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Paul W. Abernathy graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School, and received an associate degree from Universal Technical Institute in 1998. He is the son of Stan Abernathy of Kalispell.

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Anthony L. Alexander of Pablo recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He will accompany Marine infantry forces to build roads, set up camps and fortify living areas.

Anderson Coral R Army

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Coral R. Anderson graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. She is the daughter of Phil and Neoma Anderson of Kalispell.

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CORALA ANDERSON

Coral Anderson graduated from basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., on March 30, 2000. Anderson completed her advanced individual training in veterinary medicine at Fort Sam, Houston, Texas, graduating on June 3, 2000. She is stationed at Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Anderson Erik A Army

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ERIK ANDERSON

Erik Anderson graduated from basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Mo., on Aug. 3, 2000. He is completing advanced individual training in linguistics at Presidio of Monterey, Calif. They are the son and daughter of Phil and Neoma Anderson of Kalispell.

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Erik A. Anderson has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. He is the son of Neoma and Phil Anderson of Kalispell and a 1995 graduate of Flathead Valley Christian School.

Andrews Matthew A Army

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Matthew A. Andrews has arrived at Ft. Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training. He is the son of Ronald and Crystal Andrews of Whitefish.

Archer Launie R Air National Guard 5 Nov 2000 pg C7

Launie R. Archer has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, Archer studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. She is the daughter of Debbie F. Kohr of Butte and Colin R. Archer of Kalispell.

Barber-Castro Oriana Kealy 8 Jul 2000 3 Aug 2000 pg A8

Oriana Kealy Barber-Castro, daughter of Jodie Barber Castro and David Castro of Kalispell, was born July 8 at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Don and Judy Castro of Nashville, Tenn. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Joan Barber of Denton, and Mickey Meridith of Irrigon, Ore.

Barnett Justin M Army 26 Nov 2000 pg C10

Justin M. Barnett has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Michele and Lester Barnett of Kalispell.

Berg Dustin C Navy 2 Jul 2000 pg C9

Dustin C. Berg of Marion recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the Interior Communications Electrician Program. He joined the delayed entry program and will report for active duty in August, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Richard and Shelbi Berg of Marion.

Bloount Adam W Navy 24 Dec 2000 pg C3

Adam W. Blount recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the Air Rescue Crewman program. He is the son of Gayle R. Blount of Kalispell and attended Flathead High School. He joined the Delayed Entry program, and will report for active duty in January, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Boettcher Boe Army 24 Sep 2000 pg C3

Boe Boettcher has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. The course of instruction included basic military training and advanced individual training. Boettcher completed the military police specialist course and learned to provide combat area support by conducting battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, and preservation of law and order. Boettcher is a 1992 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Yvonne Burgert and Dave Boettcher, both of Kalispell.

Bohanon Kenneth A Army 24 Sep 2000 pg C3

Kenneth A. Bohanon has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

He is the son of Tina L. and Kenneth M. Bohanon of Kalispell.

Bonner Matthew H Army 17 Sep 2000 pg A7

Matthew H. Bonner has graduated from the U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course at Schofield Barracks, Wahiawa, Hawaii.

During the five-week course, Bonner learned basic leadership and counseling skills, and to perform the duties and execute the responsibilities of a junior noncommissioned officer.

Bonner is a team leader with Bravo Company, 65th Engineer Battalion at Schofield.

He is the son of Virginia Bonner-Faber of Kalispell.

Brandwie Brian J Navy 3 Dec 2000 pg C4

Brian J. Brandwie recently was designated a Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One, Gulfport, Miss.

To earn warfare insignia, he demonstrated superior knowledge and proficiency of numerous aspects of Seabee combat warfare during emergency and battle conditions. Other requirements for designation include being in the top categories of leadership and performance and passing an oral examination.

He is a 1979 graduate of Bigfork High School and joined the Navy in 1984. He is the son of Tressa and Raymond Brandwie of Bigfork.

Brown Joshua R Marine Corps 4 Jun 2000 pg C8

Marines

Joshua R. Brown recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

He is the son of Lori A. Kinzel of Polson.

Bruce Gary D Jr Army 30 Apr 2000 pg C2

Gary D. Bruce Jr. has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army.

Bruce is a track vehicle mechanic with the 2nd Engineer Battalion at Camp Castle, Tongduchon-Up, South Korea.

He is the son of Gary D. and Judith M. Bruce of Kalispell and a 1994 graduate of Flathead High School.

Burke Johnny L Navy 2 Apr 2000 pg C6

John Burke, E-6 Machinist Mate 1st Class, re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy for five years. He is trained to work on nuclear powered submarines.

The re-enlistment ceremony was performed Friday at the Navy Recruiting Station in Kalispell.

