-critical cargo and key personnel to forward deployed units.

When not deployed in support of intra-theater missions, C-27J aircraft will be available for national and international disaster response and homeland security needs.



“They continue to surpass expectations with their MQ-1 Predator mission and were recognized by the Department of Defense as the 2009 Joint Operational Support Airlift Center Squadron of the Year after just a couple of years of flying the C-21. I am confident that the 119th Wing will continue the tradition of Hooligan excellence when it begins to operate C-27J Spartan aircraft.”

Airmen have been anticipating the C-27 mission since they lost their fighter aircraft mission in 2007. Seeing the aircraft up-close and getting the opportunity to ride in it has only fueled the enthusiasm for the new mission.

“I’d leave for school tomorrow if I could. I am excited to get the C-27’s here, we all are — we’re ready for this,” Miller said. ■



119th Wing Commander Col. Rick Gibney takes a close look at the cockpit of a C-27J Spartan aircraft after it lands at Hector International Airport.

# C-27 Spartan Preview



Staff Sgt. Billie Jo Lorius  
Above, Col. Giselle Wilz shakes hands with special guest Mr. Elwyn Ove Vanous, a WWII Veteran and former POW, after a Freedom Salute at the Bismarck Civic Center Oct. 16 to formally thank more than 275 N.D. National Guard Soldiers who served on a yearlong peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.



Staff Sgt. Billie Jo Lorius  
Left, North Dakota Patriot Guard members, from left to right, 1st Sgt. Jeff Barta, of the N.D. National Guard, John Bullinger, Terry Lincoln and Norm Westbrook stand alongside Miss North Dakota USA Taylor Kearns at the North Dakota State Capitol Oct. 26. The North Dakota Patriot Guard members attended the fifth annual "Day of the Deployed" ceremony honoring deployed military service members.



Sgt. Ann Knudson

Above, Brig. Gen. Patrick Martin, right, presents his grandson, Zane, with a certificate of appreciation with Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, at Martin's retirement ceremony at Raymond J. Bohn armory in Bismarck, N.D., Oct. 2.



Right, Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk, N.D. adjutant general, conducts a town hall meeting Sept. 30 at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, Fargo, N.D., for members of the N.D. Army and Air National Guard. The town hall meeting allows the adjutant general to give an update on what is happening in the organization, as well as an opportunity for personnel to ask anonymous questions submitted through a website. The town hall meeting was available to all N.D. Guardsmen in the state through remote Internet connection and video-teleconferencing.

Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp



Left, Tech. Sgt. Tracy Zidon, of the 119th Mission Support Flight, left, checks personnel deployment folders Oct. 2 during an operational readiness exercise (ORE) at the N.D. Air National Guard in Fargo, N.D.

Tech. Sgt. Brady Schneider

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Spc. Ethan C. Karch  
Spc. Anthony W. Koistinen  
Spc. Jenna C. Lee  
Spc. James T. Mann  
Spc. Meghan Y. McIntyre  
Spc. Kyle D. Misialek  
Spc. Joseph A. Moran  
Spc. Ben D. Mullenberg  
Spc. Brandon M. Nelson  
Spc. James D. Nichols  
Spc. Richard P. Olson  
Spc. Aaron J. Pitcher  
Spc. Benjamin W. Riviere  
Spc. Joshua E. Rolczynski  
Spc. Aaron M. Roll  
Spc. Adam J. Schmidt  
Spc. Thomas J. Schmidt  
Spc. Christopher R. Senff

Spc. Trevor D. Slominski  
Spc. Michael C. Sorum  
Spc. Levi L. Stein  
Spc. Justin A. Stenerson  
Spc. Danielle M. Stockdill  
Spc. Jennifer L. Thome  
Spc. Tad E. Thompson  
Spc. Luke A. Vanbruggen  
Spc. Allan A. Venegasmitidieri  
Spc. Michal R. Villiard  
Spc. Jordan P. Walth  
Spc. Jacob E. Weible  
Spc. Adam M. Zimbleman

