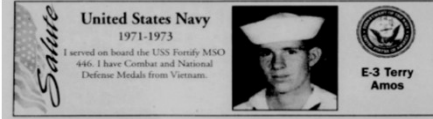


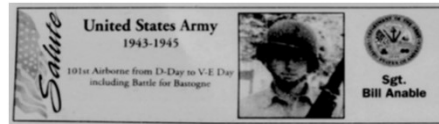
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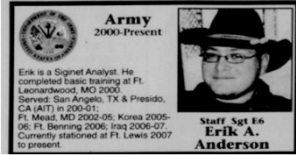
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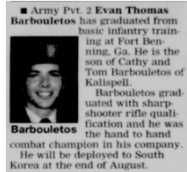
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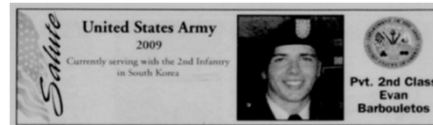
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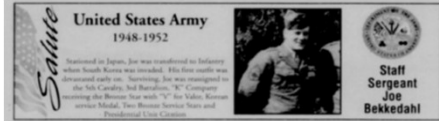
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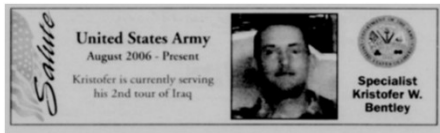
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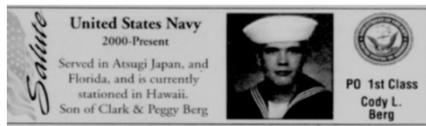
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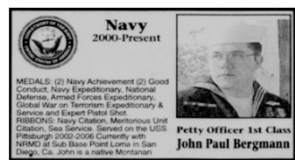
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Boespflug James Marine Corps 29 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Private First Class Nathaniel James Boespflug, 20, of Kalispell graduated from U.S. Marine Corps boot camp May 29 at Marine Corps Recruit San Diego.




While in basic training Boespflug received the award of Platoon High Shooter. Boespflug will be stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola for his Military Occupation Specialty School.

He is the son of Cindy Jettson of Helena and Ron Boespflug, the grandson of Jim and Jackie Jettson of Kalispell, and a 2007 graduate of Libby Senior High School.

Boll Hunter A Air Force 4 Nov 2009 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman Hunter A. Boll graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



He is the son of Yvonne Boll of Kalispell and Jeffery Boll of Bigfork and is a 2005 graduate of Bigfork High School.

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*Salute* United States Air Force  
2009 - Present




Tactical Aircraft Maintenance. Currently at Shepard Air Force Base, Texas. We love you and are very proud of you!  
Mom, Jeff, Joshua & Brock

Airman E1  
Hunter A. Boll

Bolton Richard Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 34

*Salute* United States Marine Corps  
1949-1976



2 Purple Hearts, Navy Com with Combat V, Navy Achievement Medal, Joint Service Com, Combat Action. Served Korea 2 years. Served Vietnam 2 years.

Captain  
Richard "Wayne"  
Bolton

Bowley Edward L Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 32

*Salute* United States Army  
WWII 1944-1946



Served in Bamberg, Germany. Headquarters Company, occupation team, was on the newspaper staff of the XV Army Corps and the US Constabulary Press, occupied Nuremberg, trials.

Staff Sergeant  
Edward L.  
Bowley

Boyette Edwin A Air Force 11 Nov 2009 pg 34

*Salute* United States Air Force  
Active Duty



Air Force Commendation Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster and Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Currently serving with the Department of Defense at Kirkland AFB.

Major  
Edwin A.  
Boyette

Boyette James O Air Force 11 Nov 2009 pg 34

*Salute* United States Air Force  
1950-1970



Distinguished Flying Cross with a first Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and others. Midstream AFB Goosebay Labrador, Vietnam & others. Retired.

Major  
James O.  
Boyette

Braaten Cody Army 16 May 2009 pg A6

*Salute* Army  
2000 - Present



Cody is an Apache mechanic. He completed basic training at Ft. Benning then went to Ft. Cavazos (AIT). Served: Ft. Drum 2001-05, Egypt 2001-02; Afghanistan 2003-04; Korea 2006-06, Iraq 2007-08. Currently stationed at Ft. Riley, KS.

SGT E5  
Cody Braaten

Brady Brian R Army Reserve 16 Oct 2009 pg A2

■ Brian R. Brady graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is a student at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

A 2006 graduate of Flathead High School, he is the son of Steve J. and Patricia A. Brady of Kalispell.

Brensinger Kevin R Army

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■ **Kevin R. Brensinger**, a student at Texas Tech University-Lubbock, graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

He is the son of Rhonda L. Brensinger and the grandson of William Brensinger, both of Kalispell. He is a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 2009 from Lubbock Christian University.

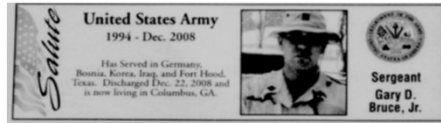
Bruce Gary D Air Force

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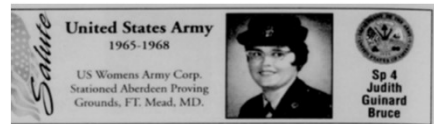
Bruce Gary D Jr Army

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Bruce Judith Guinard Army

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Bryant Fred R Navy

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Bunker Tyler K Coast Guard

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■ **Coast Guard Seaman Tyler K. Bunker**, son of Lori A. and Ronald K. Bunker of Columbia Falls, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard I Recruit Training Center 1 in Cape May, N.J. Bunker is a 2008 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Burgess Derek A Navy

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■ **Navy Seaman Recruit Derek A. Burgess**, son of Becky D. and John A. Burgess of Bigfork, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 2008 graduate of Bigfork High School of Bigfork.

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■ **Navy Airman Recruit Derek A. Burgess**, son of Becky D. and John A. Burgess of Bigfork, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, homeported in San Diego.

Burgess is a 2008 graduate of Bigfork High School.

He joined the Navy in November 2008.

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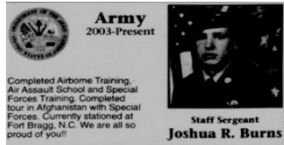
■ **Navy Airman Recruit Derek A. Burgess**, son of Becky D. and John A. Burgess of Bigfork, was among more than 5,000 sailors and Marines aboard the Nimitz-class nuclear aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, San Diego, Calif., who recently returned from a five-month deployment to the U.S. 5th Fleet and 7th Fleet areas of responsibility.

The carrier provided air support to coalition ground forces in Afghanistan, and is a vital component in counterterrorism and maritime security operations.

Burgess is a 2008 graduate of Bigfork High School and joined the Navy in November 2008.

Burns Joshua R Army

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Burton William M Army 9 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Army Spec. **William M. Burton** is returning to the United States after a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Burton, an aircraft electrician with two years of military service, is assigned to the 404th Aviation Support Battalion, Combat Aviation, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas. He is the son of William and Lisa Burton of KallsPELL.

Butkovich Joseph G Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 34

United States Marine Corp January 1978-August 1984 Served in Okinawa Japan, Korea, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton, 29 Palms, Ft Tonn, Pickle Meadows, MWTIC, Bridgeport. Sgt. Joseph G. Butkovich

Cameron Lee E Air Force 5 Aug 2009 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman **Lee E. Cameron** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A 2007 graduate of Flathead High School, he is the son of Ginger Cameron of KallsPELL.

