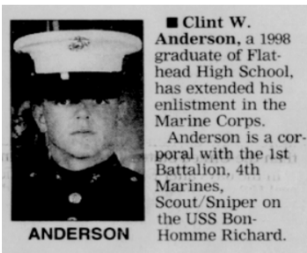


Surname	Given Name	Branch	Publication Date
Alissandratyos	Andrew J	Marine Corps	24 Dec 2001 pg A2

Andrew J. Alissandratos recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He is the son of Stephanie M. Walker of Kalispell, and George L. Alissandratos of Memphis, Tenn.

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Anderson	Holly P	Marine Corps	3 Jun 2001 pg C7
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Holly P. Anderson recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. She is the daughter of Michele Linton of Kalispell and Harry Anderson of Missoula. She is a 2000 graduate of Flathead High School.

Baker	Ian M	Navy	8 Aug 2001 pg A2
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■ **Ian M. Baker** of Kalispell has returned to San Diego and will complete the final six months of his tour of duty in March of 2002. He is the son of Michael Baker and Debra Jones, and the grandson of M.F. "Barney" and Ruth Baker, all of Kalispell. After completing maneuvers in the South Pacific, he will return from Hawaii to the United States aboard a ship accompanied by his father.

Bardwell	Theresa M	Army	25 Mar 2001 pg C3
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Theresa M. Bardwell has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the wife of David Bardwell, and the great-granddaughter of Lillian Lyonis, both of Kalispell.

Barker James L Navy 20 Aug 2001 pg A2

James L. Barker recently participated in the second

phase of the recovery mission for the Civil War ironclad ship USS Monitor recovery mission. The recovery expedition is based in Cape Hatteras, N.C.

Barker was part of a team of 70 Navy divers from more than 15 active and reserve commands. The team completed more than 400 dives and logged more than 658 diving hours—the most ever on a single project from a single platform. The divers excavated the Monitor's 30-ton steam engine, condenser and artifacts.

Built in 1862, USS Monitor was the first ironclad vessel to be equipped with a revolving turret. It used a unique steam engine for propulsion. In March 1862, Monitor engaged in a four-hour assault with the Confederate ironclad CSS Virginia at Hampton Roads, Va. Nine months later, Monitor was sank in a storm off Cape Hatteras. The first recovery phase began in March 2001.

Barker is a 1989 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Navy in September 1989.

He is the son of Iona and Gary Barker of Kalispell.

Bauer Joshua J Marine Corps 4 Feb 2001 pg C10

Joshua J. Bauer recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Bauer is the son of Glenda G. Hill of Polson and Peter Bauer of Issaquah, Wash.

Bench Logan J Marine Corps 21 Jan 2001 pg C2

Logan J. Bench, recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naval Submarine Base

Bangor, Silverdale, Wash.

He is a 1998 graduate of Whitefish High School and the son of Karen and Virgil Dehlert of Whitefish.

Bennett Brian D Air Force 6 May 2001 pg C3

Brian D. Bennett has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Cheryl Hirsch of Whitefish.

Blanche Jesse L Marine Corps 22 Apr 2001 pg C6

Jesse L. Blanche recently completed basic training at

Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. he is the son of David Blanche of Eureka.

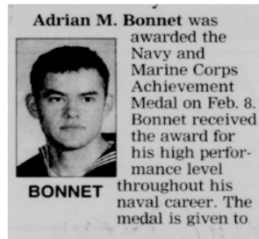
Bonner Matthew H Army 11 Mar 2001 pg C3

Matthew H. Bonner has been decorated with an Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

He is the son of Virginia F. Bonner of Kalispell and Michael J. Bonner of Eugene, Ore.

Bonnet Adrian M Navy 11 Mar 2001 pg C3



Borchers Stephanie A Air Force 15 Oct 2001 pg A2

Completes training

Stephanie A. Borchers has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Shirley Borchers of Polson. She is a 2001 graduate of Polson High School.

Bozarth Tracy A Air Force 3 Jun 2001 pg C7

Tracy A. Bozarth has graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss. She is the daughter of Betty Leslie of Kalispell. She is a 1980 graduate of Flathead High School.

Byers Michael J Marine Corps 7 Jan 2001 pg C2

Michael J. Byers recently reported for duty with Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan. He is the son of Ramona Riebe of Kalispell.

Caye Anthony L Marine Corps 1 Jul 2001 pg C10

Anthony L. Caye recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He is a 1996 graduate of Two Eagle River High School in Pablo.

Clark Jennifer L Air Force 20 May 2001 pg C5

Jennifer L. Clark has arrived for duty at Edwards Air Force Base, Rosamond, Calif. Clark is a physical exams superintendent with the 95th Aeromedical Squadron. The sergeant is a 1987 graduate of Flathead High School. She is the daughter of Dennis and Joan Baldwin of Kila.

Coon Daniel N Marine Corps 23 Jul 2001 pg A2

Cpl. Daniel N. Coon was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is the son of Norman Coon of Polson.

Cope Eric F Marine Corps 22 Apr 2001 pg C6

Eric F. Cope recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He is the son of Nancy J. Kirkedahl of Eureka.

