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PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MICHAEL FRYE
Retired Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey thanks the crowd at the Operations Building dedication ceremony July 25.

A word from the commander

BY COL. RUSS WALZ, 114TH FIGHTER WING COMMANDER



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Inviting nearly 200 thousand of your closest friends, family and community members to an Airshow can certainly be exciting. We had outstanding weather and an amazing show, featuring the very latest in civilian aerobatics and military demonstrations. We also seized the opportunity to dedicate the Operations Building to a previous commander, adjutant general, and director of the National Guard, Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey. The weekend was full of activities and entertainment. Not only did we see generations

of aircraft on display and in flight, we also had generations of family and friends of the Air National Guard to enjoy it. The unit has a proud heritage and it was great to see everyone.

I'm definitely aware that hosting such a massive event requires an unbelievable effort from all of you. The countless hours of planning, the set up, security, execution of the show and teardown is what produced a nearly flawless Airshow. It was your hard work, working with the Airshow committee, and hundreds of volunteers that made this Airshow the best that I and many others have ever seen.

We are extremely fortunate to have the support of such a great community. This was our opportunity to say thank you to them. It couldn't have been done without you. Thanks so much!

Operations Building dedicated

STORY AND PHOTOS BY 1ST LT. MICHAEL FRYE



Maj. Gen. Steve Doohen, Adjutant General for South Dakota, addresses distinguished guests during the dedication ceremony.

The South Dakota Air National Guard took pause to recognize a former leader with the dedication of the Operations Building at Joe Foss Field.

Former Commander, Adjutant General, and Director of the Air National Guard retired Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey returned to Sioux Falls July 25 for the dedication of the building in his name and to be recognized for the contributions he has made to the unit, the state of South Dakota, and the Air National Guard.

"He's an inspiration to a lot of people," said Maj. Gen. Steve Doohen, adjutant general for South Dakota. "I think it's so fitting this Operations Building is named after him because his fingerprints are all over this unit. Things we're doing now were started by him years ago."

"There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that Joe Foss Field has the best facilities of any Air National Guard unit in this country," said Col. Russ Walz, 114th Fighter Wing commander. "That doesn't happen by accident. It comes from outstanding community support, outstanding congressional support, and it comes from great leaders with vision like Gen. Killey."

The dedication was attended by a host of distinguished guests, which included several past senior enlisted advisors, commanders, adjutant generals and state leaders.

"This is very special. We may live in Arizona, but our hearts are in South Dakota and our closest friends are in South Dakota. It's great to be home, and what a homecoming to have this dedication to this fabulous Ops Building."

The Operations Building officially opened on May 5, 2007 following 18 months of construction, replacing the previous Operations Building, which had been built in the early 1950s.



Retired Maj. Gen. Philip G. Killey and wife Ellen unveil the bronze plaque honoring Killey during the Operations Building dedication ceremony July 25.

386th ECES build MOEC from the ground up

BY STAFF SGT. THOMAS J. DOSCHER 386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- The 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Emergency Management Flight's mobile operations trailer had seen better days, so it was no surprise when the axle finally gave up the ghost, leaving EM with an interesting choice: Order a new axle and repair the old trailer or start over from scratch.

Working with elements of the 386th ECES, the EM flight chose the latter and built an entirely new Mobile Emergency Operations Center, complete with power, phones, computers and air conditioning from little more than a donated trailer and a little elbow grease.

"We needed a trailer, we couldn't get a new one, so we built it ourselves," said Staff Sgt. Wade Horstman, 386th ECES logistics NCOIC.

Most of the parts and equipment necessary to build the new MEOC were found on base, including the trailer itself, donated by another Rock unit that had no use for it.

"It was down at Maintenance," Sergeant Horstman said. "No one really knew what the story was with it. It was just a basic car trailer, a shell. There was nothing in it."

After one month and some work from the 386th ECES Structures Airmen and electricians, no one would recognize it, he said.