Burke received a re-enlistment bonus of over \$50,000. He said that a \$45,000 bonus is standard, however due to his speciality he qualified for an increased bonus.

He joined the Navy April 1, 1992, and is one of the Navy recruiters stationed in Kalispell.

Chute Ethan R Navy 13 Aug 2000 pg C10

Ethan R. Chute has received his commission as lieutenant in the US Navy Dental Corps and has been stationed at Great Lakes Navy Recruit Training Facility in Illinois. Chute attended the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry on a Navy scholarship, and received his D.D.S. degree with the class of 2000.
He is the son of Craig and Pam Chute of Kalispell.

Coon Daniel N Marine Corps 17 Dec 2000 pg C5

Daniel N. Coon recently participated in Exercise Dynamic Mix 2000 in Assiros, Greece, while assigned to the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade of the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Dynamic Mix 2000 was designed to enhance US military warfighting and interoperability skills and to develop a common understanding of NATO operational procedures that could apply to future missions.
Coon is a 1996 graduate of Delta High School and the son of Norman Coon of Polson.

Cooper Joel D Marine Corps 20 Aug 2000 pg C10

Joel D. Cooper recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Cooper is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines deploying aboard the ships of the USS George Washington Carrier Battle Group and the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group.
During the deployment, Cooper's unit will defend U.S. policy and support international interests in the Middle East and Europe.
He joined the Marines in June of 1997. He is the son of Janet Wilso of Polson.

Countryman Thomas R Navy 20 Feb 2000 pg C3

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Thomas R. Countryman** was selected Sailor of the Year for 1999 by Naval Dental Center Southwest in San Diego.
Every year, the dental center holds the competition to select the Sailor of the Year. The person selected affirms his or her merit through a rigorous series of reviews and competition with other sailors in the command.
Countryman supervises the daily activities of the dental department.
He is the son of Roy Countryman of Columbia Falls.



Cox Maurissa I Navy 29 Oct 2000 pg C7

Maurissa I. Cox, daughter of Robert P. Parker of Whitefish, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.
Cox was recognized for her outstanding achievement while serving as corpsman at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. She was singled out for the award because of her superb initiative and contribution in helping the command fulfill its mission.
She joined the Navy in March 1996. She is a 1996 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Crabtree Eugene R Army

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Eugene R. Crabtree has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic training. Crabtree is the son of Ruth and George A. Crabtree of Columbia Falls.

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Eugene R. Crabtree has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Crabtree is a 1995 graduate of Trapper Creek High School. He is the son of Ruth and George Crabtree of Columbia Falls.

Creighton Phillip J Army

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Phillip J. Creighton has arrived at Ft. Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training. He is the son of Eric and Ann Creighton of Kalispell.

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Bradly A. Nieves and **Phillip J. Creighton** have graduated from One Station Unit Training at the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). During AIT, they received instruction to serve as an infantryman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect fire support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad. The training included weapons qualification, tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communications, and combat operations; engagement in infantry combat exercises, battle drills, land mine locating, neutralizing and extracting, and survival operations during a nuclear, biological or chemical attack. Creighton is the son of Eric J. Creighton of Kalispell.

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Phillip J. Creighton has been awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge. The badge is the Army's highest non-combat proficiency award for infantrymen. Seventeen specific infantry skills are covered in the testing, including rifle marksmanship, hand grenades, antitank weapons, first aid, military intelligence, and signal communications. A 12-mile march with full combat gear completed the test. Creighton is an infantryman with the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment at Fort Drum, N.Y. He is the son of Eric J. and Ann E. Creighton of Kalispell and a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School.

Curtis Jason Air Force

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Sen. Conrad Burns (R Mont) named **Jason Curtis** of Kalispell as a principal nominee to the U.S. Air Force Academy. A principal nominee is ranked as a first choice for an authorized vacancy. Curtis attends Flathead High School and participates in basketball, cross-country and baseball. His parents are Christine and the late Brad Curtis. Burns earlier nominated Ryan Lynch of Kalispell to West Point and to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Dale Kevin Marine Corps

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Marines
Kevin Dale graduated from the Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego on May 19, 2000. Purdy's accomplishments include expert in rifle training and squad leader. He is a 1998 graduate of Flathead High School and has earned an associate's degree in computer drafting. He will be stationed at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Calif. He is the son of Russell and Linda Purdy of Kalispell.

DeBoer

Brandon L

Navy

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Brandon L. DeBoer of Marion recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas and the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the destroyer USS Arthur W. Radford, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

As part of the Middle East force, DeBoer's ship will participate in maritime interdiction operations to enforce U.N. sanctions restricting trade with Iraq. USS Arthur W. Radford will inspect vessels suspected of transporting contraband cargo in and out of Iraq.