Campbell Corey Army 16 May 2009 pg A6

United States Army 2009 - Present Fort Sill, OK, Basic Training PVT Corey Campbell

Carattini Adam C Army 11 Nov 2009 pg A2

■ Adam C. Carattini has been promoted to the rank of private two in the U.S. Army. He is a multiple launch rocket system crew member assigned to the 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Carattini is the son of Mary Slarkowski of Lakeside and John P. Carattini of Modesto, Calif., and is a 2009 graduate of Flathead High School.

Carlson Evan A Navy 16 May 2009 pg A6

Navy Seabees 2006-Present Currently serving at the US Naval base in Yokosuka, Japan. Served in Kuwait at Camp Buehring from 8/12/07 - 2/03/08. Qualified for Seabee Combat Warfare Badge while serving in Kuwait. Son of Marcus & Jeanne Carlson of KallsPELL. BU2 Evan A. Carlson

Carpenter Brad J Army Reserve 14 Jan 2009 pg A2

■ Army Reserve Pvt. **Brad J. Carpenter** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He earned distinction as an honor graduate. Carpenter is the son of Bruce Carpenter of Columbia Falls, and a 2006 graduate of the high school program at Flathead Valley Community College.

Cline Tina M Sharp Air Force 11 Nov 2009 pg 35

United States Air Force 1992 Graduated Libby High School 1992. Enlisted USAF 1992, served in Operation Desert Storm, etc. Senior Airman Tina M. (Sharp) Cline

Clough Robert Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 35

United States Army Retired Purple Heart Combat Infantry Badge Korean War Medal Vietnam Campaign Ribbon Good Conduct Medal with 4 stripes Japan, Korea, Germany, Taiwan. Vietnam First Libby man to be wounded in action in Korea. SFC (E-7) Robert Clough

Clouse Matthew K Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman **Matthew K. Clouse** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Tracy Clouse of KallsPELL and is a 2008 graduate of Flathead High School.

Connors Michael L Navy

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■ Navy Seaman **Michael L. Connors**, son of Lorrie A. Allen of West Glacier and Donald I. Connors of KallsPELL, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Connors is a 2002 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Cook Nicholas Army

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■ Pvc. **Nicholas Cook** graduated from basic training and airborne school at Fort Benning, Ga. Cook is the grandson of Chuck and Kathy Taylor of Hungry Horse and is a 2008 Columbia Falls High School graduate. He is stationed in Italy.



Cook

Corpron Jacob W Air Force

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■ Air Force **Jacob W. Corpron** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A 2008 graduate of Flathead High School, he is the son of Jay and Roni Corpron of KallsPELL.



CORPRON

Correa Edward T Coast Guard

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■ Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice **Edward T. Correa**, son of Michelle L. and Kent Reimer of Whitefish, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. Correa is a 2007 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Countryman Thomas R Navy

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United States Navy 1987 Current Command Master Chief Thomas R. Countryman USMC (Retiree)

Couture Johnathan J Navy

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■ Navy Seaman Recruit **Johnathan J. Couture**, son of Ladonna M. Keiton of Whitefish and Joseph E. Couture of Ronan, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Couture is a 2009 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Cramer John R Army

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■ Army Pvt. **John R. Cramer** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. The son of David C. and Mary Jo Cramer of KallsPELL, he graduated in 2007 from Flathead High School.

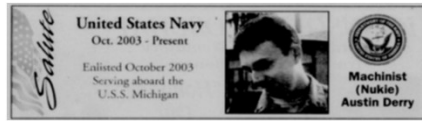
Dean Cindy Army

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Army Currently Serving CPT MS, OTR/L, MPT Cindy Dean

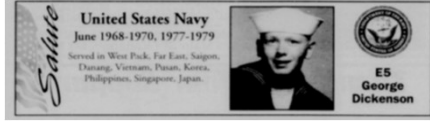
Derry Austin Navy

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Dickenson George Navy

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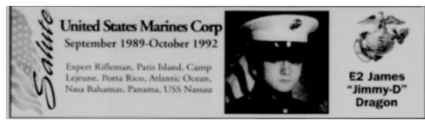
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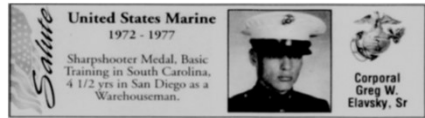
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Elavsky Greg W Sr Marine Corps

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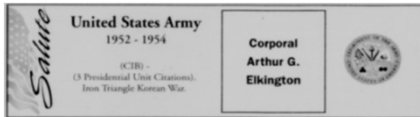
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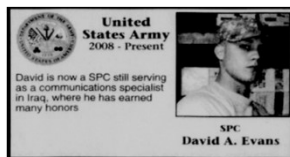
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Evans David A Army

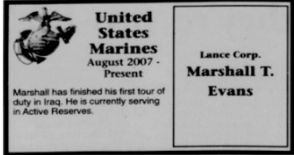
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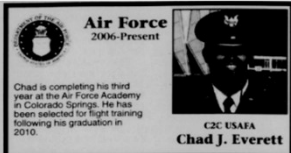
Evans Jennifer E Army 16 May 2009 pg A6



Evans Marshall T Marine Corps 16 May 2009 pg A6



Everett Chad J Air Force 16 May 2009 pg A6



Feistner Stephen B Army National Guard 2 Oct 2009 pg A2

■ Army National Guard Pfc. **Stephen B. Feistner** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Feistner earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Craig and Stacy Feistner of Polson and is a 2006 graduate of Polson High School.

Fierro Nickolas R Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 36

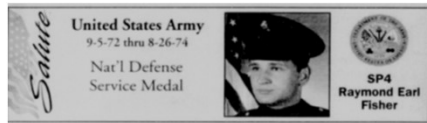


Fisher Nicholas M Army Reserve 2 Oct 2009 pg A2

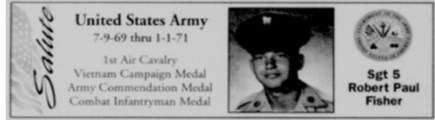
■ Army Reserve Pfc. **Nicholas M. Fisher** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Melissa Totzauer of Columbia Falls and Michael Schramm of Idyllwild Court, Redlands, Calif. Fisher is a 2009 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Fisher Raymond Earl Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



Fisher Robert Paul Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



Fitchett Paulene E Air Force 18 Dec 2009 pg A2

■ Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Paulene E. Fitchett** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.


She is the daughter of Eva and Daniel Fitchett of Kallspeil and is a 1998 graduate of Noxon High School.



Fletcher Max Navy 28 Aug 2009 pg A2



■ Navy Seaman Apprentice **Max Fletcher**, son of Audrey M. Fletcher-Hayes of Trego, and Scott Hayes of Trego, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Fletcher is a 2009 graduate of Lincoln County High School of Eureka.

Ford David P Jr Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 36




**Marines**  
January 2006 - Present

Okinawa Japan  
Al Anad, Iraq  
Currently stationed in Afghanistan  
We are all so proud of you! We salute you! Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie, Nicole and Chance.