### Private First Class

Pfc. Stuart B. Altman  
Pfc. Steven M. Crashley  
Pfc. Luke D. Daley  
Pfc. Philip C. Degreef  
Pfc. Eric D. Edwardson  
Pfc. Nathan E. Erickson  
Pfc. Nicholas A. Fossum  
Pfc. Tylan D. Fox  
Pfc. Robert P. Geske  
Pfc. Donald J. Halverson  
Pfc. Justin A. Heldstab  
Pfc. Justin J. Heth  
Pfc. Jackie L. Hill  
Pfc. Brandon A. Johnson  
Pfc. Joshua S. Lanzdorf  
Pfc. Christopher B. Madsen  
Pfc. Beau J. McIntyre  
Pfc. Dylan J. Nerem  
Pfc. David D. Patterson  
Pfc. Alan T. Peterson  
Pfc. Trever J. Sahr  
Pfc. Jonathan P. Schmidt  
Pfc. Christopher M. Silbernagel  
Pfc. Jacob D. Sullivan  
Pfc. Randal J. White  
Pfc. Devin J. Wright  
Pfc. Isaac J. Wynne  
Pfc. Justin R. Yanez

## New Members • Air

Staff Sgt. Travis W. Kane  
SrA Richard D. Gladue II  
SrA Ashley N. Miller  
SrA Michael A. Walker Jr.  
A1C Maxwel R. Eggiman  
A1C Jessica W. Hanna  
A1C Brandon J. Kuyava  
A1C Brooks C. Lommen  
A1C Dylan J. Lorenzen  
A1C Zachary B. Robinson  
A1C Michelle R. Smith  
A1C Derek R. Timmons  
A1C Matthew A. Trosen  
AB Timothy L. Kuhn

Pfc. Jonathan B. Yauney  
**Private**  
PV2 Jody H. Anderson  
PV2 Tanner W. Ault  
PV2 Elizabeth A. Davis  
PV2 Derek A. Dolechek  
PV2 Angelica E. Flores  
PV2 Adrian O. Frisk  
PV2 Ethan E. Gullekson  
PV2 Sheldon R. Harr  
PV2 Samantha M. Hass  
PV2 Brianna S. Herman  
PV2 Cody A. Ingebretson  
PV2 James P. Keller  
PV2 Brandon J. Lange  
PV2 Michael A. Lindeman  
PV2 Matthew A. Martinez  
PV2 Thomas Q. Mills  
PV2 Jeremy J. Mnarik  
PV2 Tyler K. Needham  
PV2 Joshua A. Nuss  
PV2 Michael W. Oehler  
PV2 Derek A. Palmer  
PV2 Oriana D. Pasch  
PV2 Shelby K. Pickard  
PV2 Joseph W. Pikarski  
PV2 Keanen J. Poitra  
PV2 Kasey L. Rafferty  
PV2 Charles J. Rolie  
PV2 Jesse R. Ronsberg  
PV2 William J. Safran  
PV2 Michael A. Sampsill  
PV2 Nicholas P. Sevigny  
PV2 Zachariah T. Siebert  
PV2 Jason D. Sink  
PV2 Ryan D. Swanson  
PV2 Daniel P. Torok  
PV2 Jason D. Troitte

## Retirements • Air

Master Sgt. James S. Erickson  
Master Sgt. Kimberly K. Harr

## Appointments

2nd Lt. Rachel L. Bickford  
2nd Lt. Justin J. Gall  
2nd Lt. Thomas J. Gross  
2nd Lt. Suzanne L. Halverson  
2nd Lt. Blake A. Hillerson  
2nd Lt. John R. Kelly  
2nd Lt. Tyler J. Morrow  
2nd Lt. Matthew A. Nielson  
2nd Lt. Aaron K. Robinson  
2nd Lt. Kori A. Stockie  
2nd Lt. Christian L. Thorson  
WO David J. Stordalen