Destroyers like USS Arthur W. Radford have traditionally been the workhorses of the US Navy, defending battle groups against threats from land, air, on and below the sea. In addition, DeBoer's ship carries two helicopters with sonar and torpedo capabilities, expanding the ship's reach.

DeBoer joined the Navy in 1998. He is the son of Rose M. Sweeney of Marion.

Brandon L. DeBoer has completed half of a six-month deployment to the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas and the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the destroyer USS Arthur W. Radford, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

DeBoer's ship is participating in maritime interdiction operations to enforce U.N. sanctions restricting trade with Iraq.

DeBoer joined the Navy in September of 1998. He is the son of Leon DeBoer of Columbia Falls and Rose Sweeney of Marion.

Dirham

Karl M

Army

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Army

Karl M. Dirham received the United States Army Recruiting Command's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Award. He has participated in the Army JROTC program for two years. He has served as supply staff officer, has been a member of the rifle team, drill team and competition color guard. He will graduate in 2002.

He is the son of Patti Mathwig of Kalispell.

Dortch

Richard M

Army

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Richard M. Dortch graduated from 31P Signal School at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He currently serves at the Kalispell Army Recruiter office and will soon begin a two year tour of duty in Europe.

Dortch graduated from Flathead High School in 1999. He began basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1999.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dortch of Kalispell.

Dowtin

Robert A

Army

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Robert A. Dowtin has graduated from the power-generation equipment repairer advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

He learned to perform maintenance, repair, and overhauling functions on units, the direct support or general support of power-generation equipment, such as tactical utility, precise power generation sets, internal combustion engines and associated components and equipment.

Dowtin is the son of Valerie and William Dowtin of Whitefish.

Ebensteiner

Charity

Air Force

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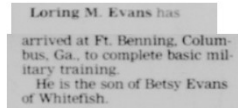
Charity Ebensteiner has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

She is the daughter of Tammie a. and Ray J. Ebensteiner of Polson and a 2000 graduate of Polson High School.

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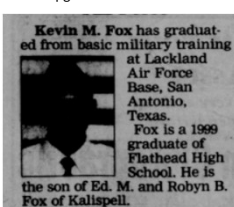
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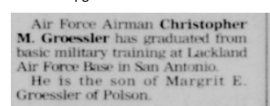
Fox Kevin M Air Force 23 Jul 2000 pg C5



Francis Scott T Navy 13 Aug 2000 pg C10



Froessler Christopher M Air Force 23 Jan 2000 pg C9



Garner Christopher J Navy 6 Aug 2000 pg C8

Christopher J. Garner recently visited Saipan while assigned to the destroyer USS Cushing, home ported in Yokosuka, Japan.

During the port visit, Garner performed routine maintenance and landscaping at a school for disabled children and went on a hike with the island's Boy Scout troop.

He also participated in the Saipan Liberation Day celebration.

Garner is a 1997 graduate of Columbia Falls High School, he joined the Navy in July 1997.

He is the son of Luann Sutherland of Columbia Falls.

Garvin Ivan R Navy 30 Jul 2000 pg C7

Ivan R. Garvin recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Navy.

He successfully completed four years of academic, physical and professional training, receiving a bachelor of science degree with a major in economics.

Garvin is a 1995 graduate of Lincoln County High School.

He is the son of Dorothy and Glen Garvin of Fortine.

Glaspy William H Army National Guard 23 Jul 2000 pg C5

William H. Glaspy recently completed phase I of the Officer Candidate School at Fort Meade, S.D. in June.

Glaspy is a 1994 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Bill and Kathy Glaspy of Kalispell.

Grossler Christopher M Air Force 2 Apr 2000 pg C6

Christopher M. Grossler graduated from the munitions systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Grossler was taught to inspect, assemble and dispose of guided and unguided nonnuclear munitions.

He will be assigned to duty at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany.

He is the son of Margit E. Grossler of Polson.

Haiden Derek W Air Force 19 Mar 2000 pg C8

Airman Derek W. Haiden graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Richard Strandlof of Dayton and Marcia Strandlof of Hot Springs.

The airmen studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.



Hauff Anthony Steven Navy 21 May 2000 pg C6 3 Dec 2000 pg C4



Anthony Hauff, recently reported for duty at Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.
 Hauff is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Myia L. Powers of Kalispell and Steve Hauff of South Dakota.

Heaton Nicholas A Army 2 Jul 2000 pg C9

Nicholas A. Heaton has joined the United States Army under the delayed entry program.
 Heaton will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training on July 27, 2000.
 He is the son of Julie F. and Russel V. Heaton of Kalispell.

Heim Jacqueline M Army National Guard 19 Mar 2000 pg C8

Local guard member named soldier of year

Jacqueline M. Heim of the Montana Army National Guard's 2000 Soldier of the Year.

She is a Light Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic with the 639th Quartermaster Company in Kalispell. She will now represent Montana in a regional competition to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., in March. She will compete with selectees from Army National Guard organizations throughout the western United States.