"It has generators, network capabilities, phone, it has all of our HAZMAT response equipment," he said. "We built everything ourselves. The cabinetry was custom built here in the Structures shop."

The MEOC is designed to help EM respond to base emergencies such as aircraft accidents to support the incident commander.

Staff Sgt. Evan Peterson, 386th ECES Structures technician from Wakonda, S.D., worked on welding the tongue onto the front of the trailer.

"I thought it was a little crazy, but we made it work," he said. "We made what they needed. Most of the stuff we do is small, so it's nice to do something, a project, work with different shops. It was a fun project."

Senior Airman Andrew Siemonsma of Sioux Falls, S.D., worked on the electrical systems for the MEOC.

"The only thing that was difficult was figuring out a way to hook the generator up to it," the electrician, deployed from the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron, said. "It's something they needed compared to what they had before. It'll improve their response time and let them go farther when they need to."

With delicate equipment inside and temperatures soaring above 115 degrees, air

conditioning wasn't a luxury, but a requirement, and Senior Airman Trevor Kircil of Wagner, S.D., was in charge of making that happen.

"The temperature in this environment, plus the trailer not being insulated, we put a bit bigger unit in it to make sure they were comfortable while they operated," he said. "Their equipment has to be at just the right temperature. Some days you could probably wear a coat in there."

Master Sgt. Tonja Jorenby, Emergency Management Flight chief, said the engineers built a quality piece of equipment that will serve the EM Flight well.

"If something goes down off base I know the trailer's not going to break on the way there," she said. "That was the question with the last one. If Sergeant Horstman says he can do it, he can do it."

Sergeant Horstman said their little bit of resourcefulness not only provided the EM Flight a new mobile operations center, but saved the Air Force quite a bit of money while doing it.

"We saved a lot of money this way," he said. "Something like this new would have cost well over \$100,000, and we were able to use everything on base to build it and we did it during our rotation so we wouldn't have to push it onto the next rotation."

Deployed SDANG Airmen uphold high standards



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. PHYLLIS HANSON
Tech. Sgt. Casey Legg, 114th LRS, replaces a steering gear box on an up-armored humvee June 19 at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. Legg returned from his deployment in early July.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY STAFF SGT. KATIE MCGUIRE, 114TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON
386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Structures shop pours a concrete pad for the Security Forces Squadron weapons issue window.

South Dakota and Suriname: Growth Through partnership

STORY BY STAFF SGT. KRISTI NIEDERT, PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. CHRIS STEWART



The Public Affairs subject matter exchange team visited a flu school in Suriname.

This summer I was fortunate to be included in a small group of media professionals who traveled to Paramaribo, the capital of Suriname, for a Public Affairs subject matter exchange, as part of the South Dakota-Suriname State Partnership Program. During our stay we met with a number of

professionals from local newspapers and tv and radio stations, sharing different ideas and learning about each other's similarities. There have been several such exchanges since the program started in 2006, such as the visit last February of Suriname officials to South Dakota focusing on leadership exchange.

We were fortunate to be in Suriname for the country's Emancipation Day on July 3rd. We were also honored to attend the 4 of July celebration hosted at the home of US Embassy Ambassador Lisa Bobbie Schreiber Hughes. The timing of our stay in Suriname was perfect, as the theme of the celebration was "Fireworks over Mt. Rushmore." The Embassy staff worked hard and did an amazing job of throwing a party that included burgers and



Looking outside and finding value within

BY MASTER SGT. CHRIS STEWART, PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MITCH NACHTIGALL

Recently I had the opportunity to travel with four other members of the local media to Suriname, a beautiful country on the northeastern tip of South America. As I prepared for the trip I had little idea what to expect.

As the trip came closer, I pieced together we would be talking with Suriname news media and sharing ideas and thoughts. This was a little outside my comfort zone, but I still felt it would be a great opportunity to meet my counterparts from our partner country and share techniques. I thought it would be a wonderful time to make connections that span the globe. What I did not realize is that this trip would be much more.