# RETIREMENTS • PROMOTIONS • NEW MEMBERS

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## New Members • Army

Capt. Andrew R. Nathan  
1st Lt. Jeffrey J. Hilzendeger  
1st Lt. Bradley D. Hoff  
1st Lt. Jordan T. Schuetzle  
Sgt. 1st Class Bruce J. Fuerstenberg  
Staff Sgt. Kerry D. Fredrich  
Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Petersen  
Sgt. Corey D. Bidwell  
Sgt. Scott W. Helphrey  
Sgt. Cory J. Kochalka  
Sgt. Jordan D. Osowski  
Sgt. Jennifer M. Anderson  
Sgt. Justine A. Baltz  
Sgt. Brett K. Barber  
Sgt. Andrew A. Cavallo  
Sgt. Joshua A. Formanek  
Sgt. Jr L. Fortmann  
Sgt. Tisha A. Fravel  
Sgt. Levi V. Johnson  
Sgt. Eryn M. Kalista  
Sgt. Suresh S. Kalkunte  
Sgt. Mitchell L. Martinson  
Sgt. Jordan P. Muro  
Sgt. Ricky P. Schafer  
Sgt. Matthew D. Turenne  
Pfc. Stuart B. Altman  
Pfc. Paul S. Atherton  
Pfc. Aarron A. Ault  
Pfc. Nadin . Campbell

Pfc. Patricia M. Connole  
Pfc. Javier E. Delapaz  
Pfc. Lisa K. Job  
Pfc. Bobby G. Johnston  
Pfc. Ashley E. Macnaughton  
Pfc. Joleen M. Pardo  
Pfc. Cody A. Peck  
Pfc. Aaron K. Rimar  
Pfc. Kaycee L. Rubbelke  
Pfc. Trever J. Sahr  
Pfc. Lawrence C. Salazar  
Pfc. David L. Shurig  
Pfc. Meredith A. Thompson  
Pfc. Dallas D. Welch  
Pfc. Robert A. Weninger  
Pfc. Erik S. Willer  
Pfc. Katie M. Zent  
PV2 Derrek L. Anderson  
PV2 Samantha M. Blue  
PV2 Skye K. Carpenter  
PV2 Mitchell R. Eidsvold  
PV2 Sheldon R. Harr  
PV2 Brent A. Lafontaine  
PV2 Brandon J. Lange  
PV2 Andrea M. Milbrandt  
PV2 Derek A. Palmer  
PV2 Oriana D. Pasch  
PV2 Keanen J. Poitra  
PV2 Kristi L. Schumacher

PV2 Nicholas P. Sevigny  
PV2 Randy J. Smith  
PV2 Daniel P. Torok  
PV2 Matthew P. Walsh  
Pvt. Jacob K. Aamold  
Pvt. Kaia J. Bickford  
Pvt. Melissa C. Braun  
Pvt. Sherry N. Breland  
Pvt. Kayla M. Brook  
Pvt. Morgan C. Bubach  
Pvt. Michael D. Buhl  
Pvt. Hudson T. Burkett  
Pvt. Joanna E. Cunningham  
Pvt. Nicholas J. Dalle  
Pvt. Christopher M. Ek  
Pvt. Derrick P. Ellingson  
Pvt. Kirby A. Erdmann  
Pvt. Danielle C. Franklin  
Pvt. Daniel A. Fuller  
Pvt. Jorddin E. Giron  
Pvt. Rick R. Hamley  
Pvt. Darrin J. Harlow  
Pvt. Casey M. Hatcher  
Pvt. Jeremy B. Haynes  
Pvt. Adrianna R. Ironshield  
Pvt. Kelsey L. Jay  
Pvt. Cole R. Johnson  
Pvt. Brandon J. Jorgenson  
Pvt. Alex L. Kaiser