A member of the Kalispell unit since 1998, she has established herself as a top achiever in the organization. She was recognized as her military school's Honor Graduate and attained the maximum score of 300 on her physical fitness test.

She is employed at a Kalispell nursing facility.

Helmberger Leni R Army 6 Aug 2000 pg C8

Leni R. Helmberger has graduated from basic military training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.
 Helmberger is the daughter of Vicki Preston of Kalispell.

Hendrickson Alicia Navy 17 Dec 2000 pg C5

Alicia Hendrickson of Kalispell joined the Navy's delayed entry program on Dec. 5. She will be working on aviation ordinance in the Navy. She leaves for boot camp on Jan. 30. She is the daughter of Ladd and Tammy Hendrickson of Kalispell.

Higbee Nicholas G Army 31 Dec 2000 pg C12

Nicholas G. Higbee has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.
 Higbee is the son of Lynn Boots of Bigfork and a 2000 graduate of Bigfork High School.

Hill Wesley G Marine Corps 12 Mar 2000 pg C4

Marine corps Pvt. **Wesley G. Hill** of Whitefish completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.
 Hill is a 1999 graduate of Whitefish High School. He is the son of Terri Hill of Whitefish.

Johnson Timothy S Air Force 3 Dec 2000 pg C4

Timothy S. Johnson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Melvin L. Johnson of Louisiana, and Rita K. Martin of Kalispell.

Johnson Todd S Navy 12 Nov 2000 pg C5

Todd S. Johnson recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, home ported in Norfolk, Va. During the deployment, his ship participated in multinational exercises Invitex and Juniper Stallion. These exercises focused on developing friendship, trust and teamwork between coalition nations and increased their combined military readiness for contingency operations. During deployment, he visited several ports of call including cities in Croatia, Greece, Israel, Italy and Turkey. The crew also had the opportunity to shop, sight see and enjoy the culture and cuisine in each port. Johnson is a 1994 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Juarez Jeremy M Army 27 Aug 2000 pg C6

Jeremy M. Juarez has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. Juarez is the son of Joey M. Juarez of Kalispell, and Peggy L. Jaeger of Butte.

Kappen Jody K Navy 26 Nov 2000 pg C10

Jody K. Kappen, of Kalispell will report for active duty with the US Navy on Nov. 29, 2000. Kappen will complete basic training in Great Lakes, Ill. and technical trade school in Panama City, Fla.

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Jody K. Kappen of Kalispell recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the Hull Technician/Diver program. Kappen joined the delayed entry program and reported for active duty in November, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a graduate of Flathead High School.

Kasberg Justin Marine Corps 24 Sep 2000 pg C3

Justin Kasberg, a Marine lance corporal, was deployed to Grenada in May as part of Joint Task Force Midas, a humanitarian construction project working to rebuild the island nation. Kasberg, a heavy equipment operator, is helping to construct a 3,400-square-foot building designed to house up to 60 Grenadian Special Services police members. The Grenada exercise is part of a larger operation known as New Horizons 2000, the US military's humanitarian program that provides opportunities for service members to hone their job skills while working with their host nation counterparts. He is a 1998 graduate of Flathead High School and the son of Leslie Kasberg and Don Kasberg, both of Kalispell.



JUSTIN KASBERG

Keenen Johnny L Navy 2 Jan 2000 pg C3

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Johnny L. Keenen** of Troy recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C.

During the six month course, he received fundamental training in several technical fields related to the nuclear power program. He studied basic mathematics and physics for three months in preparation for hands-on training later in the course. He is now prepared to operate a reactor on a nuclear powered submarine or aircraft carrier.

He is the son of Donna and Ralph Keener of Troy and a 1986 graduate of Troy Public High School. He joined the Navy in 1986.

Kelch Bridger W Army 6 Feb 2000 pg C8

Bridger W. Kelch has been promoted in the US Army to the rank of sergeant.

Kelch, an investigator, is assigned to the 90th Military Police Detachment, Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

His parents are Casey and Nancy Kelch of Whitefish, and he graduated from Whitefish High School in 1986.

Keltner Joshua G Army 1 Oct 2000 pg C11

Joshua G. Keltner graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Keltner is a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of James and Janice Keltner of Kalispell.

Klein Jason G Army 5 Mar 2000 pg C7

Army Sgt. **Jason G. Klein** has deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Ft. Polk, Leesville, La., as part of a battalion deployment from Ft. Wainwright, Ala.

Klein, a motor transport operator, is the son of Glenn and Nancy Klein of Kalispell.

Lancaster Paul A Army 31 Dec 2000 pg C12

Paul A. Lancaster recently completed the cadet basic training program at the US Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. The training is designed to form new academy cadets into disciplined soldier-officers possessing personal pride, confidence, obedience to command orders, and dedication to duty.

