

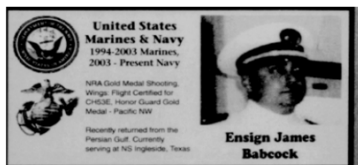
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■ Navy Airman Recruit **Adam C. Dunbar** and Navy Chief Petty Officer **Donald R. Alkire** concluded Annual Exercise 2005 while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. The joint exercise between the U.S. Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force involved two U.S. submarines, 10 U.S. ships and 49 Japanese ships in a series of wartime exercises. Alkire, a 1986 graduate of Libby High School, joined the Navy in July 1988. He is the son of Mary B. and Kenneth R. Alkire of Libby.

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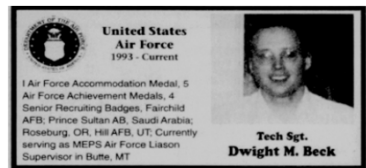
Barnes      Jeffrey S      Navy      5 May 2006 pg 2

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Jeffrey S. Barnes**, brother of Darcy Y. Davis of Kalspell, and his fellow shipmates assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan made a port visit to Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates, as part of Carrier Strike Group 7. Barnes joined the Navy in 2004.

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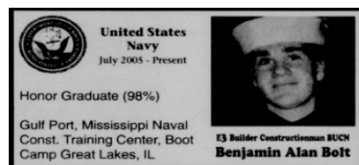
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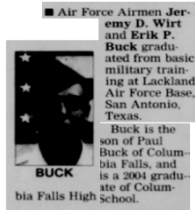
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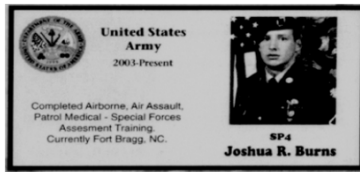
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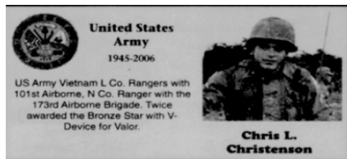
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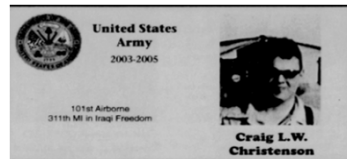
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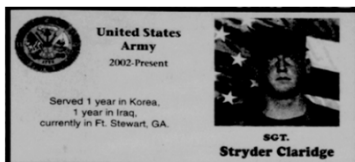
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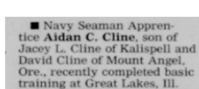
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Cofer Cameron M Air Force 9 Aug 2006 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class **Cameron M. Cofer** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Michelle Kunath-Cofer of Kalispell.



Conrad Thomas A Army 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ Army Pvt. **Thomas A. Conrad** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Vicki Iblson of Kalispell and Conrad Steven of Sacramento, Calif.

Cottengim Clifford Army 5 Nov 2006 pg C1, C7



**Clifford Cottengim, Korean War**  
 "For me, it's a day to show respect to the ones that didn't come home."

**Clifford Cottengim, Korean War**

Clifford Cottengim joined the Army just before the

Korean War broke out. "To be honest with you, I don't know I would have joined during the war," he said. He was trained as a combat engineer and says that his big break came when a paperwork mistake kept him from heading to the front line and instead left him a work-crew leader at Army headquarters in Pusan.

"Most of the men I trained with ended up on the front line and most of them didn't come back," he said.

Cottengim, who lives at the Montana Veterans Home, also sees the holiday as a day of remembrance.


"For me, it's a day to show respect to the ones that didn't come home. That's a personal thing that I feel I have to do, because there's a whole bunch of them in every one of our conflicts that didn't come back."

Countryman Thomas R Navy 20 May 2006 pg D3

**United States Navy**  
 1987 - Present

4 Navy Commendation Medals, 6 Navy Achievement Medals, Kuwait Liberation Medal, 2 National Defense Medals, 5 Awards Bars, Service Deployment, 2 Armed Forces Expeditionary Pinstripes & Rifle Sharp, Shooters Ribbon.

USS John F. Kennedy (CV67), USS Duluth, USS Abraham Lincoln (CV72), Senior Enlisted Advisor Naval Hospital Bremerton.



**Master Chief (SW/AW)**  
**Thomas R. Countryman**

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■ Hospital Corpsman **Master Chief Petty Officer Thomas R. Countryman**, United States Navy, recently was named Command Master Chief for Naval Hospital Bremerton. He is the highest senior enlisted person in Naval Hospital Bremerton's command structure. He was selected for the position due to his extensive knowledge of the Navy and Navy Medicine.

There are more than 600 enlisted personnel that Countryman oversees from his position as command master chief. He is the primary liaison between the officer and enlisted communities.

"It's a big step up for me and one that I'm honored to be selected," Countryman said.

A highly decorated Naval officer, Countryman is the son of Roy and Elaine Coun-

tryman of Columbia Falls and has served on active duty for more than 19 years. He graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1983, and received his associate's degree in Human Resources from Troy State, Fla. He joined the Navy in 1987, and graduated from Senior Enlisted Academy in 2005.



**Countryman**

Cowden Kenneth B Army National Guard 27 Dec 2006 pg A2

■ Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class **Kenneth B. Cowden** has arrived at Camp Taji, Iraq, to support the mission of the 4th Sustainment Brigade during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Cowden, a water purification supervisor with 23 years of military service, is the son of Stephen C. Cowden of Fort Worth, Texas. His wife, Darissa, is the daughter of Donald M. Wickham and Carolay Javer of Kalispell.

Danz Anna M Air Force 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ **Anna M. Danz** has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Danz, a medical service technician, is the daughter of Michael and Karen Chaplinski of Gilman, Wis. Her husband, Jason, is the son of Daniel and Donna Danz of Columbus Falls.