Pvt. Casey J. Karnopp  
Pvt. James I. Kassian  
Pvt. Scott A. Kern  
Pvt. Brandon J. Koster  
Pvt. Sean R. Leadbetter  
Pvt. Stephen A. Leard  
Pvt. Dalton B. Longie  
Pvt. Jordan B. Matzke  
Pvt. Jared M. Miller  
Pvt. Cassandra R. Mosbrucker  
Pvt. Justin F. Mozinski  
Pvt. Nathan A. Nelson  
Pvt. Doson R. Nguyen  
Pvt. Andrew T. Pichotta  
Pvt. Toby J. Potter  
Pvt. Austin C. Redden  
Pvt. Tasha N. Schlosser  
Pvt. Braxton C. Schmidt  
Pvt. Tara A. Schwan  
Pvt. David M. Schwieger  
Pvt. Darrell S. Shields  
Pvt. Allison M. Smaaladen  
Pvt. Devon S. Stephens  
Pvt. Patrick A. Stuber  
Pvt. Jessica A. Sullivan  
Pvt. Brianna P. Winger  
Pvt. Anna M. Wunderlich  
Pvt. Janelle L. Zorn

## Promotions • Air

### Colonel

Col. Brian N. Siverston

### Lieutenant Colonel

Lt.Col. Craig D. Borgstrom  
Lt.Col. Katherine A. Kirkeby  
Lt.Col. Jon R. Wutzke

### Captain

Capt. Gregory K. Ames  
Capt. Kristopher J. Kennedy  
Capt. Eric S. Mattson  
Capt. Jason D. Olheiser  
Capt. Treff A. Wagner

### First Lieutenant

1st Lt. Gavin W. Johnson  
1st Lt. Geoffrey P. Manter  
1st Lt. Joshua D. Schochenmaier

### Senior Master Sergeant

SMSgt Bruce G. Karevold  
SMSgt Michael J. Rix  
SMSgt Charles R. Tersteeg  
SMSgt Jeffrey A. Westerholm

### Master Sergeant

Master Sgt. Jeffrey A. Dahl  
Master Sgt. Joseph D. Fluge  
Master Sgt. Robert R. Foss  
Master Sgt. Scott A. Hoff  
Master Sgt. Jon A. Lemar

Master Sgt. Eric J. Nilson  
Master Sgt. Ingo R. Schulz

### Technical Sergeant

Tech Sgt. Wayne M. Baumbach  
Tech Sgt. Michael J. Bittner  
Tech Sgt. Jeremiah A. Boehler  
Tech Sgt. Elaine A. Brogan  
Tech Sgt. Danelle M.D. Card  
Tech Sgt. Jacob J. Dalbol  
Tech Sgt. Kristal L. Decoteau  
Tech Sgt. Aaron D. Giere  
Tech Sgt. Erik B. Hoff  
Tech Sgt. Erin A. Lundby  
Tech Sgt. Todd A. Ouradnik  
Tech Sgt. David L. Permann  
Tech Sgt. Eric S. Ridl  
Tech Sgt. Juan Roman Jr.  
Tech Sgt. Kristofer L. Schiele  
Tech Sgt. Grant M. Thompson  
Tech Sgt. Jessica L. Watterson  
**Staff Sergeant**  
Staff Sgt. Tyrel D. Cale  
Staff Sgt. Dustin D. Clement  
Staff Sgt. Charles A. Cole  
Staff Sgt. Anthony E. Davis  
Staff Sgt. Natasha N. Ertelt  
Staff Sgt. Roman J. Gaughan

Staff Sgt. Kelly J. Gonzalez  
Staff Sgt. Kendra G. Haygood  
Staff Sgt. Nicholas D. Kosen  
Staff Sgt. Adam T. Krueger  
Staff Sgt. Jason D. Lange  
Staff Sgt. Corbin W. Lewis  
Staff Sgt. Allison S. Magnus  
Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Peterson  
Staff Sgt. Benjamin E. Schumann  
Staff Sgt. Ernest P. Trosen  
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SrA Seth E. Allen  
SrA Christopher M. Barnes

SrA Nickolas J. Boe  
SrA Donald D. Drechsel  
SrA Adam J. Houkom  
SrA Gabriel J. Irvis  
SrA Matthew M. Jasper  
SrA Ryan J. Klemisch  
SrA Cody J. Lewis  
SrA Jenna L. Monge  
SrA Steven S. Schwartz  
SrA Jonathon M. Weflen  
**Airman First Class**  
A1C Travis J. Brown