After completing the basic training program, the cadet is accepted into the US Corps of Cadets at the academy.

Lancaster is the son of Jeremy and Jean Lancaster of Bigfork. He is a 1999 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Lane Bruce A Air Force 16 Jul 2000 pg C14

Bruce A. Lane has been promoted in the US Air Force to the rank of staff sergeant.

Lane is a telephone switch operator assigned to the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron at Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Ga.

The sergeant has served in the military for more than 10 years.

He is the son of Marvin E. and Patricia J. Lane of Hungry Horse and a 1989 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

LeFever Paulyn Marine Corps 10 Dec 2000 pg C8

Paulyn LeFever recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and was promoted to the rank of reserve private first class.

LeFever is the daughter of Cherie L. Sieberlich of North Pole, Alaska, and John P. Brandewie of Bigfork.

Lentz Colby Lee Navy 31 Dec 2000 pg C12

Colby Lee Lenz recently enlisted in the US Navy's Delayed Entry Program. Lenz joined the Navy to work in the Nuclear Field, he departed for basic training at Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois on Dec. 4.

After completion of basic training, he will go on to receive additional educational instruction in the Nuclear Field Training program.

He is the son of Rodney and Sandie Lenz of Lakeside.

The United States Navy Reunion Group is seeking former crewmembers from Asheville and Tacoma class patrol gunboats, tenders and staff for the fourth annual reunion in August 2001.

For more information contact Terry McManuels, 1673 Kilt St., Virginia Beach, VA 23464; telephone (757) 479-2261 or email "macs@visi.net"

Lindsay Ryan K Air Force 19 Mar 2000 pg C8

Airman Ryan K. Lindsay graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.


He is a 1999 graduate of Polson High School. He is the son of Thornton and Ellen Lindsay of Polson.



Lord Aaron Navy 19 Nov 2000 pg C5

Aaron Lord, is serving aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur, which is forward-deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. Lord is an interior communications electrician, and maintains and repairs internal communications equipment on the ship.

He is a 5-year Navy veteran and the son of Karen R. Johnson of Whitefish.



Marin Patrick J Army 17 Sep 2000 pg C7

Patrick J. Marin has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Marin is a 1993 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Gary R. and Gloria E. Marin of Kalispell.

Martin Steven R Army 30 Jan 2000 pg C4

Army Reserve Pvt. **Steven R. Martin** graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

He is the son of Norma W. Martin of Polson, and William D. Martin of Seeley Lake.

Martin Stephanie C Air Force 30 Apr 2000 pg C2

Stephanie C. Martin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.

Martin is the daughter of Dixie Wajdic of Lakeside and a 1996 graduate of Flathead High School.

Martin Steve R Army Reserve 27 Aug 2000 pg C6

Steve R. Martin and Christopher L. Pitcher participated in Operation New Horizons as part of Joint Task Force Santa Fe in the Central American country of El Salvador. The soldiers participated in a two-week annual training exercise which provided engineering projects and medical assistance to the people of El Salvador.

The Army reservists are members of the 81st Regional Support Command, Birmingham, Ala., which is headquarters for Army Reserve forces comprised of more than 270 units assigned throughout eight southeastern states.

Operation New Horizons provided real-world training for Army reservists, in which they helped rebuild the landscape and alleviate the human suffering caused by Hurricane Mitch in El Salvador. The soldiers constructed schools, clinics, repaired roads and river crossings, drilled potable water wells, and conducted medical readiness exercises.

Martin and Pitcher are carpentry and masonry specialists normally assigned to the 279th Engineer Detachment at Fort Missoula.

Martin is the son of Norma V. Martin of Polson, and William D. Martin Jr. of Seeley Lake.

Pitcher is the son of Kathleen D. Hirst of Columbia Falls.

Matheson Toni M Air Force 16 Jul 2000 pg C14

Toni M. Matheson graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Matheson is the daughter of Debra M. Huss of San Jose, Calif. and granddaughter of Phyllis Burke of Polson.

McCumbers Samuel L Army 21 May 2000 pg C6

Samuel L. McCumbers has arrived at Fort Knox, Ky., to complete basic combat training.

He is the son of Lee and Lila McCumbers of Columbia Falls.

Mocabee Todd Army 6 Aug 2000 pg C8

Todd Mocabee of Kalispell will graduate from Officer Candidate School (OCS) on Aug. 13. He will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and promoted to the grade of O-1.

OCS is a 15-month long program soldiers in the Montana Army National Guard must attend to receive their commission. Mocabee and other graduates completed two weeks of training at Ft. Meade, S.D., last summer, 15 drill periods, and are completing their last two weeks of training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

His new position will be in 631st Chemical Company.