I did find some amazing resources and connections 4,000 miles away from home, but in an unexpected place. As I stepped outside my comfort zone hoping to find great connections I found some in my own back yard. After meeting many nights to talk about the day's events and share new ideas with my fellow travelers, I realized that I have great connections right here in South Dakota. Within our group

we had the president of the broadcaster's association, a local television anchor, the South Dakota state public affairs officer, and the officer in charge of the South Dakota-Suriname partnership program. As I visited with these highly educated individuals and shared ideas about Suriname and South Dakota issues I realized I was missing out on great connections within my own state.

Essentially I traveled 4,000 miles to find connections that live within 15 miles of my own house. Why had I never before talked to these people? Here was a group of professionals that I could really learn from, and they were

hotdogs, as well as a fantastic fireworks display over the Suriname River and a projection screen display of the faces of Mt. Rushmore.

Ours was a short one week trip, but it was an incredible experience. The lengthy travel time – the flight from South Dakota to Suriname takes one whole day – was more than made up for by the amazing atmosphere and friendly people we were met with during our stay.



Staff Sgt. Kristi Niedert visits with media representatives in Suriname.



Master Sgt. Chris Stewart and Staff Sgt. Kristi Niedert, 114th Fighter Wing Public Affairs, pose with Maj. Brendan Murphy, S.D. State Public Affairs Officer and other members of the S.D. press in front of Radio 10 in Paramaribo, Suriname July 1.

right under my nose. I decided to make it a goal of mine to get to know the local media, to use my new connections to help me tap into the resources at home as well as abroad.

2009 Sioux Falls Airshow: Bringing it all together

BY STAFF SGT. MIRANDA SKILES

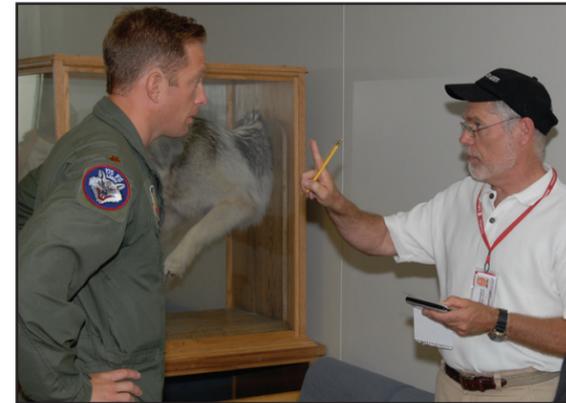


PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. CHRIS STEWART
Lyle Cunningham, Argus Leader, interviews Maj. Eric Gerber about Airshow details.

The 2009 Sioux Falls Airshow went off without a hitch. This did not happen by accident or stroke of luck. Thousands of hours of planning over the last year went into making the event one of the best Airshows yet.

One key player in the planning of this show was Maj. Eric Gerber, 175th Fighter Squadron Operations Officer. His additional role as the Military Project Officer made him the point man for getting the ball rolling. His main focus was the military side of the show. He worked side by side with the Airshow committee to coordinate the event down to the last detail.

The first stage in planning the Airshow started about a year ago. The civilian Airshow committee members requested support letters from Congressmen and State Representatives through the contacts they have at the state capitol and in Washington, D.C. These letters are included in the package for the Department of Defense. The committee must submit all paperwork to the DoD in July to request big name acts like the Navy Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team.

Over the next few months, the committee receives a tentative schedule of what show locations will get which performers. This allows them to start doing a little planning, but they don't get the official commitment from the performer until late in the year.

In December, Gerber attended an Airshow conference in Las Vegas to recruit other acts to perform at the Sioux Falls Airshow. This is where he initially made contact with the F-22 team. They have a lot less performances on their schedule than most demonstration teams, so Sioux Falls got lucky to get them here.