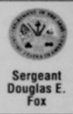
**Corporal David P. Ford Jr.**

Fox Douglas E Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



**United States Army**  
W.W.II


The Bronze Star awarded for heroic achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy near Clark Field 12 January 29, 1945. The Purple Heart was awarded for wounds received in action near Bantam PT February 26, 1945. Served in South Pacific, Guadal Canal, Pagan, Luzon, New Guinea, Negros, P. Islands

**Sergeant Douglas E. Fox**

Fredenberg Brian Coast Guard? Or Navy 18 Feb 2009 pg A2

■ Cpl. **Brian Fredenberg** graduated in December from Marine Security Guard School at Quantico, Va. He has been assigned to the U.S. Embassy Guard at Ljubljana, Slovenia. He is the son of Wade and Linda Fredenberg of Kalispell.



**Fredenberg**

Frost Kristian M Marine Corps 18 Dec 2009 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Pvt. **Kristian M. Frost**, son of Jamene and James Frost of Kalispell, recently completed the Marine Corps Enlisted Warehouse Basic Course. Frost is a 2004 graduate of Stevenson High School of Stevenson, Wash. He joined the Marine Corps in May 2006.


Garcia Michael J Marine Corps 26 Jun 2009 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Cpl. **Michael J. Garcia**, son of Douglas C. Garcia of Columbia Falls, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, Marine Air Group 13, 3rd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. Garcia, a 2006 graduate of Columbia Falls High School, joined the Marine Corps in August 2006.

Gerrity Derek L Navy 9 Jul 2009 pg A2



■ Navy Seaman Apprentice **Derek L. Gerrity**, son of Kay L. Herrman and James F. Gerrity of Polson, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Gerrity is a 2007 graduate of Polson High School.

Girgich Michael J Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



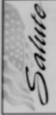
**United States Army**  
Present

United States Army Corps of Engineers/Airborne. Now serving with the 25th Infantry Division, Afghanistan


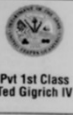
**Private 1st Class Michael J. Girgich**

Girgich Ted IV Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



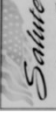
**United States Army**  
Present

Ordnance Corps. Now serving with the 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, South Korea

**Pvt 1st Class Ted Girgich IV**



Glencross Jack Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



**United States Marines**  
1943-1958

U.S. Marine Corp. - mobilized in April 1943. 1943-1945 WWII, Asiatic Campaign, Eastern Caroline Islands, Invasion of Iwojima. 1951-1952 Korean Conflict, Chosin Reservoir, Marine Corp. Reserve until 1958.

Korean Service Medal  
United Nations Service Medal  
Purple Heart

**Sgt. Jack Glencross**

Gloschat Anthony V Air Force 11 Nov 2009 pg 36



Gloschat Joachim Alfred Sr Air Force 11 Nov 2009 pg 37



Gloschat Joachim Alfred Jr Army Reserve 11 Nov 2009 pg 37



Gloschat Michael R Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 37



Goyer Corey N Army National Guard 9 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Army National Guard Pvt. Corey N. Goyer has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Diana Goyer of Kalispell, and is a 2006 graduate of Bridge Academy, Kalispell.

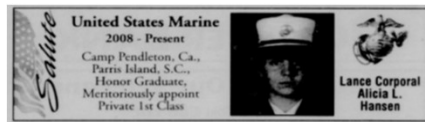
Haas James Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 37



Hamilton Cory W Marine Corps 25 Mar 2009 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Sgt. Cory W. Hamilton, son of Sharon E. McClelland of Columbia Falls, is among more than 6,000 Marines and sailors of the Two Jims Expeditionary Strike Group and 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit who are winding down a deployment from the Navy's 5th and 6th Fleet area of operations in support of Maritime Security Operations and the Global War on Terror. While deployed, the Marines completed unit-wide sustainment training at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. The Marines are based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Marines completed wash-down procedures of all vehicles in preparation for transport, a significant evolution in returning home from deployment. Hamilton is a 2003 graduate of Columbia Falls High School. He joined the Marine Corps in June 2003.


Hansen Alicia L Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 37



Harapat Jesse Army

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■ **Pvt. First Class Jesse Harapat**, 20, of Bigfork deployed Thursday to Iraq. He graduated from high school in 2007 and enlisted in the Army in 2008, completing boot camp at Fort Benning, Ga. He has been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.



**Harapat** graduated from basic training with the highest shooting scores among all the participants, and was one of three soldiers selected from his battalion by their superiors to become a sniper for their unit. He attributes his shooting success to his training in the Flathead 4-H Shooting Sports program. He is the son of Ron and Linda Harapat of Bigfork.

Harper Heidi Reindl Air Force

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*Salute* **United States Air Force**  
2005 - Present



Ground Linguist, currently serving at Offutt Air Force Base, NE. Air Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

**Senior Airman Heidi (Reindl) Harper**

Hatton James Marine Corps

8 May 2009 pg A2

■ **James Hatton** of Somers was commissioned March 20 as a second lieutenant with the U.S. Marines. He is now in Officers Training School at Quantico Marine Base in Quantico, Va., for six months followed by military occupation specialty training, prior to his deployment.



**HATTON** Hatton graduated with high honors from Flathead High School in 2003. He was an all-state athlete. He graduated with high honors in 2008 from the University of Montana, where he played on the rugby team.

Healy Caleb N Army


18 Feb 2009 pg A2

■ **Caleb N. Healy** of KellsPELL, a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute, participated in the 2009 Inaugural Parade Jan. 20 in Washington, D.C. Healy is the son of Bart and Nancy Healy and a 2008 graduate of Flathead High School.

Heidel Louis Marine Corps

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*Salute* **United States Marines**  
1953-1979




Bronze Star w/Combat "V", 2 Purple Hearts, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Silver Star

**Sgt. Major Louis (Lou) Heidel**

Hiatt Jack Navy

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*Salute* **United States Navy**  
1945-1949



Pacific Theatre, Asain Pacific, Japan Occupation

**BM3 Jack (Red) Hiatt**

Hickey Robert T Marine Corps

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*Salute* **United States Marine**  
2007 - Present




Graduated Boot Camp May 2007, MCRD San Diego, Calif. Qualified Sharpshooter. Completed MCT Camp Paradenon, Calif. July 2007. Completed MOS training Fort Sill, OK, Artillery Cannon Crewman September 2007. Deployed to Okinawa December 2007 returning to Tropicana Palms, Calif. July 2008. Has qualified Expert Shooter. Deploying to Afghanistan, June 2009.

**Lance Corporal Robert T. Hickey**

Hicks Colby W Air Force

7 Aug 2009 pg A2

■ **Air Force Airman Colby W. Hicks** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Jack Hicks of Marion, and Shea Hicks of Springville, Calif., and is a 2004 graduate of Porterville High School in California.



**Hicks**

Hilliard Brian Army

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■ **Sgt. Brian Hilliard** of Kalspell is a yard foreman for the Class I yard with the 639th Combat Sustainment Support Company, 620th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade.



Hilliard supports more than 47,000 customers for Class I supplies. He and his crew build orders, restock from new shipments and discard expired products. Hilliard also conducts quality assurance quality control inspections.


Holmes Donald Navy

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*Salute* **United States Navy**  
1968-1998

Assignments: USS Kennedy, Range, Carl Vinson, Navy Hawk, VA-122, VA-21, VA-41, VA-113, VA-27, VFA-97.

Awards: MSM, NCM, NAM, JMUC, MUC, Navy "T", Gold Combat, Navy Expeditionary, National Defense, Armed Forces Expeditionary, SW Asia Service, Sea Service, Kuwait Liberation, Expert Rifle and Pistol.