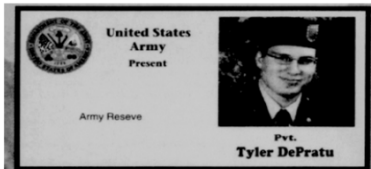
Day Sean D Army 22 Mar 2006 pg A2

■ Army Sgt. Sean D. Day has arrived for duty in Flint, Mich. Day is a field recruiter with six years of military service. He is the son of Lashell Lelm of KallsPELL. His wife, Shara, is the daughter of Mitchell Ford of Kila. Day is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School.

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DePratu Tyler Army 20 May 2006 pg D1



Derry Austin Navy 20 May 2006 pg D3



DeVinney Brad Air Force 27 Dec 2006 pg A2

■ A few hundred miles from the war zone in Iraq, Air Force Staff Sgt. Brad DeVinney, son of Jerry and Maryanne DeVinney of KallsPELL, is helping keep American soldiers off dangerous Iraqi convoy routes. DeVinney assists in the movement of critical supplies via Air Force C-17 cargo airplanes that can land at remote locations in Iraq, close to American soldiers. DeVinney, a 1998 graduate of Flathead High School, is an air transportation specialist serving with the 728th Air Mobility Squadron. "I work in the air transportation career field and my responsibilities are with cargo. I ensure the weight and balance is safe for flight, and I certify all hazardous materials, and special cargo for airlift transportation to the war zone," DeVinney said. DeVinney has been serving in the Air Force for eight years, and has worked in direct support of the war zone from five European and Middle Eastern countries. DeVinney is serving at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

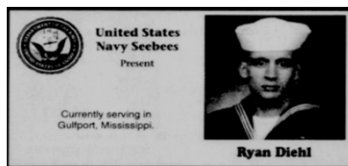


DeVinney


Devlin Jeff P Army 2 Jun 2006 pg A2

■ Kyrie J. Hildebrand and Jeff P. Devlin have joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. Devlin is the son of Jayne E. Devlin and Cary M. Devlin, both of Polson.

Diehl Ryan Navy 20 May 2006 pg D4




Dorsett Scott Air Force 20 May 2006 pg D1



**United States Air Force**  
Dec. 2003 - Present

Senior Airman "Below the Zone", Currently serving at Langley A.F.B, Virginia with the 27th Fighter Squadron



Sr. Airman  
**Scott Dorsett**

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■ Air Force Senior Airman **Scott M. Dorsett**, son of David Dorsett of Kalispell, is a crew chief with the F-22 Raptor, the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft. Dorsett is a member of the 94th Fighter Squadron.



**DORSETT**

"I inspect all areas of the F-22 to make sure the aircraft is safe for flight," explained Dorsett, "and help launch the aircraft for takeoff and recover it when it returns."


Dunbar Adam C Navy 4 Jan 2006 pg A2

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Dunbar is a 2003 graduate of Flathead High School; he joined the Navy in February 2004.

Ebletoft William Army 5 Nov 2006 pg C1, C7



**William Ebletoft, Vietnam War**

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**William Ebletoft, Vietnam War**

William Ebletoft learned to fly a helicopter after enlisting in the Army. Eventually his piloting during the Vietnam War earned him a Distinguished Flying Cross with 15 oak leaf clusters.

He was awarded the cross for distinguishing himself in combat in support of operations by "heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight" on 16 separate occasions.

Ebletoft describes the time in theater, which included POW rescue missions on covert bombing campaigns, by saying, "We never got shot down, but we sure did get shot up a lot."

Ebletoft has always felt Veterans Day was a happy day, where "veterans will get together and have a couple of drinks and celebrate the camaraderie that comes from being a soldier," he said. "All veterans should be honored because they have fought their wars, and they have done so without pretense so that this country can exist as it does today."

Eckstein Amber M Air Force 6 Jan 2006 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman **Amber M. Eckstein** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

A 2005 graduate of Flathead High School, she is the daughter of Edward Coder of Kalispell.



**AMBER M. ECKSTEIN**

Eddy Corey A Air Force 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

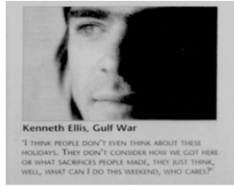
■ Air Force Airman **Corey A. Eddy** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Patrick Eddy of Fallon, Nev., and Stella West of Kalispell.



**Eddy**

Ellis Kenneth Marine Corps 5 Nov 2006 pg C1, C7



**Kenneth Ellis, Gulf War**

In the four years that Kenneth Ellis was in the Marines he found himself in the first Gulf War and Somalia conflicts as well as a humanitarian mission in Bangladesh. The experiences have changed his view of the world.

"The things I've done, the places I've seen, the conditions that other people have to live in -- we, as Americans, we have it all. I think everybody should go to a Third World country for a month. We take for granted everything we have," he said, including Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

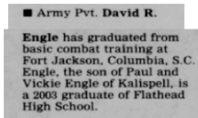
"I think people don't even think about these holidays. They don't consider how we got here or what sacrifices people made, they just think, well, what can I do this weekend, who cares? I think as I get older Veterans Day is becoming more important to me. I never really used to think about it.

"Even though my dad and brother were in the service, it was still one of those days that got kind of lost with the rest of them. It is really starting to mean more to me now, though. I wish there was more attention on these two holidays. It's hard to get people to pay attention because they are caught up in their own personal rat race."

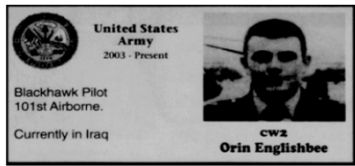
Ellis also said that Veterans Day often makes him think about World War I and World War II.

"Everyone was united; the men, the women, the children, everyone sacrificed and everyone was expected to sacrifice. The further we have gotten away from that time, the less unity there has been in our country."