Several members of the F-22 crew are from the Midwest region and they were eager to

perform in Sioux Falls so they could be closer to home. All the big Air Force bases get F-22 shows, but they specifically wanted to come here.

Gerber said he got the word that Sioux Falls had probably secured the Blue Angels for the show while he was on deployment in the desert, but the announcement wasn't made official until he got back to South Dakota.

Once the Blue Angels were committed to the Sioux Falls Airshow, the date was set and the committee then started contract negotiations on hotel rooms, vehicles, and all other necessary arrangements.

Many South Dakota Air National Guard members took on extra duties to make the show a success. Senior Master Sgt. Scott Schaffer and Master Sgt. Kurt Lunstra worked together with the committee to find a block of rooms for all the performers. Chief Master Sgt. Mike Laufman made vehicle reservations. Capt. Travis Boltjes and 1st Lt. Dell Schledewitz made cold calls for static displays. In previous years it was much easier to line up displays for the show, but due to budget constraints this year, nobody wanted to spend money to go to Airshows.

"It's nice being the Military Project Officer here because of the support we have on this base," said Gerber. "As long as you can get some organization going and get the basic plan set, everyone else will help out. It was so neat to see how people want to work."

Gerber had to balance his normal work schedule and the Airshow planning duties. During the UCI, he put the Airshow on hold except for completing FAA paperwork. While he was still flying and instructing, he requested the minimum number of sorties possible to allow time to get paperwork done and still maintain proficiency.

"I don't know how the civilian guys on the committee got their work done. They worked on the Airshow two to three days per work week and still had to keep up with their normal day-to-day jobs," said Gerber.

"Our unit did a lot of nice things for the performers that a lot of other shows wouldn't," said Gerber. For example, the electric shop gave their workspace to the F-22 team so they could have an area to themselves. The Raptor team said they would love to come back to Sioux Falls because they received better treatment here than they have at any other show.

Many of the performers made similar comments about the great treatment here in S.D.

"Just like the South Dakota Air National Guard always does, a lot of people pull together and impress people so they want to participate again," said Gerber.

So would he want to head up the next Airshow? Probably not. "It got to be very time consuming, I know my wife is happy it is done," he jokes. "Once per career is enough. But the people you meet and work with makes it definitely well worth it. Working with everyone, civilian and military, was a really neat experience. A lot of hard work goes in to it. Whatever the task, I could hand it off and it was done in a day or two."

For Gerber the highlight of the whole process was seeing it all come together through the execution phase because everyone involved was working as hard as possible. "Not one bad comment has come back from everybody we've talked to, both performers and spectators," says Gerber. "This was one of the best Airshows because hundreds of people came together to make it work. It's pretty neat."

To sum up the experience Gerber says, "We are one big happy team. But a team that is happy it's done!"

Every member of the South Dakota Air National Guard and the Airshow committee deserves a huge thank you. The success of this event is a reflection of our great unit and the community we call home.

When the Sioux Falls Airshow rolls around again, gather your family and friends, relax and enjoy the show. But remember all the hours of planning put in to an event of this size. What another wonderful reminder that the South Dakota Air National Guard can successfully complete any task thrown its way, no matter how huge the feat.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. KEVIN WINTER
The heritage flight, F-22 and P-38, is captured by Tech. Sgt. Kevin Winter during the Airshow July 25. Winter is a crew chief with the 114th AMXS.