## Retirements • Army

Col. Ward K. Johnson III  
Col. Fred A. Karnik Jr.  
Lt. Col. Dennis T. Lowman  
Lt. Col. Fred R. Parks III  
Lt. Col. Daniel T. Tomanek  
Maj. Wade H. Warren  
Master Sgt. Douglas F. Balliet  
Master Sgt. Lavern I. Gross  
1st Sgt. Kenneth J. Miller  
Sgt. 1st Class Scott J. Decker  
Sgt. 1st Class Amy S. Haas

Sgt. 1st Class Jerome A. Heth  
Sgt. 1st Class Lori D. Johnson  
Sgt. 1st Class Gregory J. Kaiser  
Sgt. 1st Class Blaine A. Rogers  
Staff Sgt. Kristen J. Pagel  
Staff Sgt. David J. Stordalen  
Sgt. Floyd H. Brunmeier  
Sgt. Sara F. Messmer  
Sgt. Jaymes E. Osowski  
Sgt. Todd L. Radenz  
Sgt. Jason E. Schmidt



Sgt. Eric W. Jensen

Soldiers from the Recruit Training Company work together raking debris and dead foliage at the Bismarck State College Community Bowl Oct. 23. The new Guardsmen spent their drill weekend cleaning up their communities as part of the "Guard the Environment" nationwide National Guard campaign.

### Wahpeton Guard Unit Receives Mobilization Alert

A N.D. Army National Guard unit has received an alert notification for possible mobilization. About 160 members of the 188th Engineer (Vertical Construction) Company, which is based in Wahpeton, N.D., with a detachment in Oakes, N.D., have been placed on alert. The decision to mobilize this unit has not occurred, but upon a final decision, official Department of the Army mobilization orders will be published. No potential duty location or mobilization dates were included in the alert orders, but would be included in a mobilization order if one is issued.

Soldiers in the unit are trained in a variety of military occupational specialties, primarily as carpentry and masonry specialists, plumbers and interior electricians.

The unit is led by Capt. Philip F. Baker Jr., of Neche, N.D., company commander, and 1st Sgt. Eric B. Binstock, of Argusville, N.D., senior enlisted Soldier. Soldiers in the unit hail from about 50 different communities in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

### Recruiter Wins Top Honors

Sgt. Derek Brandenburg has been named the N.D. National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Non-Commissioned Officer (RRNCO) of the Year for his outstanding recruiting achievements in 2010.

The prestigious RRNCO of the Year award, formerly known as "Chief's 54" award, is presented every year to each state National Guard's top recruiter. The award is based on the three tenants of strength maintenance: recruiting, retention and attrition management.

Brandenburg accomplished his yearly mission goal — 18 enlistments between October 2009 and September 2010 — by early June. He was credited with 26 enlistments and two transfers from other states' National Guard units, totaling 28 enlistments — 10 more than his mission requirements.

Brandenburg works at the Fargo, N.D., storefront recruiting office with duties in the Fargo and Moorhead, Minn., area. He also supports three National Guard units in Fargo with recruiting and retention needs.

### New Guardsmen Give Back to Their Communities

The N.D. National Guard Recruit Training Battalion took a break from training for a community clean-up project in Bismarck, Fargo and Devils Lake on Oct. 23-24. The event, called "Guard the Environment," was part of a National Guard Bureau-led initiative to give back to the communities that support service members while emphasizing the importance of caring for the environment.

The Fargo company chose to spend two hours picking up trash around N.D. State University while Soldiers in the Devils Lake company raked leaves and picked up trash at local parks.

"The National Guard is committed to conserving the environment that we live in. This is our way of giving back to our state, country and world," said Staff Sgt. Randy Raasch, of Hettinger, N.D., a platoon sergeant with the Recruit Training Battalion.