Mohawk Derek J Navy 24 Dec 2000 pg C3

Derek J. Mohawk recently reported for duty with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74, Gulfport, Miss.

He is a 1982 graduate of Libby Senior High School and is the son of Luellen C. and James C. Mohawk of Libby.

Moore Brent A Army 19 Mar 2000 pg C8

Brent A. Moore graduated from basic military training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He is a 1999 graduate of Eagle High School. He is the son of John and Vernie Carabin of Columbia Falls.

Moore Wayne T Army National Guard 30 Jan 2000 pg C4

Army National Guard Private **Wayne T. Moore** has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, Ky. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). He is the son of Gary A. and Elizabeth A. Perrine of Kalispell, and a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School.

Moyer Edgar J Army 28 May 2000 pg C3

Edgar J. Moyer has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training. Moyer is the son of Doris E. Moyer of Spokane, Wash., and the grandson of Edgar J. Moyer of Coram.

Nieves Bradly A Army 5 Mar 2000 pg C7 5 Nov 2000 pg C7

Army Pvt. **Bradly A. Nieves** has arrived at Ft. Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training. He is the son of Sharleen L. Morden of Columbia Falls.

Bradly A. Nieves and **Phillip J. Creighton** have graduated from One Station Unit Training at the US Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During AIT, they received instruction to serve as an infantryman using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect fire support, and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar

squad. The training included weapons qualification, tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communications, and combat operations; engagement in infantry combat exercises, battle drills, land mine locating, neutralizing and extracting, and survival operations during a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

Nieves is a 1997 graduate of Columbia Falls High School. He is the son of Sharleen Morden of Columbia Falls.

Nightongale Jonathon R Army 31 Dec 2000 pg C12

Jonathon R. Nightongale has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Kathy M. Keltesch of Lakeside.


Nimphius Stephanie M Navy 30 Apr 2000 pg C2

Navy

Stephanie M. Nimphius of Kalispell recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the Information Systems Technician program. She is the daughter of Stephen R. Nimphius of Northport, N.Y., and Kathryn A. Andrews of Kalispell. She is a student at Flathead High School and will report for active duty in June. She will attend basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Oseles Todd E Army 24 Dec 2000 pg C3

Todd E. Oseles graduated from basic combat training at Fort Benning, Georgia on Nov. 30. He is stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., where he will attend aircraft repair school. He is the son of Nancy and Scott Collard of Columbia Falls.



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Ouellette Gabriel J Air Force 10 Dec 2000 pg C8

Gabriel J. Ouellette has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Ouellette is the son of Gerry and Mary Ouellette of Polson, and a 2000 graduate of Polson High School.

Perleberg David Air Force 19 Nov 2000 pg C5

David Perleberg has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Gary G. Perleberg of Bigfork and a 2000 graduate of Bigfork High School.

Petersen Jennifer S Air Force 2 Apr 2000 pg C6

Jennifer S. Petersen graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is a 1996 graduate of Flathead High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Peterson of Kalispell.

Petersen Joshua R Navy 12 Mar 2000 pg C4

Joshua R. Petersen of Whitefish recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, S.C. He received fundamental training in several technical fields related to the nuclear power program, and is prepared to operate reactors on nuclear powered submarines and aircraft carriers. He is the son of Joseph and Wanda Wooten of Whitefish.

Pitcher Christopher L Army Reserve 27 Aug 2000 pg C6

Steve R. Martin and Christopher L. Pitcher participated in Operation New Horizons as part of Joint Task Force Santa Fe in the Central American country of El Salvador. The soldiers participated in a two-week annual training exercise which provided engineering projects and medical assistance to the people of El Salvador. The Army reservists are members of the 81st Regional Support Command, Birmingham, Ala., which is headquarters for Army Reserve forces comprised of more than 270 units assigned throughout eight southeastern states. Operation New Horizons provided real-world training for Army reservists, in which they helped rebuild the landscape and alleviate the human suffering caused by Hurricane Mitch in El Salvador. The soldiers constructed schools, clinics, repaired roads and river crossing, drilled potable water wells, and conducted medical readiness exercises. Martin and Pitcher are carpentry and masonry specialists normally assigned to the 279th Engineer Detachment at Fort Missoula. Martin is the son of Norma V. Martin of Polson, and William D. Martin Jr. of Seeley Lake. Pitcher is the son of Kathleen D. Hirst of Columbia Falls.

Price-Williams Gerrard R Army Reserve 24 Dec 2000 pg C3

Gerrard R. Price-Williams joined the US Army Reserve under the Delayed Training program. He is a 1998 graduate of B. C. Morgan High School, Mobile, Ala., and will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training on Jan. 18, 2001. He is the son of Susan C. Bridges of Kalispell and Robert Price-Williams of Mobile.