**AVCM (AW)  
E-9  
Donald  
Holmes**

Holmes Newt Army

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*Salute* **United States Army**  
2006-Present

Currently stationed in Germany. Served with 173 Infantry Airborne-Vietnam, Italy. Awards: Spurs, Airborne Wings, ARCOM, NDSM, ACMCS, GWTSM, ASM, OMI, EIB, NATCOMDL, Expert Marksmanship Badge, Preparing 2nd Tour to Afghanistan.




**Sgt. E5  
Newt  
Holmes**

Hooper Robert O Navy

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*Salute* **United States Navy**  
1942-1945

USS Yorktown CV-10  
10 Battle Stars  
Presidential Citation  
Pacific Theaters



**1st Class Aviation  
Ordnance Man  
Robert O.  
Hooper**

Hunter Joshua M Navy


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■ Navy Seaman **Joshua M. Hunter**, son of Tonya M. Hunter of Bigfork and Paul S. Royston of Alexandria, Va., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 2008 graduate of Bigfork High School.

How Charles J Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman **Charles J. How** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Jared How of Whitefish and Corrie Besaw of Sanford, N.C., and is a 2006 graduate of Whitefish High School.




**HOW**

Inabnit Christopher Army

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**United States Army**  
1985-2007

Human Intelligence Collection Technician  
2006-2006 - Mosul/Baghdad, Iraq  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
Retired 2007




**CW2  
Christopher  
Inabnit**

Inabnit John D Navy

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**United States Navy**  
1990 - 1996

Avionics Technician  
USS Kitty Hawk  
USS Saratoga




**AT2  
John D.  
Inabnit**

Jacobson Robert Navy

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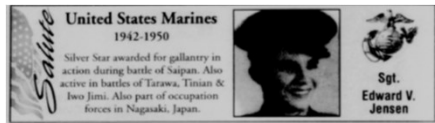
*Salute* **United States Navy**  
1951-1955

USS - Naifeh DE  
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**2nd Class  
Petty Officer  
Robert  
Jacobson**

Jensen Edward V Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 38



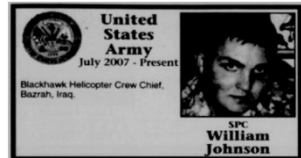
Johnson Keely E Army National Guard 24 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Army National Guard Pfc. Auttem C. Osborne has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Osborne earned distinction as an honor graduate. She is the daughter of Tavia Syme and Mark Osborne, both of Columbia Falls. She is a 2008 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

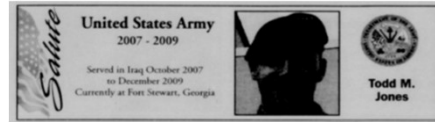
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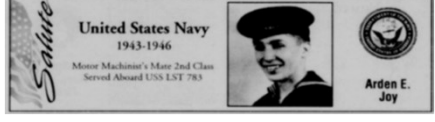
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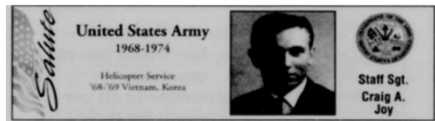
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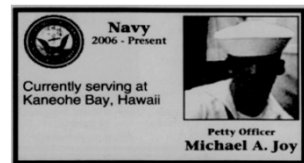
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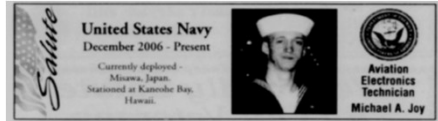
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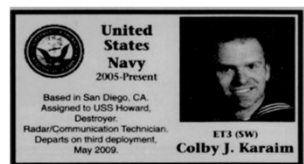
Joy Michael A Navy 16 May 2009 pg A7



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Karaim Colby J Navy 16 May 2009 pg A7



Karpinski Jordan A Coast Guard 3 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice **Jordan A. Karpinski**, daughter of Shirley B. Clemence of Burns, Tenn., and Rick L. Karpinski of Whitefish recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J. She is a 2008 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Kersteter Justin A Army 16 May 2009 pg A7



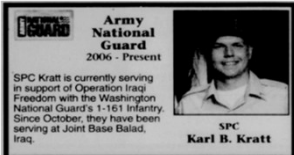
Kastelein Ronald J Army Reserve 20 Feb 2009 pg A2

■ Ronald J. Kastelein has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. Kastelein, an intelligence and operations officer with the 426th Regional Support Group in Las Vegas, is the son of Joyce Kastelein of Whitefish and the father of Jennifer Kastelein of Henderson, Nev. Before his current assignment at the Taylor Hall Reserve Center, Kastelein was a University of Nevada at Las Vegas ROTC instructor and served with the 96th Regional Readiness Command's training directorate in Salt Lake City. He has 28 years of military service. He graduated in 1978 from Whitefish High School and received a bachelor's degree in 1980 from the University of Montana and a master's degree in 2003 from Nova Southeastern University. Kastelein lives in Henderson and is the dean of students for the Eldorado Preparatory Academy, Las Vegas.

Kluesner Frederick W Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 39



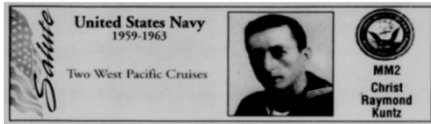
Kratt Karl B Army National Guard 16 May 2009 pg A7



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■ Karl Kratt, son of Tom and Susan Kratt of Bigfork, recently returned from a one-year deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served at Joint Base Balad with A Company, 181 Brigade Support Battalion under Task Force 161 of the Washington Army National Guard. Kratt worked for the 332nd Expeditionary Combat Engineer Squadron at their Department of Public Works. In September, he will return to the University of Washington while continuing with the Fort Lewis-based Guard unit.

Kuntz Christ Raymond Navy 11 Nov 2009 pg 39



Lakes Jenna Navy/Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 39



Lakes Mark Douglas Marine Corps 18 Feb 2009 pg A2

■ U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal **Mark Douglas Lakes** deployed the week of Jan. 5-9 for a seven-month tour overseas where he will work as an aircraft mechanic.



He is the son of Lucie Ann Lakes of Kalispell and is engaged to Courtney Westgard of West Glacier. Lakes is a 2007 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Lane Ryan Army National Guard 29 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Kalispell resident and Montana Army National Guard Soldier Spec. **Ryan Lane** was named as the alternate 2009 Soldier of the Year for Montana. He is a wheeled vehicle mechanic with Detachment 3, 230th Engineer Company in Hamilton.

Lane earned the right to compete at the state level after being named Soldier of the Year for the 486th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion headquartered in Kalispell. Although he did not win at win this year's competition, his status as the alternate Soldier of the Year is a credit to his professionalism and to his dedication to the Montana Army National Guard.

LaPorte James L Army 5 Aug 2009 pg A2

■ Army Sgt. **James L. LaPorte** has arrived for duty at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C.

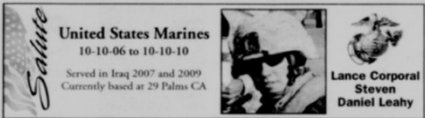
A parachute rigger with 10 years of military service, he is assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group.

He is the son of Sue A. Loraas of Kalispell and Joe M. LaPorte of Beaverton, Ore., and is a 2000 of Flathead High School.

LaVanway Barry T Army 26 Jun 2009 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. **Barry T. LaVanway** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the grandson of Carroll LaVanway of Kalispell.