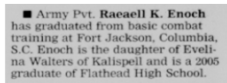
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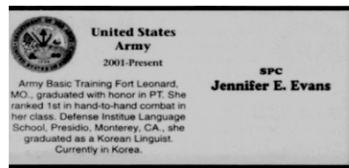
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Evans Jennifer E Army 20 May 2006 pg D4



Everett Chad J Air Force 2 Jun 2006 pg A2

■ **Chad J. Everett**, a senior at Flathead High School, has received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Everett is a member of the National Honor Society, has been active in speech and debate, a member of the Key Club, Chess Club, Aviation Club, and the Symphonic and Jazz bands. He also is an Eagle Scout and is near completion of his private pilot's license.




**Everett**

Competing against more than 10,000 of the nation's best high school students, Everett is one of approximately 1,200 selected to the Academy's Class of 2010.


Upon graduation from the academy, he will have earned a Bachelor of Science degree and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Everett is the son of Lona Everett of Kalispell and Arthur Everett of Chicago.

Fleury Jared W Marine Corps 20 May 2006 pg D4




**United States Marines**  
2003-Present



Awards - Sea Service Deployment, Global War on Terrorism and Expeditionary Ribbons. Currently Camp Taqaddum, Iraq.

**LCPL. Jared W. Fleury**

Fredenberg Brian Marine Corps 22 Mar 2006 pg A2




**FREDEBERG**


■ Pfc. Brian Fredenberg graduated from Marine Corps basic training in San Diego on Dec. 2. He then completed combat training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and military police training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He has been assigned as a corrections specialist at Camp Pendleton.

Fredenberg, a 2004 graduate of Flathead High School, is the son of Wade and Linda Fredenberg of Kalispell.

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**United States Marines**  
Sept. 2005 - present



**Corrections Specialist - Military Police**  
Camp Pendleton, San Diego

**PFC Brian Fredenberg**

Freeling John M Air Force 22 Mar 2006 pg A2



**FREELING**


■ Air Force Airman **John M. Freeling** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Freeling is the son of Martha Allen of Polson and Craig Freeling of Paradise, Calif.


Fritz John D L Army Nation Guard 17 Nov 2006 pg A2

■ Army National Guard Pfc. **John D.L. Fritz** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Kathy James of Kalispell.

Gardner Evan W Army 20 May 2006 pg D5



**United States Army**  
2005-Present



Basic training Ft. Jackson, US Army Intelligence School, Ft. Huachuca, AZ. Currently serving US Army Intelligence and Security Command 66th Military Intelligence Group, Germany.

Awards- GAFFPD, Physical Fitness.

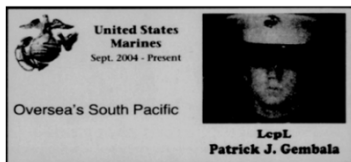
**PFC Evan W. Gardner**

Gebhart Heidi L Army 17 Nov 2006 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. **Heidi L. Gebhart** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She is the sister of Kim Craig Griggs of Kalispell, and a 1997 graduate of the high school program at Flathead Community College.

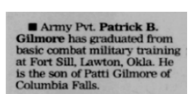
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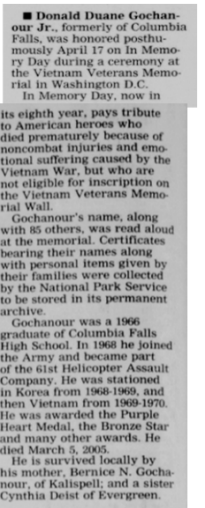
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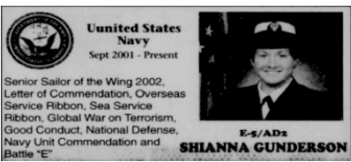
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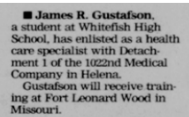
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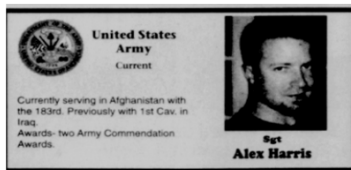
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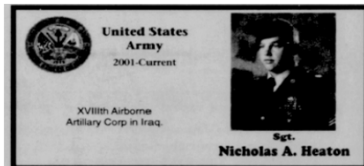




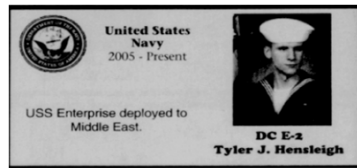
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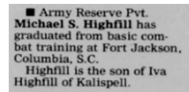
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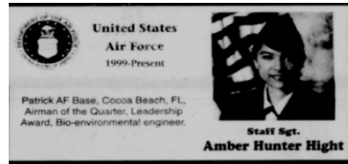
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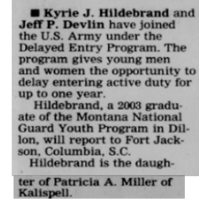
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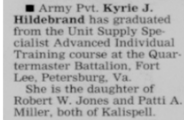
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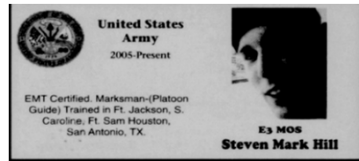
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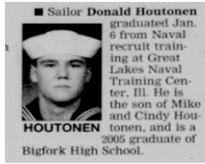
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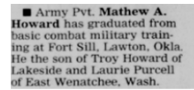
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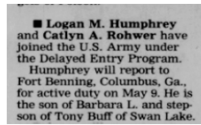
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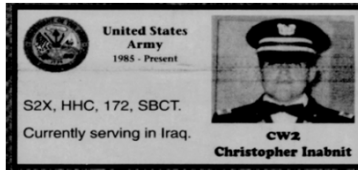
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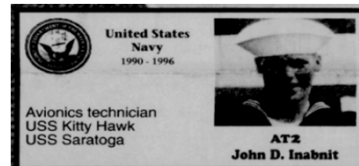
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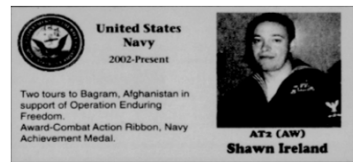
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Jensen Daniel R Air Force 22 Mar 2006 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class Daniel R. Jensen has deployed to Southwest Asia to a forward-operating location to support the U.S. mission in the global war on terrorism. Jensen, an aircraft hydraulics specialist with two years of military service, normally is assigned to the 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. He is the son of Fred and Gail Jensen of Polson. He is a 2005 graduate of Polson High School.