In Bismarck, new Soldiers spread out at the Bismarck State College Community Bowl to trim trees, collect trash and rake leaves. ■



# Forge Your Career Path

## Become a Warrant Officer in the N.D. Army National Guard

Do you want to become an officer, but continue to be a specialist in your field? As a warrant officer (WO), you'll be a commissioned officer and subject matter expert rolled into one. You'll become a leader and instructor within your specific career field, and advise your superiors in matters affecting your specialty. And if you feel flying is in your future, training as an aviation warrant officer is the best way to earn your wings as a Guard helicopter pilot.

Before enrolling in Warrant Officer Candidate School, you'll need to meet eligibility requirements. You may qualify if you are a member of the Army National Guard, a Reserve Soldier, a transitioning active-component Soldier or a current or former warrant officer.

- Age restrictions:**
- Technical WOs can appoint between the ages of 18 and 46.

- Aviation WOs must appoint before their 33rd birthday.

- In addition you must:**
- Score 110 or above on the General Technical Area of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) exam.
  - Be a high school graduate or pass the GED.
  - Be a U.S. citizen by birth or naturalization.
  - Successfully pass all events on the Army Physical Fitness Test.

The N.D. Army National Guard (NDARNG) is seeking qualified applicants for the following WO military occupational specialties:

- 920B-Supply Systems Technician
- 922A-Food Service Technician
- 210A-Utilities Operation and Maintenance Technician
- 140A-Command and Control Systems Technician
- 948D-Electronic Missile Systems Maintenance Technician
- 913A-Armament Repair Technician
- 131A-Field Artillery Targeting Technician

If you are interested in pursuing a WO career in the NDARNG, call CW2 Jade Falcon at 701-328-9635 or e-mail jade.james.falcon@us.army.mil to see if you are eligible. ■

# Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Johnson  
Joint Force Headquarters

## Direction for Life

I saw a newspaper cartoon the other day with two little boys mulling over the fact that the Bible character, Moses, definitely could have used a GPS to get through that desert ... after all, he wandered in the desert with his people for 40 long years! It brought to mind another cartoon I'd seen where Moses says, "No, really...we need to go this way." Meanwhile, his sister is quietly asking for directions from other desert travelers.

The truth is, we all follow directions in life. Whether we ask for them or not, they are given at every stage of life. From a very young age, in a very simplistic way, we learn where to go and what to do from our parents and loved ones. These directions, as you know, are vital for life! As we grow in years, with more freedom, we, like Moses, start to make more and more of our own decisions.

And like these little boys in the cartoon suggest ... a GPS would be quite helpful, at times.

If it were only that easy, right? To plot a point on a map and to find that point is fairly easy with a good GPS or map. Life's concerns are quite a bit different ... they are not as black and white. For example, you can't pose a question to the GPS asking, "How do I deal with this problem or that life concern?" You can't expect the GPS to "spit out" a step-by-step answer to solve or get through that concern/life happening. A parent's "yes or no," at this point, would be quite comforting ... but again, life's happenings are not solved quite that easily.

The outlook is not bleak, however! In fact, you and I have many "foundations" on which we build our lives. We've built our lives on the foundations of what we have learned from those closest to us in life (family/friends). Their words are with us and guide us daily. Our faith life also is a foundation that we cling to for daily wisdom, direction and to give us a hope