Leahy Steven Daniel Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 39



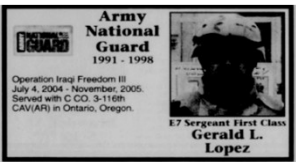
Lockwood Timothy Air National Guard 8 May 2009 pg A2

■ **Timothy Lockwood** of Cheyenne, Wyo., was promoted to captain in the Wyoming Air National Guard on April 4. Lockwood is a public affairs officer with the Wyoming Air National Guard's Joint Force Headquarters. He has been a member of the Wyoming National Guard for nine years.

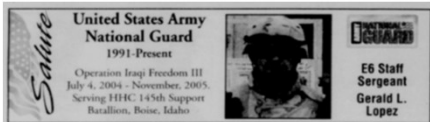
Besides serving in the Wyoming National Guard, he is a public information officer with the Wyoming Department of Education in Cheyenne.

Lockwood is engaged to be married to Carrie Breazeale, formerly of Eaton, Colo. He is the son of Tim and Kathleen Lockwood of Kalispell.

Lopez Gerald L Army National Guard 16 May 2009 pg A7



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Lynch Dan W Navy 16 May 2009 pg A7




Marchetti Christy R Air Force 12 Aug 2009 pg A2



■ Air Force Airman 1st Class **Christy R. Marchetti** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Michael and Dana Marchetti of Bigfork. Marchetti received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from Carro II College, Helena.

Marvel Dax Air Force 16 May 2009 pg A7




**Air Force**  
1990 - Present

Stations: Norton AFB, CA, Inakon AS, Geneva, Fobos AFB, GA, NSA, Bahrain, Malmstrom AFB, MT. Currently at Pentagon, DC.  
Operations: Vigilant Warrior & Southern Watch, Saudi Arabia, Desert Strike, Kuwait, Desert Thunder/Desert Fox, Omar, Enduring Freedom, Bahrain, Iraq Freedom, Iraq, Mosul, MSM w/TOLC, ISAM, AFAM w/TOLC, AFAM w/OLC.

**Master Sergeant Dax Marvel**

Marvel Derek Air Force 16 May 2009 pg A7

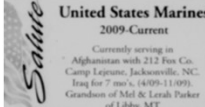


**Air Force**  
1997 - Present

Stations: USAFA, U of CO, JSUP Training, Vance AFB, OK, F-16 Training, Luke AFB, AZ, H8 AFB, UT, Noble Eagle, Southern Watch, Saudi Arabia, F-16 IP, Vance, OK, Kuwait, Korea, Currently F-38 IP, Sheppard AFB, TX.  
Medals: National Defense One Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary, Combat Readiness Achievement, Meritorious Service Medal.


**Major Derek Marvel**

Matson Joshua Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 40



**United States Marines**  
2009-Current

Currently serving in Afghanistan with 212 Fox Co. Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, NC.  
Long for 7 mo's. (4109) 11 097.  
Grandson of Mel & Lerah Parker of Libby, MT.



**SCPL Joshua Matson**

May Cortney M Air National Guard 20 Feb 2009 pg A2



■ Air National Guard Airman 1st Class **Cortney M. May** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Barbara May of Jackson, Miss, and the granddaughter of Louisa Porteous of Kollispeil. She is a 2002 graduate of East Jackson High School.

McGunagle Patrick T Air Force 2 Oct 2009 pg A2

■ **Patrick T. McGunagle** has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. He is the son of Timothy and Glenda McGunagle of Columbia Falls, and is a 2009 graduate of Whitefish High School.

McKenzie John D Navy 11 Nov 2009 pg A2

■ **John McKenzie** (US Navy, Ret.) recently was selected Civilian of the Quarter for Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev. He was presented his award on Oct. 23.

In August 2008, McKenzie began working for Navy Fighter Weapons School which is part of the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center.

He is a 1979 graduate of Lincoln County High School and the son of Vonica and Hubert McKenzie of Eureka.

McVicker Jeremy T Army Reserve 8 May 2009 pg A2

■ Army Reserve Pvt. **Jeremy T. McVicker** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. A 2006 graduate of the Stillwater Christian School, he is the son of Robert and Kimberly McVicker of Kollispeil.



Meier Brandon Lee Army

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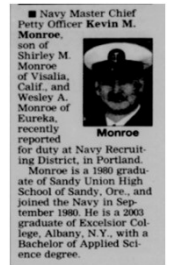
Merseal Brian A Coast Guard

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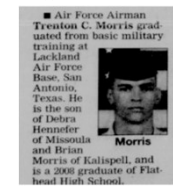
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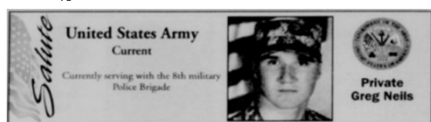
Morris Trenton C Air Force

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Neils Greg Army

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Nelson Douglas G Air Force

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Nelson Douglas J Navy

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O'Boyle Gregory M Marine Corps

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■ Marine Corps 1st Lt. **Gregory M. O'Boyle**, son of Judith T. and Patrick D. O'Boyle of Kalspell, recently was designated a naval aviator while serving with Training Air Wing One, Meridian, Miss. O'Boyle was presented with the coveted "Wings of Gold," marking the culmination of months of flight training.

He is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School. He also graduated from Flathead Valley Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree and from Montana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined the Marine Corps in May 2005.

Olsen Brian W Marine Corps

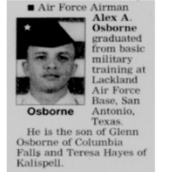
4 Nov 2009 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **Brian W. Olsen**, son of Brian L. Olsen of Hungry Horse, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistic Squadron 29, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, N. C.

Olsen is a 2008 graduate of Columbia Falls High School of Columbia Falls and joined the Marine Corps in July 2008.

Osborne Alex A Air Force

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Osborne Auttem C Army National Guard

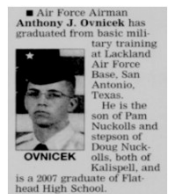
24 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Army National Guard Pfc. **Auttem C. Osborne** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Osborne earned distinction as an honor graduate. She is the daughter of Tavia Syne and Mark Osborne, both of Columbia Falls. She is a 2008 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Ovnick Anthony J Air Force

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Owens Darin S Navy

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■ Navy Seaman Recruit **Darin S. Owens**, son of Pamela J. McMannamy and Mike A. Owens of Kalspell, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 2009 graduate of Flathead High School.