Jensen John R Army 24 Feb 2006 pg A2

■ Spc. John R. Jensen returned from a tour of duty in Iraq on Feb. 4 with the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga. He completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., in July 2004. He is the son of Baron and Luwanna Jensen of Kalispell.

Johnsen Cameron H Air Force 4 Jan 2006 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class Cameron H. Johnsen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Randy Johnsen of Polson, and Jenna Tower of West Ebdotte Drive, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

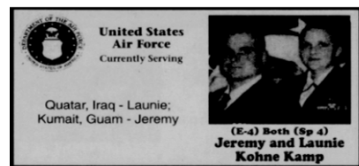
Johnson Nathan Navy 23 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ Navy HM3 Nathan Johnson recently received the Fleet Marine Force Enlisted Warfare Specialist Award. Johnson is on deployment in Al Asad, Iraq, as a medical technician. He is serving with the 2nd Marines' Devil Dogs. He is the son of Duane and Janet Johnson of Bigfork.

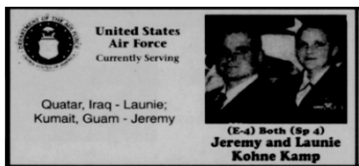
Jones Todd M Army 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ PFC Todd M. Jones of Bigfork, graduated June 9 after nine weeks of Army basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He continues his AIT at Fort Sill and graduated July 21 as a fire support specialist. He will report to Fort Stewart, Ga. Jones is a 2004 graduate of Bigfork High School.

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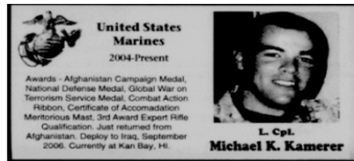


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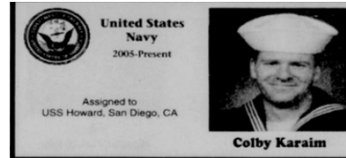
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■ U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. **Michael Kamerer** is returning home Saturday, Aug. 12. His plane is scheduled to arrive at Glacier Park International Airport at 1:45 p.m. Kamerer completed a tour in Afghanistan, returning to the United States in February. He has since been training as a squad leader. He will be in Hungry Horse until Sept. 4 and then will fly overseas for another tour in Al Anbar Province in Iraq.

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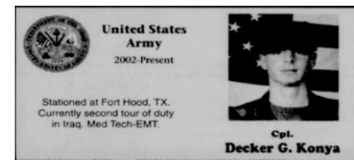
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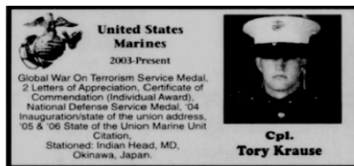
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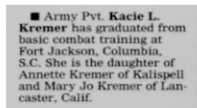
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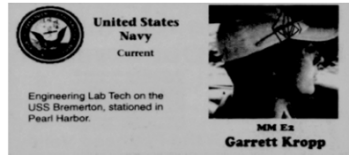


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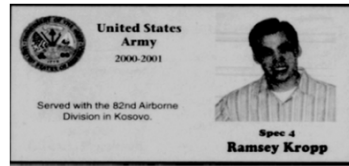
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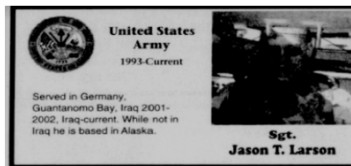
Kuha Michael T Army

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■ Army Pvt. **Michael T. Kuha** graduated from the Land Combat Electrician Advanced Individual Training course at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. Kuha is the son of Debbie A. McPherson of Kila.

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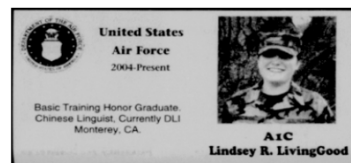
Lewis Terry D Jr Army

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■ **Terry D. Lewis Jr.** has been promoted to captain in the U.S. Army. He is an assistant operations officer assigned to Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Terry D. and Joyce A. Lewis of Townsend. His wife, Jacki, is the daughter of Lowell Hylton of Kalspell.

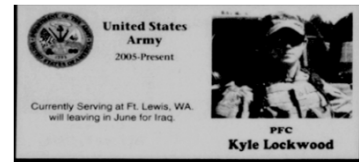
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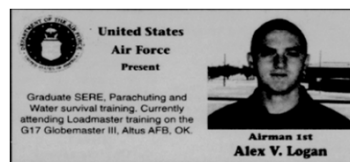
■ Army Pfc. **Kyle A. Lockwood** is a member of the U.S. Army 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, based at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., who recently participated in a 30-day training exercise at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif. Lockwood, an infantryman, has one year of military service. Lockwood, the son of James S. and Lella J. Lockwood of Kalspell, is a 2002 graduate of Flathead High School.

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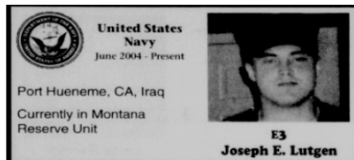
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Long Matthew D Army National Guard 23 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ PVT Jessica J. Montgomery and Matthew D. Long have enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard.  
Montgomery enlisted as a power equipment repairer with a Missoula detachment. She will attend training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is a student at Ronan High School.  
Long has enlisted as an infantry soldier in Missoula. He will attend training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a student at Polson High School.