Sioux Falls Airshow 2009

*"A fabulous air show -
and all of your personnel
were so helpful and
hospitable."*

*Heidi, Madelyn & Evelyn,
Sioux Falls*



*"I came from over 12 hours
away to see something I
have never seen before
and was amazed."*

*Darron,
Oklahoma City*

Photos by Staff Sgt. Quinton Young

Blue Angels: Deliver a commanding performance

BY STAFF SGT. MIRANDA SKILES



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. CHRIS STEWART

Work got you feeling stressed? Do you think you have a high pressure job? Well try being responsible for a squadron of 10 F-18 jets, one C-130, and approximately 120 Navy and Marine Corps volunteers all while cruising along at 700 mph up to 15,000 feet above the ground! For Cmdr. Greg McWherter, flight leader and commanding officer of the Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team that is all in a days work. Fresh off their performance in Ypsilanti, Mich., the Blue Angels headline the 2009 Sioux Falls Airshow in Sioux Falls, S.D. From there, they will head to Seattle, Wash. The Blue Angels are scheduled to perform 68 shows at 35 sites throughout the U.S. in 2009. McWherter, who flies the Number 1 jet, describes the dedication, hard work and training put forth by the members of the Navy's Blue Angels. "We train three times a day, six times a week from January to March in California before the show season kicks off mid-March and runs through November." This rigorous schedule keeps the Angels away from their

home base in Pensacola, Fla. for most of the year. The Angels spend the majority of their time away from friends and family. McWherter says that family members sometimes travel to show sites around the country to watch them perform. However, most of their time at the show sites is booked full so they still don't get to spend much time with their visitors. For that reason, McWherter says his favorite place to fly is anywhere close to their home base. "We get to go home and relax for a few days before we head out to a different location," he says.

McWherter, also known as "The Boss," assumed command of the Blue Angels in November 2008. The prerequisites for the commander position include at least 3,000 tactical jet flight-hours. The candidate must have also commanded a tactical jet squadron. The commanding officer is chosen by the chief of naval air training and a panel of former Blue Angel commanders. McWherter jokingly describes the process as, "a real no pressure type of interview." As the expression goes, "It's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it." And if you ask any of the 455 million fans who have watched a Blue Angels performance since they started out in 1946, America is glad the Angels do their job. So the next time you feel like you've got it rough, just be thankful you don't have to fly across the country to have your performance critiqued by thousands of on-lookers.



PHOTO BY 1ST LT. MICHAEL FRYE



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Security Forces Squadron, we don't work alone

BY CAPT. JOE HARDIN, 114TH SECURITY FORCES



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

Security augmentees, Staff Sgt. Matthew Hendrickson, 114th MXS and Staff Sgt. Chris Schuette, 114th CF assist drivers in finding handicap parking.

Over 100,000 air show patrons, seven satellite parking areas, 70 buses, numerous military and civilian aircraft (not to mention the Air Force's premiere fighter) vendors, military personnel, lost children... the list goes on. The 114th Fighter Wing commander, Russ Walz, tasked over 600 augmentees and Security Forces members to ensure the safety and security of all personnel and property both on and off the base for two days. The additional force protection measures provided by the Security Forces augmentees could not be done by Security Forces alone. We have an outstanding squadron of well trained people, with great experience in the military and in civilian law enforcement, but the bottom line

is with an event as big as the 2009 Airshow, we need help to accomplish the security mission. The Sioux Falls Police Department, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office as well as numerous federal law enforcement agencies have responsibilities throughout many areas of the Airshow and all agencies had a part in planning and executing security operations at during the two day event. Local law enforcement has a big job to keep everything outside the base safe as well as having a presence on the base with all of the fans, but the greatest source of security comes from the 114th Fighter Wing. The base was also supported by the Navy Reserve, Army National Guard and Civil Air Patrol in various roles on and off base.

"This was a joint operation, the coordination of personnel is not a small job, but the personnel who came together for the Sioux Falls Airshow should be proud of the job they did to keep everyone safe," said Chief Master Sgt. Ron Meland, 114th Security Forces manager. One group of trained professionals that does not make the headlines for events such as the Airshow is the Ready Augmentees, or RAT team. This team, commanded by Capt. Kevin Miller from the Finance office, is trained at a higher level than base personnel in the area of security, weapons, use of force and many other areas to always be ready to

supplement the Security Forces Squadron. "I am always looking for additional members to add to the great Airmen we already have on the team," said Capt. Miller. Miller also added that the missions for the RAT team have also included security for presidential visits and counterdrug operations. The augmentees who supported our Security Forces Squadron and the entire 114th Fighter Wing should be proud of a job well done, as the patrons said it best as they walked out the gate. "The security, safety and traffic control was outstanding. I hope that Sioux Falls will yet again put on another airshow. Everyone did a spectacular job."