Owens Kyle M Coast Guard

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Owens Travis W Army

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Pacheco Justin A Navy

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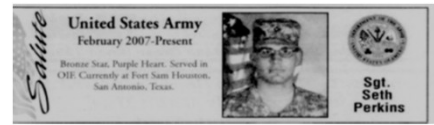
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Perkins Seth Army

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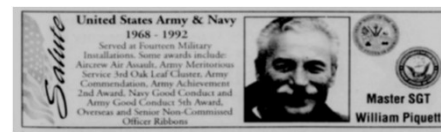
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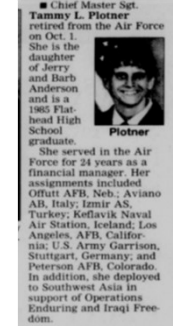
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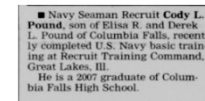


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Qualls Gary L Jr Army

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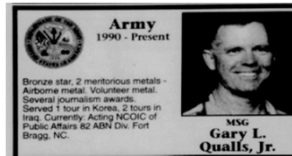
■ **Gary L. Qualls Jr.** of Kalspell was promoted to master sergeant in December. He worked as a civilian journalist for more than five years before enlisting in the Army in 1990. Qualls served as a public affairs professional in the Army for 18 years, traveling throughout Europe, Japan, Thailand and Iraq, in two combat tours, in the process. He has gone on amphibious landings with the Marines, participated in aircraft carrier missions, flown in Harrier jets, brought attention to wounded Iraqi children and worked with journalists throughout the world, including Geraldo Rivera and Greg Palkot and entertainers such as Drew Carey. Qualls has won awards as both a civilian and mili-



**QUALLS**

tary journalist. Among his military awards are the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. He is a graduate of Flathead High School and Flathead Valley Community College, the son of Rosemary Qualls Holgren of Kalspell and the late Gary L. Qualls Jr. He and his wife, Yeon-sook, of Seoul, Korea, have a son and daughter, Julian and Megan. Qualls is currently assigned at Fort Bragg, N.C., with 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, as the Brigade Public Affairs Officer.

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Quick Lissa A Air Force

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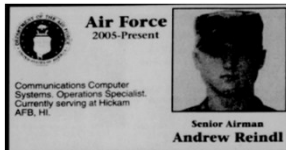
Ramsey David S Army National Guard

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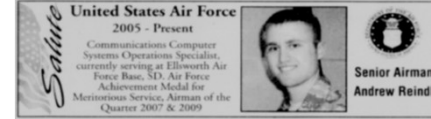
■ **Army National Guard Pfc. David S. Ramsey** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Scott Ramsey and Brenda Yuzapavik, both of Columbia Falls, and is a 2004 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

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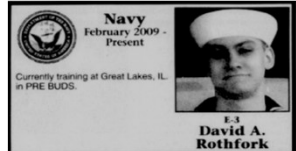
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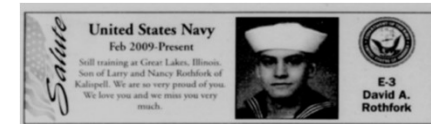
■ **Navy Seaman Benjamin J. Rosenau**, son of Tammy J. Lukert of Whitefish, and James G. Rosenau of Echo, Minn., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Rosenau is a 2004 graduate of Waseca Senior High School of Waseca, Minn.

Rothfork David A Navy

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Ryan Sean A Army National Guard 30 Dec 2009 pg A2

**■ Army National Guard**  
**Col. Sean A. Ryan** has graduated from the U.S. Army War College Department of Distance Education program at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pa.

The two-year program is equivalent to the college's one-year resident program that prepares officers of all U.S. military services, as well as civilian officials of the federal government, to serve in top-level command and staff positions with the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide.

Ryan, a commander of the 36th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Hood, Temple, Texas, has 24 years of military service.


He is the son of Mary L. Rogers of Coram and William T. Ryan of Boca Raton, Fla. His wife's name is Valerie.

Ryerson Brandon Air National Guard 16 May 2009 pg A8



**Air National Guard**  
 2007 - Present

Security Forces out of Great Falls. Currently deployed to Manas Air Base in Kyrgyzstan. We're proud of you, miss you and love you!




**Senior Airman**  
**Brandon Ryerson**

Sager Tyler A Army Reserve 29 Jul 2009 pg A2

**■ Army Reserve Pvt.**  
**Tyler A. Sager** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Sager earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Judy Saber of Bigfork.

Saltz Edward Matthew Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 42




**United States Army**  
 2001 - 2003

11A while serving with the 1st Armored Division in Baghdad.

Awarded the Army Commendation Medal, 2 Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with Valor, Vietnam Ribbon, Purple Heart, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medal.

Son of Richard and Catherine Saltz of Bigfork.



**Captain**  
**Edward**  
**Matthew**  
**Saltz**

Saubert Bret Air Force 7 Jan 2009 pg A2



1ST LT. BRET SAUBERT is pictured with Lt. Gen. Mark Anderson, guest speaker at the Oct. 24 ceremony where Saubert received his wings.

## Pilot receives his wings

1st Lt. Bret Saubert of Kalispell received his Air Force pilot wings at a graduation ceremony at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, on Oct. 24.

His pilot training aircraft started with the T-4A Texan II followed by the T-1A Jayhawk.

Saubert also was the class leader for this group of 19 pilots. Each member of Class 09-01 received approximately 200 hours of flying instruction, 60 hours of simulator instruction and more than 500 hours in the classroom. Another third of their time was dedicated to military training activities.


After graduation, Saubert and eight other pilots completed a four-week Unmanned Aircraft Systems Fundamental Course at Randolph's 56th Flying Training Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, which provided the pilots with computer-based simulation using high-end gaming technology and exposed them to multiple Air Force strike aircraft on a cyber-based battlefield.

The nine pilots will head to a two-week Joint Firepower Course at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., on Jan. 26, then on to the flying training unit at Creech Air Force Base outside Las Vegas.

Saubert is a 2001 Flathead High School graduate and a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.


He is the son of Tom and Marilyn Saubert and grandson of Tess Saubert and Kathryn Stebbins.

Schuff Brandon M Air Force 16 May 2009 pg A8



**Air Force**  
 2006-Present

Brandon is currently stationed at Tinker AFB, OK. He continues his education as an Airborne Mission Specialist. Specialist flying on an AWACS Aircraft. He received his 1st Air Medal for flying over 20 combat missions in support of Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom over both Iraq and Afghanistan from 11 May, 08 to 08 Aug, 08. Happy 21st B-Day Brandon, we are so proud of you.



**SRA**  
**Brandon M.**  
**Schuff**

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**United States Air Force**  
 2006 - Present

Brandon is currently stationed at Ft. Belvoir, AFB, in the United Arab Emirates. He is on his second tour in support of Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom flying on the B-52H aircraft as an Airborne Mission Specialist over both Iraq and Afghanistan. Brandon is permanently assigned to Tinker AFB, OK. We are so proud of you.



**SRA**  
**Brandon M.**  
**Schuff**

Schmidling Nathaniel C Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman  
**Nathaniel C. Schmidling**  
 graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Cindy Schmidling of Whitefish.



Schmidling

Scott-Roberts Brittany Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman  
**Brittany Scott-Roberts**  
 graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The daughter of Marc Scott of Killipell, she is a 2004 graduate of Folsom High School and received an associate degree in 2007 from Flathead Valley Community College.




Scott Roberts

Seelye Allard Navy

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United States Navy  
 1943 - 1946

NTS Farragut, Idaho, US Naval NAD  
 Hawthorne, NV, USS Juan De Fuca,  
 USS Anson, USS Stratford, POC,  
 USNB Bismarck, Asiatic Pacific Area  
 Campaign Medal, American Area  
 Campaign Medal, World War II  
 Victory Medal




EM3C  
 Electrician's  
 Mate 3C  
 Allard Seelye

Sharp Brian C Army

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United States Army  
 Current

Brian is in Fort Bragg, NC training for Special Forces, Son of Dick Sharp of Libby.




Private  
 Brian  
 Sharp

Sharp Daniel Air Force

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United States Air Force  
 1982-1986

Graduated 1977 from Libby High School. Entered USAF 1982, served at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, discharged 1986. Now lives in Libby.