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Mangels Nicholaus W Army 2 Jun 2006 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. Nicholaus W. Mangels has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Charlie Mangels of Polson.

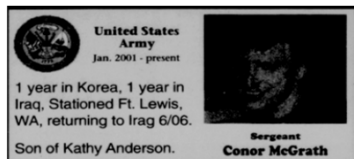
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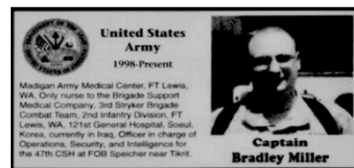
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Michels-Silva Joseph O Army 17 Nov 2006 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. Joseph O. Mickels-Silva has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox, Ky. A 2006 graduate of Flathead High School, he is the son of Mark and Candy Van Frachen of Kalispell.

Miller Bradley M Army 20 May 2006 pg D3



Miller Daniel Air Force 22 Dec 2006 pg A2

■ Lt. Col. **Daniel Miller** of Libby, an 18-year Air Force development engineer, has been named the Colorado Teacher of the Year by the 2006 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Miller taught in the aeronautics department for seven years at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Miller is the commander of the 718th Test Squadron and Missile System Test Squadron at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn.

Mitchell Douglas C Navy 6 Jan 2006 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Douglas C. Mitchell**, son of Kay L. and D. Brent Mitchell of KallsPELL, and his fellow shipmates entered the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations to conduct maritime security operations with the amphibious transport dock USS Austin, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Mitchell joined the Navy in June 1988.

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■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Douglas C. Mitchell**, son of Kay L. and D. Brent Mitchell of KallsPELL, is in the middle of a scheduled deployment while assigned to the amphibious transport dock USS Austin, homeported in Norfolk, Va. USS Austin deployed with Expeditionary Strike Group 8 to 5th Fleet Area of Operations to conduct maritime security operations. Mitchell joined the Navy in June 1988.

Monatukwa Chris S Army National Guard 23 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ Army National Guard Spec. **Chris S. Monatukwa** participated in the 17th annual Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Monatukwa is a health-care specialist. He is the son of Lois Monatukwa of St. Ignatius, and brother of Cori Monatukwa of Polson. He received a bachelor's degree in 1998, and a master's degree in 2003, both from the University of Montana-Missoula.

Montgomery Jessica J Army National Guard 23 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ PVI **Jessica J. Montgomery** and **Matthew D. Long** have enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard. Montgomery enlisted as a power equipment repairer with a Missoula detachment. She will attend training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is a student at Ronan High School. Long has enlisted as an infantry soldier in Missoula. He will attend training at Fort Benning, Ga. He is a student at Polson High School.

Morgan Lee P Air Force 24 Feb 2006 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class **Lee P. Morgan** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A 2003 graduate of Flathead High School, he is the son of Cheryl Patterson of KallsPELL.

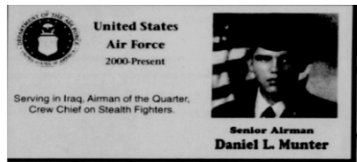
Mower Jessica A Army 9 Aug 2006 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. **Jessica A. Mower** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Jan Ward of Church Drive, KallsPELL.

Mungie Timothy R 1 Aug 2006 pg A2

■ Army Capt. **Timothy R. Mungie** was presented the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award by the Army Chief of Staff at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. The annual award is presented to officers from across the country for their leadership abilities and overall performance during the past year. Mungie is a battery commander assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, Oahu, Hawaii. His wife, Nicole, is the daughter of Michael G. Potkonjak of Bigfork. Mungie received a bachelor's degree in 1987 from San Diego State University, Calif., and a master's degree in 2000 from Webster University, St. Louis.

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**John Nelson, World War II**

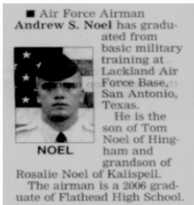
John Nelson joined the Army prior to World War II because he was "looking for adventure." He went to the Pacific because he had a bad feeling about Hitler and he figured that the Far East would be safer. Although he was right about Hitler, he was wrong about the safety of the Pacific arena.

He spent 40 months in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp after the Japanese took the island of Corregidor in April of 1942. By the end of the war Nelson weighed 98 pounds and had been beaten so severely that, to this day, it still hurts to walk. Nelson said the experience has never left him.

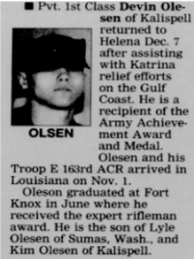
"There's not a day that I don't think a little bit about it, not to feel sorry for myself, but just because some of the things I saw and experienced were so awful," he said. "Veterans Day is important because there has to be a day when every American has to think about the sacrifices that soldiers have made."

"We think about it every day, so others should have to think about it for at least one day. There are a lot of guys buried on foreign soil that should be remembered, and the living should remember them just the way I'd like to be remembered when I'm gone."