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. NANCY AUSLAND

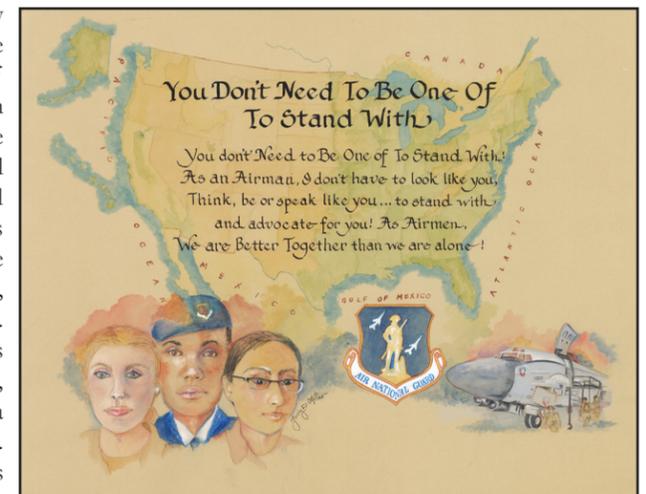
Security augmentee, Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Portice works with a bus driver in the VIP parking lot to ensure safety and easy flow of traffic.

We are better together than we are alone

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY : SENIOR MASTER SGT. JENNIFER M. REECY, 114TH FW HUMAN RESOURCE ADVISOR

As leaders in the Air National Guard, we are privileged to be strategically situated at the cross-roads of change and hope for our Airmen. We are fortunate to be involved in an ANG that is fundamentally about betterment: betterment of oneself as well as others. We have a chance to be involved with our Airmen when they are undergoing the process of change in their journey of self-discovery. We are given the gift of exerting some influence on the future of our Air National Guard. We are given a chance at leadership. As an Air National Guard we should all feel the crushing burden of our moral responsibility to lead by example and focus on developing Airmen competencies and creating a productive culture, which we define as one that respects individuals and their differences, fosters teamwork, promotes flexibility and supports a balance between personal and professional lives. Diversity and the Air National Guard encompass a wide range of behaviors expected of every Airman, at every level, including treating all with dignity and respect, integrating ideas and collaborating with others, exhibiting behaviors that reflect a high degree of integrity and ethics, and building effective working relationships. We all have a part in the efforts to maximize a diverse ANG that demonstrates the moral courage to realize that you don't have to be 'one of to stand with'.

- Flywheel Challenge: Ask yourself: "What did I do today to push on the flywheel?"
- ★ As a leader, are you reliable? Do you support your Airmen in moments that matter and are you there for them when it counts?
 - ★ How well do you understand the needs of your Airmen and the degree to which you earn their trust and respect to stand by and with them?



Medical Moment: Flip-flops over footwear



COMPILED BY LT. COL. RUTH SIEM

They're no longer just for the pool or beach. Today flip-flops are fashionable footwear. But experts warn if you're not careful, those flip-flops can lead to just as much foot pain as your high heels.

"They're comfortable, they're easy to wear and easy to get on and off," said Joel Brook, podiatrist at Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano. But wearing flip-flops everyday or for hours at a time can walk you right into some big problems.

Dr. Brook said the first sign is usually pain. In fact, according to foot doctors, frequent flip-flop wearers can suffer arch pain, heel pain, even tendonitis.

"Sometimes it's an acute pain that really stops you in your tracks, and sometimes it's a dull, aching, fatigue-like pain that you feel in your feet and can actually start radiating up your leg," said Dr. Brook.