E-4  
 Daniel  
 Sharp

Sharp Danny James Navy

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United States Navy  
 1999-2008

Served on USS Duluth off coast of Somalia the last year of service.



FC3  
 Danny James  
 Sharp

Sharp Darrel W Army

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United States Army  
 1970

Graduated 1969 LCHS in Eureka, Mont. Entered the Army in 1970. Now a businessman in Eureka.




Pvt.  
 Darrel W.  
 Sharp

Sharp Dick D Air Force

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United States Air Force  
 1967-1988

Graduated 1966 LCHS, Eureka, Mont. Entered USAF 1967, served Japan, Vietnam, Philippines, Korea, Guam, Iceland and stateside. Retired to Libby 1988.




Master Sgt.  
 Dick D.  
 Sharp

Sharp Donald B Army

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United States Army  
 1940-1945

Enlisted from Kuna, Idaho. Served in Pacific Theatre during World War II as radar crewman. Husband of Stella Sharp of Libby.




T-4  
 Donald B.  
 Sharp

Sharp Eric R Army

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United States Army  
 1996

Graduated Libby High School 1996. Served in Korea, Fort Polk, LA. Now lives in Washington state. Son of Dick Sharp of Libby.



PFC  
 Eric R.  
 Sharp

Sharp James D Air Force

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**United States Air Force**  
1966-1978

Graduated from LCHS, Eureka, MT. Served in Germany, Korea, Spain and stateside. Now lives in Columbia Falls, MT




**Staff Sgt.  
James D  
Sharp**

Sharp Jesse R Army

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**United States Army**  
1996

Graduated Libby High School. Entered Army 1996. Served in Germany and Ford Hood, Texas. Now lives in Washington state. Son of Dick Sharp of Libby.




**Spec 4  
Jesse R.  
Sharp**

Simonsen Christiaan A Army

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■ Army Spec. **Christiaan A. Simonsen** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.


He is the son of Susan Simonsen of Bigfork and is a 2003 graduate of Bigfork High School.

Sine Stephen G Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman **Stephen G. Sine** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Dick Sine of Kalispell and is a 2007 graduate of Flathead High School.





Sivelle W James Navy

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**United States Navy**  
1944-1946

One Star Iwo Jima Operation 1945  
One Star Okinawa Operation 1945  
One Star Third Fleet Against Japan 1945  
Navy Occupation Service Medal  
First Ship Into Tokyo Bay 1945

**Airman 3C  
W. James  
Sivelle**

Skare James D Air Force

25 Mar 2009 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class **James D. Skare** of Columbia Falls has arrived for duty to the 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom Air Force Base, Great Falls.

Skare is a vehicle maintenance apprentice.



The son of Kelly and Don Skare of Columbia Falls, he is a 2007 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Smith Christopher W Navy

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**United States Navy**  
1992-1998

2 Letters of Commendation, National Defense, Armed Forces Service, Navy Aviator, Battle E, Pistol Expert, Rifleman Expert, Good Conduct, 2 Sea Service Ribbons, Korean Medal, Master Helmsman, Shipboard Security Weapons Tactics.


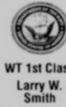
**AO3  
Christopher W.  
Smith**

Smith Larry W Navy

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**United States Navy**  
1968-1974

United States Reserve 1984-1992  
Duty Station: Kodiak, Alaska, USS Providence, CLE 6 • Midway Is. Desert Storm, 1991. Awards: Naval Achievement Medal, Naval Good Conduct (2), Reserve Good Conduct (2), Combat Action Medal (2), National Defense Medal (2), Southeast Asian Campaign, Vietnam Campaign, Desert Storm Operation.



**WT 1st Class  
Larry W.  
Smith**

Smith Les Marine Corps

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**United States Marines**  
1941 - 1945

Pacific Theatre, 2 Presidential Awards for actions on Saipan and Iwo Jima; Navy Citation

**Corporal  
Les Smith**

Stellar Kayla Elie Army

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**United States Army**  
2006-Present

Kayla is back in Fairbanks, Alaska after her tour in Iraq as a combat medic. She earned the EFMB-Expert Field Medic Badge.




**Sgt.  
Kayla Elie  
Stellar**

Stetler Matthew W Army

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■ Army Pvt. **Matthew W. Stetler** has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky., which consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training. He is the son of Daniel Stetler II of KallsPELL and Karyn Orr of Batavia, Ill.

Stevenson Kenneth M Army

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■ Army Pvt. **Kenneth M. Stevenson** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Kathryn Heis of KallsPELL and Marvin Stevenson of Columbia Falls and is a 2006 graduate of Flathead High School.

Stiles Timothy S Navy

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■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Timothy S. Stiles**, nephew of Lester L. Lundeen of Polson, recently completed Naval Nuclear Power Training Pipeline in Ballston Spa, N.Y. Stiles received instruction about nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security. Upon completion of the course, he qualified as a Naval nuclear operator. He is a 2006 graduate of Polson High School who joined the Navy in March 2007.

Stougard Pegeen O'Neil Navy

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**United States Navy**  
1984-2002

Graduate of Naval Academy 1988. Flight school, Promoted to Lt. Independent Pilot. Served on USS Kitty Hawk, Aegis in Admiral's Guard. Graduate school. Member, C.A. Master of Science, Mastering 40. Geographic: South Atlantic Weather Bureau, Norfolk, Va. Royal Canadian Mounted Police for coordinating 5000 WFO Anniversary on Guam.

**Lt. Cdr. Pegeen O'Neil Stougard**

Strom Bud Air Force

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**United States Air Force**  
World War II Vet

He flew around the world (during the war) inspecting U.S. Air Bases and then was posted to Wiesbaden, Germany for a period after the war ended.

**2nd Lt. Bud Strom**

Taylor Michael L Air Force

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**United States Air Force**  
1998-Present

Served in Ramstein, Germany, Kuwait, 3 tours to Iraq, and is now stationed at Minor Air Force Base, N.D.

**Staff Sgt. Michael L. Taylor**

Thibeault Shannon Baltrusch Army

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■ Army Spec. **Shannon Baltrusch Thibeault**, a dental surgeon assistant stationed at the Army Tripler Hospital in Honolulu, will represent her unit on Jan. 7 when the USS Missouri is brought to dry dock at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. All branches of the armed forces will be represented at the event. She is the daughter of Carl and Shari Baltrusch and the mother of Samantha Steinmetz, all from the North Flathead Valley area.

Thompson Brittany A Navy

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■ Navy Seaman **Brittany A. Thompson**, daughter of Rick L. Tyler of KallsPELL, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Thompson is a 2008 graduate of Flathead High School.

Thompson John Army

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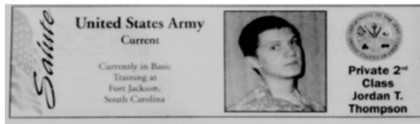
**United States Army**  
1951 - 1953

South Korea, Military Police (P.P.W. - Guard), 179 Infantry, Korean Service Award - 3 Bronze Stars, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential United Service Medal

**Pvt 1st Class John (Jack) Thompson**



Thompson Jordan T Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 44



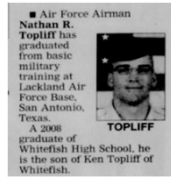
Thompson Nathan L Navy Reserve 11 Nov 2009 pg A2

Navy Reserve Seaman Nathan L. Thompson recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 2006 graduate of Flathead High School.