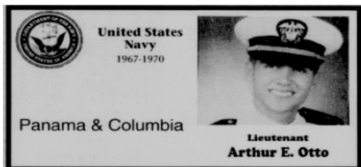
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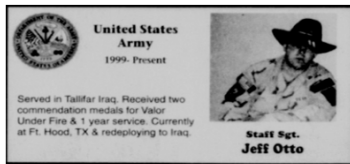
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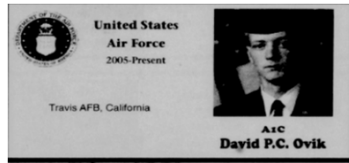


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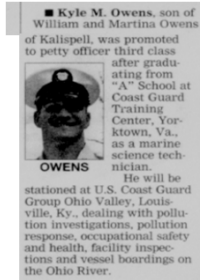




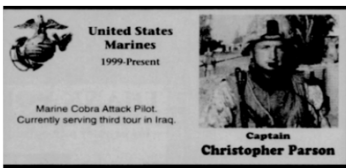
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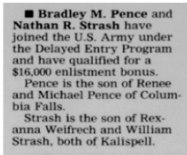
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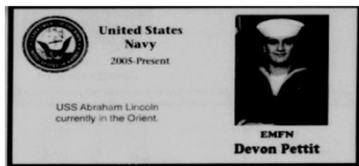
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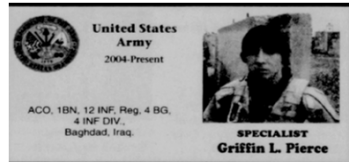
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Pleasants Caleb Marine Corps 5 Nov 2006 pg C1, C7



**Caleb Pleasants, Iraq War**

Caleb Pleasants joined the Marines in 2000 because his uncle, who he admired, had been a Marine.

Shortly thereafter the world changed and eventually Pleasants found himself leading a Marine squad during Operation Steel Curtain on the Iraq-Syria border.

He felt gratified to be part of a mission that was "doing something worthwhile and helping the cause of the Iraqi freedom war."

Last year, Pleasants took a bullet to the leg after his squad was ambushed while fighting insurgents in Ubaydi. However, when asked about his worst memory from the war, he skips over his injury and talks about the injuries and deaths of his fellow soldiers instead.


This year will be Pleasants' first Veterans Day after getting out of the Marines.

"It absolutely means something more to me now that I am a veteran because I better understand the sacrifices that people make for their country," he said. "I've seen the type and caliber of people that are willing to go fight for their country and before I had no idea what that was about. Veterans Day definitely means a lot more than it did before I joined. For the public it's good to have a day where they should remember what people have done for this country. But as far as myself and other veterans are concerned, the camaraderie is there all the time. Anyone who has ever served, you shake his hand and thank him, no matter what day it is."

Putnam Stanley R Army National Guard 6 Jan 2006 pg A2

**Former resident makes general**

Former Flathead Valley resident Stanley R. Putnam was recently promoted to brigadier general in the Montana Army National Guard.



Putnam's promotion was announced by Maj. Gen. Randy Mosley, adjutant general of the Montana National Guard.

Putnam had served as a squadron administrative officer in Kalispell. He now lives in Helena with his wife, Karen, and their two children, Kass and Jessi.

During 35 years in the military, Putnam has performed in many capacities. In addition to his Kalispell position, he served as director of information management and deputy chief of staff for operations.

In 2004, Putnam became assistant adjutant general and commander of Montana's Army National Guard. In that position, he heads up training and readiness of 2,500 soldiers and more than 20 units that make up Montana's largest ground force.

Putnam is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College. He also earned a bachelor's degree from Montana State University and a master's in strategic studies.

In announcing the promotion, Mosley called Putnam well-versed in all facets of the military.

"He will focus on command and control of the Montana Army National Guard," Mosley said.

Puuri Justin J Air Force 24 Feb 2006 pg A2

**Air Force Airman Justin J. Puuri** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



He is the son of Starlene and James Puuri of Kalispell.

He is a 2005 graduate of Flathead High School.

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**United States Air Force 2000-current**




Present Aircraft Armament Systems Instructor, Hill AFB, UT

Awards: Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, AF Longevity Ribbon, USAF NCO Prime Graduate Ribbon, AF Training Ribbon.

**Staff Sgt. Lissa A. Quick**

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**United States Army 1995 - Present**



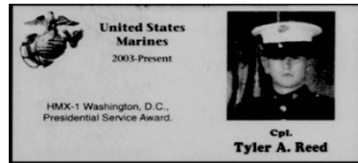
Task Force Falcon, Operation Iraq Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, E7/LtE, soon to be SFC

Fort Riley, Kansas, Germany, Kalispell, MT

Three daughters - Erika B, Cassie T, James J, Jeremy - Wife of 3 years - "I am thankful everyday for having such an amazing and loving husband. Not only is he an exceptional soldier, he is also a loving daddy and husband."

**SSG James J. Reed**

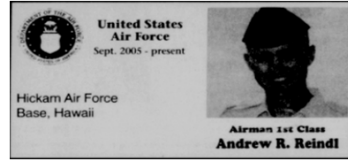
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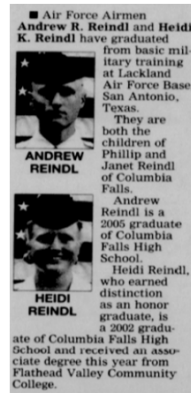
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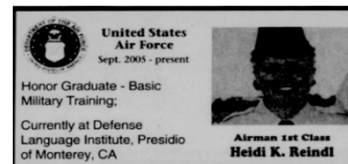
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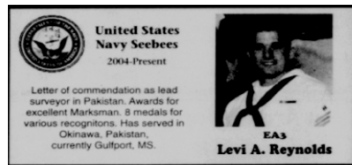
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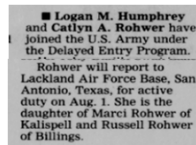
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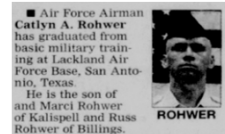
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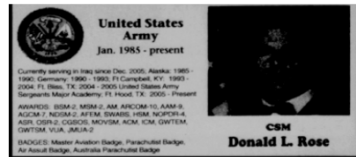
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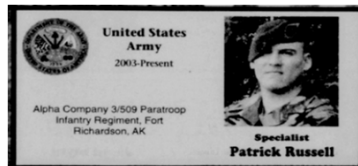
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■ Coast Guard Seaman  
**Seth D. Rosenthal**, son  
of Susanne C. and Alan J.  
Rosenthal of Rexford, recent-  
ly graduated from the U.S.  
Coast Guard Recruit Training  
Center in Cape May, N.  
J.