The problem is lack of support. Your feet in flip-flops lie completely flat.

"If you put yourself in a situation where you're going to spend the entire day walking, you need to think about what you're wearing on your feet, and flip-flops are not a good idea," said Dr. Brook.

But if you just can't step away from the style, Dr. Brook said it's best to buy a pair that's specially designed for comfort. "A flip-flop or a sandal that is well constructed—that provides good arch support, good cushion and shock absorption in the heel and forefoot—that really can help with some of these symptoms," he said.

Dr. Alan Bloom



COURTESY WEBSTER FUNERAL HOME

Alan Ray Bloom was born on Thursday, April 6, 1950 to Fred "Pete" and Geraldine (Pies) Bloom at Webster, South Dakota. He was baptized and confirmed at American Lutheran Church in Webster. The family lived on a farm south of Webster in Wheatland Township, Day County where he attended country school through the fifth grade and then transferred into Webster where he graduated from high school in 1968.

He attended S.D.S.U. in Brookings from 1968 to 1972 where he was in R.O.T.C. and graduated with a Bachelor of Science

Degree for Chemistry. On September 11, 1971 he married Sylvia Knapp at Waubay, South Dakota. From 1973 to 1978 he served active duty as a pilot with the United States Air Force as a Commissioned Officer. He received his pilot training in Big Spring, Texas; in 1974 he received his B52 training at Merced Air Force Base in California; in 1977 he attended Squadron Officer School in Montgomery, Alabama. He was stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Michigan from 1974 to 1978. While in Michigan he received his Masters of Arts Degree for Public Administration in 1976. The couple moved to Vermillion, South Dakota where he received a Masters of Science for Biology in 1980 and graduated from the Medical School at U.S.D in 1985. He was an Aircraft Maintenance Officer and Squadron Commander with the Iowa Air National Guard in Sioux City from 1980 to 1988. He completed his Family Practice Residency in 1988 through UND in Fargo, ND. The family then moved to Webster where he began his medical practice at the Day County Medical Center which continued until the present time. He received a Fellowship with the American Academy of Family Physicians in 1991. He served with the SD Air National Guard in Sioux Falls from 1988 until 1994 as Clinic Commander and State Air Surgeon. On June 13, 1992 he was united in marriage to Rita (Nielsen) Grupe at St. John's Lutheran Church in Webster. The couple resided in Webster. He retired in 1994 as a Lt. Colonel with over twenty years of military service.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Webster. He enjoyed trap shooting and was a member of the Webster Clay Bird Club. He belonged to many different medical organizations and served on several boards. He also was an avid hunter and a member of many wildlife organizations including the Isaak Walton League. As a young man he was active in 4-H, an accomplished pianist, and church organist for the American Lutheran Church. He was a life member of Herbert McKennett Post 40 American Legion. He took extra time with his patients and enjoyed time talking with them. He was very devoted to the Day County area and its people. And he always enjoyed visiting with family and friends, and, dearly loved his grandchildren.

Dr. Bloom passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at Webster, South Dakota at the age of 59 years, 2 months and 5 days.

Survivors include his wife, Rita of Webster; one son, Alan Grayson (Michelle) Bloom of Laurel, MD; two daughters, Alia (David) Bartell of Fargo, ND and Allegra (Clint) Duerre of Bristol, SD; two step-sons, Ross Grupe of Webster, SD and Ben (Natasha) Grupe of Rapid City, SD; one step-daughter, Elizabeth (Dan) Basye of Watertown, SD; four grandchildren, Soren & Claire Bartell, Georgia & Max Duerre; and five step-grandchildren, Abbie & Kiera Grupe, Tyler, Rianne & Dane Basye. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Gaye.



Moving In

Staff Sgt.