Purdy Kevin D Marine Corps 17 Sep 2000 pg C7

Kevin D. Purdy recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Purdy is a 1998 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Linda and Russell Purdy of Kalispell.

Raeth Cory C Air Force 10 Dec 2000 pg A8

Cory C. Raeth has graduated from the US Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., and was commissioned as a second class lieutenant. Raeth served as an academy cadet senior officer who provided leadership, motivation and direction for the cadet wing and demonstrated effective officership in support of unit mission objectives.

The academy is a four-year military college. New lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships while others go directly to non-rated Air Force wide assignments.

Raeth is the son of Robert and Bonnie Raeth of Kalispell, and is a 1996 graduate of Flathead High School.

Rhodes Tia M Army 2 Apr 2000 pg C6

Tia M. Rhodes graduated from the wheeled vehicle repairer course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. She was taught to troubleshoot, repair, replace and adjust all related and associated electrical, mechanical and hydraulic components, systems and assemblies of wheeled vehicles and diesel power plant packs. She is a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School.

Rodriguez E R Marine Corps 2 Jul 2000 pg C9

E.R. Rodriguez, a 1999 graduate of Polson High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Saltz Edward M Army Reserve 29 Oct 2000 pg C7

Edward M. Saltz has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. At camp, Saltz completed a five-week course consisting of intensive military leadership training and evaluation exercises in communications, management, and survival training. After successfully completing advanced camp, and graduating from college, he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant to serve in the Army, National Guard or Reserve. He is the son of Cathy L. Saltz of Bigfork. He is a student at Montana State University-Bozeman.

Schaeffer Jason R Army 20 Feb 2000 pg C3

Jason R. Schaeffer enlisted in the U.S. Army. He recently left for basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. He attended Grangeville High School in Grangeville, Idaho, and Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. He is the son of Bill Schaeffer of Kalispell and Louella Schaeffer of Grangeville.

Severino Jerry T Army 30 Jan 2000 pg C4

Army Pvt. **Jerry T. Severino** has graduated from the petroleum supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee in Petersburg, Va. He received instruction in receipt, storage, issue, shipping and distribution of petroleum, oil and lubricant products used by the Army. He is the son of Carol A. Kellgren of Kalispell.

Siegfried Robert B Air Force 28 May 2000 pg C3


Brigadier General **Robert B. Siegfried** of Kalispell has received his second star and promotion to Major General in the United States Air Force Reserve.



The general is currently assigned as the mobilization assistant to the commander, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. He is responsible for the largest Individual Mobilization Augmentee program of any installation within the United States Air Force and augments the center's command section during deployments or when active duty leaders are temporarily away on other duties.

Sisson Joshua G Navy 15 Oct 2000 pg C10

Joshua G. Sisson, was assigned to duty with the US Navy Ceremonial Guard in Washington, D.C.



JOSHUA G. SISSON

He received assignment to this prestigious unit after excelling in boot camp. Sisson will perform in joint service ceremonies at the White House and Pentagon. He is the son of Bonnie J. Sisson of Kalispell.


Satterly Steven J Army 24 Sep 2000 pg C3

Steven A. Satterly was named to the dean's list for spring semester at the US Military Academy at West Point.

To qualify, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Satterly graduated from Flathead High School in 1998. He is studying chemistry and plans to graduate from West Point in 2002. He is the son of Michael and Rebecca Satterly of Kalispell.

Spady Stuart J Navy 16 Jul 2000 pg C14

Stuart J. Spady of Libby, recently contributed to the Pacific Fleet's readiness by participating in a military exercise know as Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2000 in and around Hawaii. RIMPAC is a periodic exercise designed to bring together the military forces of various Pacific rim nations to enhance their readiness, efficiency, and interoperability.



Navy Seaman Spady, the 19-year-old son of Stuart Spady Sr. of Libby, contributed to the exercise as a machinery repairman assigned to the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which is based in Everett, Wash. Spady is a 1999 graduate of Libby High School. His ship was one of more than 50 ships from seven nations who participated in the exercise that incorporated the activities of 200 aircraft and 22,000 Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers and Coastguardsman.



Laura A. Sparks, a member of the Naval Reserve Force, trained as a with active duty personnel aboard the USS Frank Cable, a submarine tender.

LAURA SPARKS

The Frank Cable and its crew of 1,300 was tasked with 700 plus repair jobs on 10 surface ships and three submarines during its port visit in Yokosuka, Japan. Sparks, a damage control specialist, ensures all ship personnel are properly trained to combat shipboard fires and other emergencies.

Sparks is a 1980 graduate of Flathead High School and a 17-year Navy veteran.

Gary B. Stephens graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard.

Stephens is a communications and information systems officer with the 120th Fighter Wing in Great Falls.

He is a 1987 graduate of Flathead High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Montana.