Russell Patrick Army 20 May 2006 pg D5



Sabins Ronald Navy 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ **Cmdr. Ronald Sabins**, a 1973 graduate of Flathead High School, has retired from the U.S. Navy. Sabins joined the Navy in 1973, serving on the USS Abraham. After six years of duty he took a few years off, going to college in Bozeman and then to dental school in St. Paul, Minn.

After graduating with honors, he returned to active duty. He was stationed at Virginia Beach where he was sent to the Red Sea in Desert Storm. He served in Orlando, Fla., Naples, Italy, Bethesda, Md., Whidbey Island, Wash., and Yokosuka, Japan. Sabins is now employed by Willamette Dental in Tacoma, Wash. He resides in Olalla, Wash., with his wife, Rita.



Sabins

Salo Whitney Air Force 13 Jan 2006 pg A2

■ **Whitney Salo**, a sophomore at the Air Force Academy, was one of eight cadets who performed during the programs show at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4 as part of the Cadet Chorale Singers. The group performed a medley of "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful."

Salo also has performed at the 2005 NBA All Star game and at the Colorado Rockies opening day baseball game. She is the granddaughter of longtime Libby and Kalispell residents Neil and Phyllis Bertelsen.



SALO

Saubert Bret Thomas Air Force 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ **Bret Thomas Saubert** graduated May 31 from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was the guest speaker for this year's graduation ceremony. Saubert is scheduled to report to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, on Aug. 4, where he will begin pilot training in November. A 2001 Bigfork High School graduate, he is the son of Tom and Marilyn Saubert and grandson of Therese "Tess" E. Saubert and Kathryn Stebbins, all of Kalispell.



Saubert

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■ **Bret Thomas Saubert** graduated May 31 from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Saubert is scheduled to report to Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, on Aug. 4. He will begin pilot training in November. A 2001 Flathead High School graduate, he is the son of Tom and Marilyn Saubert and grandson of Therese "Tess" E. Saubert and Kathryn Stebbins, all of Kalispell.



SAUBERT

Savelle Daniel J Marine Corps 24 Feb 2006 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Pvt. Daniel J. Savelle, son of Ann M. and stepson of Ray Gilley of Kalispell, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Schuff Brandon M Air Force 22 Dec 2006 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman Brandon M. Schuff has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Mike Schuff of Knapp Lane and Cheryl Schuff of Kalispell.



SCHUFF

Shea Colin P Navy 24 Feb 2006 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Colin P. Shea, son of Lorna P. and Michael P. Shea of Libby, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Shea is a 2003 graduate of Libby High School.

Smiley Watokapa W Army National Guard 6 Jan 2006 pg A2

■ Watokapa W. Smiley, a student at Polson High School, has enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard. Smiley enlisted as an aviation operations specialist with the 189th Aviation Battalion in Helena. He will attend training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Steenhoven Wesley Navy 2 Jun 2006 pg A2

■ Petty Officer Wesley Steenhoven, a 2001 Whitefish High School graduate, is deployed in Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Steenhoven

Steenhoven is a U.S. Navy Seabee based at Port Hueneme, Calif. His overseas deployments include Korea, Japan and Guam. He will complete his five-year Navy duty January.

He is the son of Rick Steenhoven and Karen Thorley, both of Whitefish.

Stevens Gary B National Guard 12 Jul 2006 pg A2

■ Air National Guard Capt. Gary B. Stephens is currently deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



STEPHENS

An aircraft maintenance officer with 18 years of military service, he is normally assigned in Great Falls.

He is the son of Robert and Candy Stephens of Kalispell.

His wife, Renee, is the daughter of Mike and Patti Mason of Kila. Stephens graduated in 1987 from Flathead High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1997 from the University of Montana.

Strash Adam C Marine Corps 24 Feb 2006 pg A2

■ PFC Adam C. Strash of the U.S. Marine Corps recently came home on leave.



STRASH

Strash, a 2003 Flathead High School graduate and the son of William and Jayne Strash of Kalispell, is currently based at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Strash will be deployed to Iraq in March.

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**United States Marines**  
Currently Serving

Currently deployed to Iraq as a HumVee driver, Strash, a graduate of Flathead High School is stationed at Twentynine Palms in California. Son of William and Jayne Strash of Kalispell.

**Lcpl Adam C. Strash**

Strash Nathan R Army 5 May 2006 pg 2

■ Bradley M. Pence and Nathan R. Strash have joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program and have qualified for a \$16,000 enlistment bonus. Pence is the son of Renee and Michael Pence of Columbia Falls. Strash is the son of Roxanna Wiefrech and William Strash, both of Kalispell.

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**United States Army**

Currently in basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. Upon completion of basic, Nathan will be in the Airborne Rangers. Son of William and Jayne Strash of Kalispell.

**Private E2 Nathan R. Strash**

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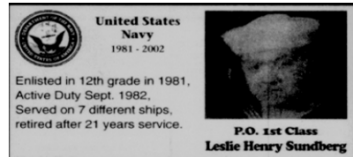
■ Pfc. Nathan Strash recently graduated from One Station Unit Training in Fort Benning, Ga.

He will be stationed in Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Strash, the son of Roxanna Wiefrech and William Strash of Kalispell, is a 2006 Flathead High School graduate.

**STRASH**

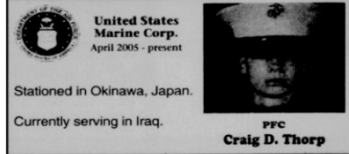
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Sweat Nathan E Navy 22 Mar 2006 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Apprentice **Nathan E. Sweat**, son of Peggy A. Sweat of Kalispell, recently completed basic training at Great Lakes, Ill. Sweat is a 2000 graduate of Whitefish High School.