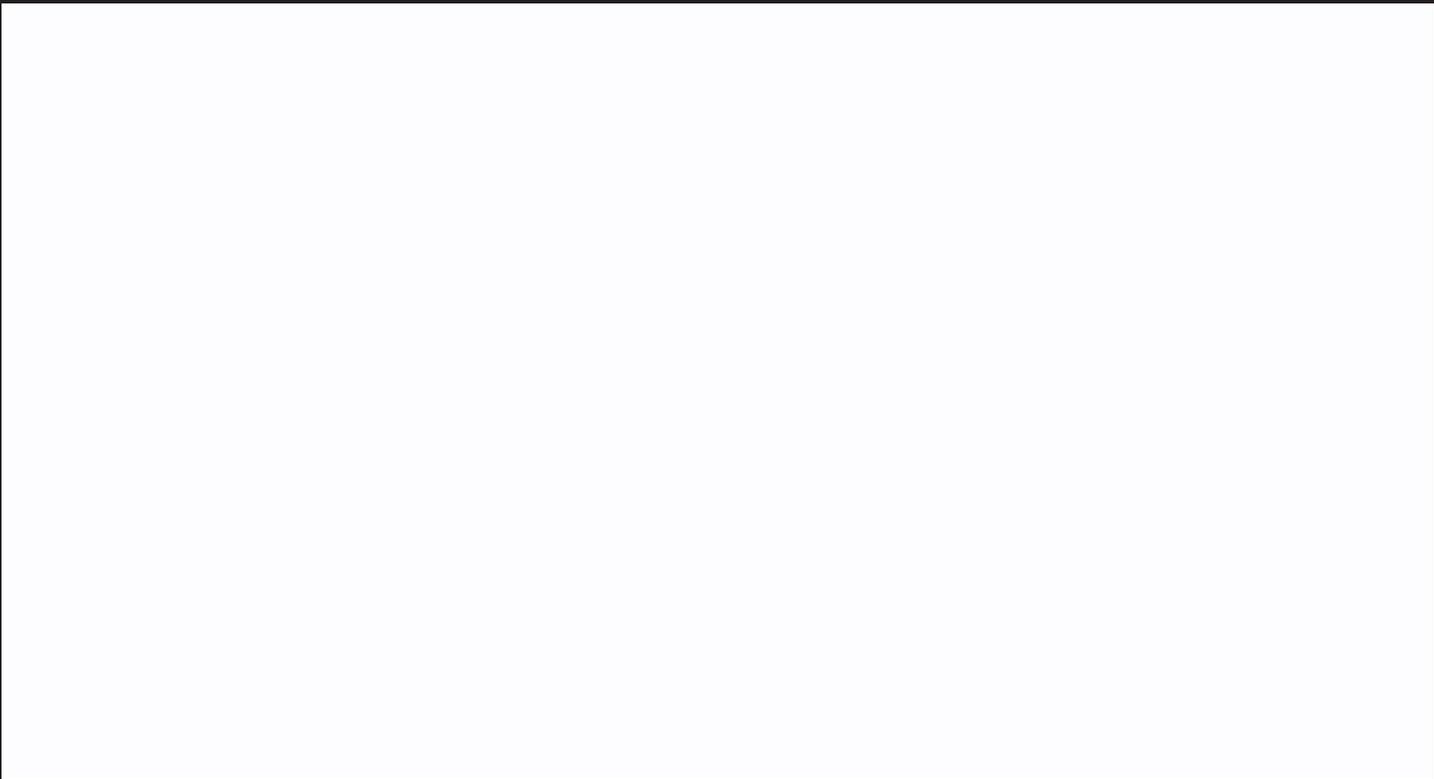
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Johnson is supported by his brother, Lt. Col. Edward Johnson, at the chaplain's promotion ceremony in August.

for the future. It is on these "bedrocks" of guidance/support that we travel through life. It is on this sage advice/support that we can chart our way and do what it is that we need to do.

I want to close with a few lines from a childhood song that I sang growing up. It goes like this: "The wise man built his house upon the rock ... And the rain came tumbling down ... Oh, the rain came down ... And the floods came up ... The rain came down ... And the wise man's house stood firm."

Like the wise man, I encourage you to "build" your lives on strong foundations so that you can better weather the storms of life.

Blessings — Chaplain Johnson. ■



Senior Master Sgt. David H. Lipp

Chief Master Sgt. David Harmon, 119th command chief master sergeant, serves breakfast to retirees Steve Carlson, left, and Ken Thoms Oct. 6 at the N.D. Air National Guard, Fargo, N.D. The Happy Hooligan retirees are invited to the N.D. Air National Guard once each year for the annual breakfast, which includes a unit informational update by 119th Wing Commander Col. Rick Gibney. The meals are prepared and served by unit chief master sergeants and senior master sergeants (E-8s and E-9s).