Thorne Brian C Air Force 28 Aug 2009 pg A2



Topliff Nathan R Air Force 13 Mar 2009 pg A2



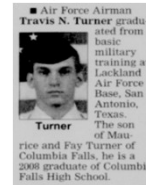
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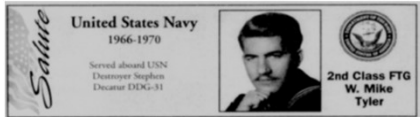
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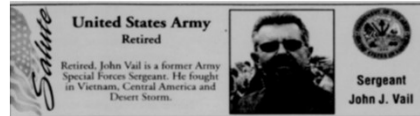
Turner Travis N Air Force 2 Oct 2009 pg A2



Tyler W Mike Navy 11 Nov 2009 pg 44



Vail John J Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 45



Vail Steven J Air Force 16 Oct 2009 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman Steven J. Vail graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of John and Mary Vail of Whitefish and is a 2009 graduate of Whitefish High School. Vail also earned Expert Marksman.



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*Salute* **United States Air Force**  
Current  
Currently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. Assigned to the Air Force Special Operations Command, training as a Special Forces Combat Controller.



**Airman Steven J. Vail**



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■ Air Force Airman Steven J. Vail graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Mary Vail of Whitefish and is a 2009 graduate of Whitefish High School.



Van Natta Jack R Navy 16 May 2009 pg A8

**Navy**  
1994-Present






Flight Officer - Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron VAW-117 Persian Gulf - USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group, Persian Gulf - USS Carl Vinson Battle Group. Currently serving with VAW 120 NS Norfolk, Commanding Officer of NMCRC in Manchester, NH. Awards: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Air Medal-Operation Desert Fox.

**Lt. Cmdr. Jack R. Van Natta**

Van Natta Peter Marine Corps 16 May 2009 pg A8

**US Marines**  
2007-Present






Currently serving with 1-12 Marines Delta Co. Unit just returned from Iraq.

**Lance Corporal Peter Van Natta**

Vanderstouw Ryan J Navy 16 May 2009 pg A8

**United States Navy**  
2006-Present

Currently serving aboard USS Fitzgerald, stationed in Yokosuka, Japan. Awards: Expert Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship Sailor of the Year, USS Fitzgerald

**Petty Officers 2nd Class Ryan J. Vanderstouw**

Vincent Shannon P Air Force 16 Oct 2009 pg A2

■ Airman First Class Shannon P. Vincent, 23, of Bigfork, has completed medical material training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and will be stationed at the Royal Air Force Base in Lakenheath, England. She graduated from Lackland Air Force Base boot camp, attaining Expert Marksmanship in the use of the A-9, and was selected by peers and superiors as a tactical defense leader. Vincent is a 2004 graduate of Bigfork High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology from the University of Montana in 2008. She is the daughter of Treva Thomson of Sisters, Ore., and Dan Vincent of Bigfork.




**Vincent**

Wainwright Laura Dawn Army 9 Jul 2009 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. Laura D. Wainwright has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is a 1996 graduate of Flathead High School and is the daughter of Lilly Wainwright of Kalispell and granddaughter of Roberta Shelley of Bigfork.

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*Salute* **United States Army**  
2009 - 2013  
Currently stationed at Fort Lewis, WA



**Pvt. Laura Dawn Wainwright**

Waite Dylan T W Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 45

*Salute* **United States Army**  
1999 - Present  
Dylan went in the Guard in 1999. Served in Balad, Iraq for one year 2003-2004. When he came home he joined R.O.T.C. and graduated in 2008 and is back in Iraq as of 07-09-09 and will be there until Mar 2010.



**2nd Lt. Dylan T.W. Waite**

Walker Jonathon R Army 8 May 2009 pg A2



■ Army Pvt. Jonathon R. Walker has graduated from One Station Unit Training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training. The son of Mike and Cindy Love of Kalispell, he is a 2008 graduate of the Anaconda Job Corps Center.

Waller Chad M Navy 8 May 2009 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Recruit  
**Chad M. Waller**, son  
of Leinel and stepson of  
Craig C. Clarke of Proctor,  
recently completed  
U.S. Navy basic training  
in Great Lakes, Ill.

Watterud Brad Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 45



**United States Marines**  
Feb. 2008 - Present  
Deployed to Afghanistan May 2009 -  
Oct. 2009.  
Home Base: U.S. Marine Corp Base,  
Kamohar, Bee, Hawaii.  
Our hearts will forever be grateful to  
you for serving our country. You have  
done what most could not do!



Lance Corporal  
**Brad Watterud**

Waverek Justin D Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 45

**United States Marine**  
2008-Present  
Deployed to  
Afghanistan currently





Lance Corporal  
**Justin D.  
Waverek**

Williams Kathryn D Navy 2 Sep 2009 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer  
2nd Class **Kathryn D.  
Williams**, daughter  
of Karen D. and David  
M. Williams of Libby,  
recently reported for  
duty at Navy and  
Marine Corps Intelli-  
gence Training Center,  
Virginia Beach, Va.  
Williams is a 2002  
graduate of Libby High  
School. She joined the  
Navy in July 2003.

Willis Tylor S Marine Corps 11 Nov 2009 pg 45



**United States Marines**  
2007 - Present  
Advanced Inf. Training,  
Camp Pendleton, CA



Lance Corporal  
**Tylor S. Willis**

Wilson Dale C Army 11 Nov 2009 pg 45


**United States Army**  
1968-1970  
National Defense Service Medal,  
Good Conduct Medal, Army  
Commendation Medal, Four Oak  
Leaf Chases, Vietnam Service  
Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal,  
Service: Germany & Vietnam.



Sgt. E5  
**Dale C.  
Wilson**

Wise Coleton A Air Force 16 May 2009 pg A8

**Air Force**  
2004-Present



Coleton A. Wise, E5 Airman  
currently serving in Turkey. Enlisted  
in 2004. Completed writer survival  
in Fairbanks, AK in 2005. Served in  
Iraq in 2007.  
The son of Randy Wise and Kim  
Buchholz-Lybeck.

E5 Airman  
**Coleton A. Wise**

Wisher James Paul Jr National Guard 11 Nov 2009 pg 45

**United States  
National Guard**  
2005 - Present  
Currently serving out of  
Hamilton 230th. Vertical  
Engineering. Awaiting  
deployment to Afghanistan in  
January 2010.



Specialist  
**James Paul  
Wisher, Jr**

Wolf Jessika A Air Force 26 Jun 2009 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman  
Jessika A. Wolf gradu-  
ated from  
basic  
military  
training at  
Lockland  
Air Force  
Base in  
Texas.  
She is  
the daugh-  
ter of Craig  
Wolf of  
Columbia Falls and is a  
2007 graduate of Columbia  
Falls High School.



Wolf

Woosley Carissa L Navy


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■ Navy Seaman Recruit **Carissa L. Woosley**, daughter of Dauna D. Wareham of Kalspell and Michael R. Woosley of Rathdrum, Idaho, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Woosley is a 2007 graduate of Flathead High School.

Wycoff Todd J Air Force

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■ Air Force Airman **Todd J. Wycoff** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Laura Wycoff of Kalspell and Todd Wycoff of Bend, Ore.



WYCOFF

Young Derek W Army

13 Mar 2009 pg A2

■ ARMY Pvt. **Derek W. Young** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.