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

Jaine E. Thompson, 20, graduated from Recruit Training Command, Naval Training Center at Great Lakes, Ill.

She was presented the Academic Excellence Award on March 3 for outstanding performance of duty while maintaining the highest grade point average of all enlisted personnel.

She will continue with follow on training at Pensacola, Fla., as an Aviation Electronics Technician. The 26 week training evolution is part of her four year commitment which includes a \$30,000 Navy College Fund.

She is the daughter of Debra and Douglas Thompson of Bigfork.

Hans W. Tronstad recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Tronstad's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

The unit is composed of more than 2,000 personnel and is divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Tronstad's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clears the way for follow-on forces.

He is a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Marines in January of 1998. He is the son of Shelley and Robert Tronstad of Kalispell.

Hans W. Tronstad is midway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

His unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element.

Tronstad is a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Shelley and Robert Tronstad of Kalispell.

Utter Travis D Navy 23 Jan 2000 pg C9

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Travis D. Utter** recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Walbruch Simon J Army 26 Nov 2000 pg C10

Simon J. Walbruch has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

Walbruch completed a five-week course consisting of intensive military leadership training and evaluation exercises in communications, management, and survival training.

After successfully completing advanced camp, and graduating from college, the cadet will be commissioned as a second lieutenant to serve in the Army, National Guard, or Reserve.

He is the grandson of Jim and Pat Meyers of Kalispell. Walbruch is a student at the University of Montana.

Wallack Colin J Marine Corps 28 May 2000 pg C3

Colin J. Wallack graduated from Marine Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif., on April 21, 2000. On May 19, 2000 he graduated from Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he received a meritorious promotion to Private First Class for outstanding leadership and mental and physical fitness.

Wallack is a 2000 graduate of Flathead High School. He is currently stationed in Pensacola, Fla., where he will continue his education. He is the son of Jim and Terry Wallack of Kalispell.



Washer Leslee E Air Force 30 Jan 2000 pg C4

Leslee E. Washer has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

She is a test support evaluation division chief assigned to the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M.

She is the daughter of Jane and John Forsberg of Whitefish, and a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. She also has a master's degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio.

Wehrman Dewite R Navy 6 Feb 2000 pg C8

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Dewite R. Wehrman**, son of Budd and Donna Wehrman of Bigfork, has been asked by the Navy to train warship crews in San Diego.


He went through orientation courses at the Afloat Training Group in January, and will begin making ship visits in late February.

He will evaluate and train the undersea warfare team.

Wehrman is a sonar technician. He was assigned to ATG because he is one of the top technicians in his field, and has several years of supervisory experience.

He is a 1985 graduate of Flathead High School.



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| Wehrman | Nathan A | Army Reserve | 2 Apr 2000 pg C6 | 27 Aug 2000 pg C6 |
| | | | <p>Nathan A. Wehrman entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of John Wehrman of Somers.</p> | <p>Nathan A. Wehrman graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of John and Sherry Wehrman of Somers, and a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School.</p> |
| Whedon | Raymond G | Marine Corps | 6 Aug 2000 pg C8 | |
| | | | <p>Raymond G. Whedon recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He is the son of Denise and Don Whedon of Troy.</p> | |
| Wigley | Christopher W | Army | 20 Feb 2000 pg C3 | 27 Aug 2000 pg C6 |
| | | | <p>Army Pfc. Christopher W. Wigley has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal. The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement and have accomplished the act with distinction. Wigley is an infantryman with the 508th Infantry, Camp Ederle, Vicenza, Italy.</p> | <p>Christopher W. Wigley is a member of the Southern European Task Force airborne combat team and recently participated in a multinational training exercise known as Veneto Rescue. The training prepares the soldiers to rapidly evacuate U.S. citizens from hostile situations. Noncombatant evacuation is just one of many tasks the SETAF airborne combat team is responsible for throughout southern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Wigley is stationed at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy. He is a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School and the son of Mike and Glenda Wigley of Kalispell.</p>  |
| Woodson | Samuel | Marine Corps | 19 Nov 2000 pg C5 | |
| | | | <p>Samuel Woodson, son of Army Major and Mrs. Glenn R. Woodson of Kalispell, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.</p> | |
| Yager | Mitchell | Air Force | 19 Nov 2000 pg C5 | |
| | | | <p>Mitchell Yager has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is a graduate of Flathead High School and the son of Greg and Nancy Yager of Kalispell.</p> | |
| Young | Jacob R | Marine Corps | 17 Dec 2000 pg C5 | |
| | | | <p>Jacob R. Young of Libby recently supported rescue and recovery efforts for the USS Cole after the Oct. 12 attack that left 17 Sailors dead and many others wounded in the port of Aden, Yemen. He was part of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit that provided immediate security repair efforts and towing operations. He is the son of Sharon and Michael Young of Libby.</p> | |