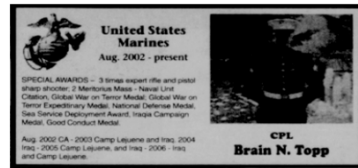
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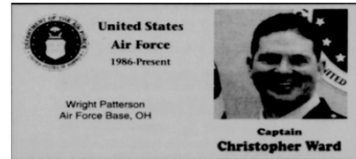
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■ Air Force Capt. **Christopher J. Ward** has earned a master's degree in research and development management from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. He is a program manager assigned to the Air Force Systems Command at Wright-Patterson. Ward is the son of Larry D. and Mary H. Ward of Kalispell. In 1985, he graduated from Flathead High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Southern Illinois University through the military extension program at Edwards Air Force Base, Rosamond, Calif.

Warner Julie A Army National Guard 30 Jul 2006 pg C7

■ **PV1 Julie A. Warner**, a graduate of Columbia Falls High School, recently enlisted with The Montana Army National Guard as an aircraft electrician with Co D 189th AV BN in Helena. She will attend training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Watkins William J Army 22 Dec 2006 pg A2

■ Army Reserve Pfc. **William J. Watkins** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Della Keane of Kalispell and Richard Watkins of Martinez, Calif.

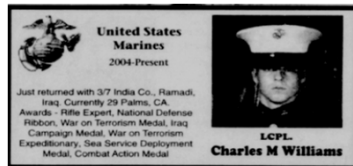
Weaver Michael J

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■ **Michael J. Weaver** participated in the 17th annual Bataan Memorial Death March at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Approximately 3,900 military and civilian marchers representing the 50 U.S. states and four foreign countries participated in the grueling event honoring veterans and survivors of the infamous death march. The march offered a 26.2-mile course and a 14.2-mile course. Weaver is the son of James E. and Dorothy K. Weaver of Kalispell. He received a bachelor's degree in 1984 and a master's degree in 1986, both from Montana State University.

Williams Charles M Marine Corps

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Wise Coleton A Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman **Coleton A. Wise** has arrived for duty at Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska. Wise, an inventory management apprentice, is the son of Randy W. Wise and Kimberly D. Lybeck, both of Kalispell. He is a 2004 graduate of Flathead High School.

Wise Savannah S Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman **Savannah S. Wise** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Wise is the son of Tim and Dodie Wise of Kalispell.

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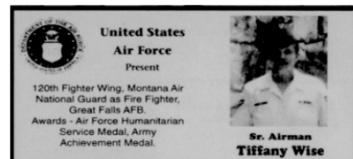


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■ Air Force Airman **Savannah S. Wise** has graduated from the Traffic Management Apprentice Course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Timothy D. and Doreena A. Wise of Kalispell.

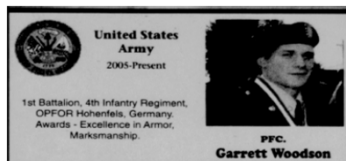
Wise Tiffany Air Force

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Woodson Garrett Army

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■ Chaplain Glenn Woodson, formerly of Kalispell, recently was promoted to colonel at a ceremony in Germany. Col. Woodson previously was pastor of Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

The ceremony was attended by about 100 of his colleagues, his wife, Pam, and their son, Garrett.

"He will now be part of the senior leadership," said fellow Chaplain Col. James Griffith, "and will be involved with selection of new chaplains and with making new decisions, and for the character of the corps."

Both chaplains said whether in peacetime or during war, the challenge of providing for the spiritual needs of

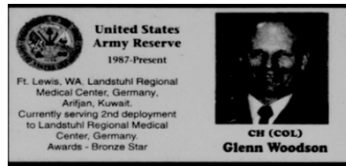
American service members has never been more evident. "Right now we are about 600 chaplains short in active duty and the Reserves," Woodson estimated. "It's a shortage particularly in the Reserves and the National Guard."

"For instance, right now in Montana there are currently no Reserve chaplains and only one from the National Guard."

This latest promotion comes during his unit's third mobilization, with Woodson now working primarily at the Kleber Kaserne Medical Holding Detachment in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He is involved with outpatients who are sick or were injured in battle, but not seriously enough to require immediate transport back to America.

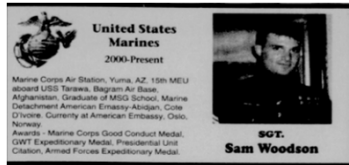
He ministers to service members who are experiencing guilt from either having to leave their units or for surviving while others did not, and struggling with anxiety about their injuries and issues at home, plus the stress of combat.

The Woodsons' oldest son Sam, 24, is in Europe with the Marine Corps while Ben, 22, works in the private sector in the United States and Garrett, 19, is stationed near in Hohenfels, Germany.



**United States Army Reserve**  
1987-Present  
Ft. Lewis, WA, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, Anjan, Kuwait.  
Currently serving 2nd deployment to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany.  
Awards - Bronze Star

**CH (COL)**  
**Glenn Woodson**



**United States Marines**  
2000-Present

Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, AZ, 15th MEU aboard USS Tarawa, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Graduate of MCO School, Marine Detachment American Embassy-Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire. Currently at American Embassy, Oslo, Norway.

Awards: Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, IAWT Expeditionary Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

**SGT.**  
**Sam Woodson**



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### Bronze Star awarded

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Ryan K. Zinke, his wife Lola Zinke, and Gov. Brian Schweitzer listen to "The Star-Spangled Banner" during an awards ceremony at Whitefish Lake Golf Course Thursday. Schweitzer presented Zinke with the Bronze Star, the fourth highest medal awarded to members of the military, for his service during Operation Iraq Freedom. Zinke, a Navy SEAL, took part in 360 combat patrols and hundreds of other support and coordination operations while in Iraq. He is credited with killing or capturing 72 anti-coalition force personnel. Zinke, who has been in the military for 22 years, grew up in Whitefish, where his parents still live. "I am what Whitefish made me," Zinke said during the ceremony.