Jennifer J. Masterson, 114 FW

Senior Airman

Mark E. Sorensen, 114 STUF

Airman 1st Class

Nash R. W. Eickholt, 114 STUF
William R. L. Gregory, 114 STUF
Cody A. Krutsinger, 114 STUF
Brandon M. Lentsch, 114 STUF
David A. Meyer, 114 STUF
Kullen C. Mueller, 114 STUF
Andrew C. Pearson, 114 STUF
Trevor L. Ramstad, 114 STUF
Alexander P. Rodriguez, 114 STUF

Airman Basic

Max D. Bunkers, 114 STUF
Blake A. Carda, 114 STUF
Alexander J. Hanson, 114 STUF
David W. Langner, 114 STUF
Jonathan D. Lounsbury, 114 STUF
Derek W. Mortinsen, 114 STUF
Todd E. Suurmeyer, 114 STUF
Jim C. Wynia, 114 STUF

Moving On

Lt. Col. Diane M. Baumiller retired Aug. 15 with over 25 years of service.

Senior Master Sgt. Mark W. Gerber retired Aug. 2 with over 26 years of service.

Master Sgt. Jeffrey P. Knoll retired Aug. 12 with over 29 years of service.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey W. Pay retired July 30 with over 29 years of service.

Master Sgt. Steven B. Perryman retired Aug. 9 with over 23 years of service.

Senior Master Sgt. Julie M. Zitterich, retired July 31 with over 29 years of service.

Moving Up

To Lt. Col.

Christopher G. Johnson, 175 FS

To Major

Stacy F. Kooistra, 114 FW

To Captain

Eric J. Cleveringa, 175 FS
Lisa R. Tidemann, 114 LRS

To 2nd Lt.

Justin J. Aylward, 114 MDG

To Master Sgt.

Darren M. Schelske, 114 MXS

To Tech. Sgt.

George B. Sazama III, 114 CES

To Staff Sgt.

Aaron T. Decurtins, 114 MXS
Eric U. Guenther, 114 CF
Kevin J. Kirchberg, 114 AMXS

To Senior Airman

Jordan M. Huska, 114 AMXS
Anthony J. Little Thunder, 114 LRS
Troy L. Pock, 114 MXS
Jayme N. Shanks, 114 MDG
Adam C. Shultz, 114 FSS
Jenna R. Smeenk, 114 OSF



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Command Chief Master Sgt. Lane Munger celebrated his retirement from his technician position as Bioenvironmental Specialist with the 114th Medical Group July 10. He will continue his position as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant into early 2010.



Vacancies

The 114th Fighter Wing has the following jobs available for part time employment.

- **Aircraft Maintenance**
School - 23 weeks
- **Phase Maintenance**
School - 23 weeks
- **Tire Shop**
School - 23 weeks
- **Aerospace Ground Equipment**
School - 22 weeks
- **Special Vehicle Mechanic-Fire Truck**
School - 16 weeks

Non-prior service personnel may enlist up to grade E-3. Call the Recruiting Office for more details at 1-800-432-0182 or 988-5718.

Recruiters

Senior Master Sgt. Brian Voges
Master Sgt. Jon Goehring
Master Sgt. Eric Tidemann
Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Lackas
Staff Sgt. Jessica Larson



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Maj. Gen. Steven Doohen, Adjutant General for South Dakota, accepts a check in the amount of \$2,900 on behalf of the South Dakota Honor Flight from Col. Russ Walz June 18. Donations from unit members were collected during the June UTA to support the World War II Veterans' trip to Washington, D.C.

Need money for your next unit party? NAF funds are available. Contact Master Sgt. Dave Zerfas at 988-5806 for details.

Mark your calendars!

September UTA

Last chance for 2009 Fitness Testing
September UTA is not an ORE

Retiree Coffee Dates

September 15
October 13
November 10

Home at last



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Members of the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron return home to the Sioux Falls Regional Airport July 2 after being deployed since early 2009 to Southwest Asia. Family and friends waited into the wee hours of the morning to greet the returning Airmen.