Cowperthwaite	Brandon D	Navy	8 Apr 2001 pg C7	<p>Brandon D. Cowperthwaite is currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry Truman. He is a 1999 graduate of Libby Senior High School.</p>	29 Apr 1945 pg C2	<p>Travis D. Utter, Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, and Chantel M. Gohl are midway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.</p> <p>Cowperthwaite is a 1999 graduate of Libby Senior High School.</p>
Crabtree	Dale L	Army	1 Apr 2001 pg C9	<p>Dale L. Crabtree has graduated from the heavy-wheeled vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.</p> <p>During the course, he learned to perform unit maintenance on heavy duty vehicles, including prime movers designated as more than five tons and associated trailers, such as crane, hoist, and winch assemblies, and material handling equipment; performed maintenance and repaired systems, chassis and assemblies pertaining to brake, ignition, engine, electrical, axle, hydraulic, transmission, suspension, wheel and steering.</p> <p>He is the son of Laura Buckalaw of Kalispell.</p>		
Curley	Vincent J	Marine Corps	22 Apr 2001 pg C6	<p>Vincent J. Curley recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.</p> <p>He is the son of Jessie Curley of Polson.</p>		
Dewitt	Kara L	Army	1 Jul 2001 pg C10	<p>Kara L. Dewitt has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Alan Dewitt of Kalispell.</p>		
Dipert	Joshua	Marine Corps	15 Apr 2001 pg C4	<p>Marines</p> <p>Joshua Dipert recently completed the electrophysics optical ordnance repairer course.</p> <p>He is the son of Beverly Boyer of Whitefish.</p>		
Doyle	Eugene J	Navy	11 Feb 2001 pg C2	<p>Eugene J. Doyle has reported to the College of Naval Command at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.</p> <p>The College of Naval Command and Staff is a multidisciplinary program designed for US Naval and Coast Guard officers. Military students are selected to attend the College of Naval Command and Staff by their respective services.</p> <p>Doyle is the son of Charles and Nancy Doyle of Kalispell.</p>		
Ebensteiner	Charity R	Air Force	22 Apr 2001 pg C6	<p>Charity R. Ebensteiner has graduated from aerospace ground equipment apprentice/mission ready technician course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.</p> <p>The mission ready technician students undergo six months of intensive training in turbine and diesel engines, electrical, hydraulic, refrigeration, and pneumatic systems to support worldwide aircraft maintenance and operations.</p> <p>She is the daughter of Tammy and Ray Ebensteiner of Polson.</p>		

Ehlinger Aaron E Army 1 Apr 2001 pg C9

Aaron E. Ehlinger has graduated from three-week airborne training course at the Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.
During the first week of training, the student underwent a rigorous physical training program and received instruction in the theory of parachuting; the second week, he received practical training by jumping from 34-foot and 250-foot towers; and in the final week made five static-line parachute jumps, including one night jump from an in-flight aircraft.
He is the son of Russell and Debbie Ehlinger of Whitefish.

Faulkner Lawrence A Jr Army 20 May 2001 pg C5

Lawrence A. Faulkner Jr. has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.
Faulkner is the son of Lawrence Faulkner of Kalispell and Carrie Faulkner of Roman.

Forsberg Jonathan A Navy 16 Nov 2001 pg A2

Jonathan A. Forsberg recently reported for duty at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.
Forsberg joined the Navy in September 1990. He is the son of John Forsberg of Whitefish.

Gohl Chantel Navy 8 Apr 2001 pg C7

Navy
Chantel Gohl is currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.
While on deployment, crew members from Gohl's ship participated in damage control Olympics, a competition designed to train crew to properly handle a crisis at sea.
Gohl is the son of Wanda and Charlie Blankenhorn of Polson.

29 Apr 1945 pg C2

Travis D. Utter, Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, and
Chantel M. Gohl are midway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.
Gohl is a 1999 graduate of Polson High School and is the son of Wanda and Charlie Blankenhorn of Polson.

Grogan James M Air Force 18 Feb 2001 pg C5

James M. Grogan was awarded the Air Force Doolittle Award for outstanding airmanship and the Excellence Airmanship Award from the A.M. Command-Safety Office.
Grogan and his aircrew members were able to successfully land a damaged aircraft in an emergency situation. The aircrew's combined efforts brought the incident to a safe conclusion. Grogan saved seven crew members and a multi-million dollar Air Force aircraft.
Grogan is contingency operations chief and instructor pilot assigned to the 317th Air-lift Group at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.
He is a 1984 graduate of Whitefish High School and a 1989 graduate of Montana State University.
He is the son of Ed and Sandy Grogan of Whitefish.

Haley Andrea N Navy 15 Oct 2001 pg A2

Navy course done

Andrea N. Haley recently graduated from Air Traffic Controller School.

During the course at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn., she received basic control tower and radar control training. She also completed the technical training need to receive Federal Aviation Administration certification.

She is the daughter of Kim and Ken Archer of Whitefish.

Hammel John H III Air Force 20 Aug 2001 pg A2

Air Force

■ John H. Hammel III has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman 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.

He is the son of John Hammel Jr. of Swan Lake.

Heinz Kathryn O Air Force 6 May 2001 pg C3

Kathryn O. Heinz has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

Cadets are trained to be top quality Air Force officers. They receive instruction in military training and application, professional knowledge, human behavior, defense studies, leadership studies and management, communication skills and physical fitness.

Heinz is the daughter of Larry and Bernadine O'Connell of Kalispell. She is a 1990 graduate of Flathead High School and received a bachelor's degree from National Louis University, Maclean, Va.

Hendrickson Alicia E Navy 21 Jan 2001 pg C2

Alicia E. Hendrickson of Kalispell recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the Equipment Operator program.

She is the daughter of Ladd and Tammy Hendrickson of Kalispell, and attended Flathead High School. She joined through the delayed entry program and reported for active duty in December, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Hutton Derek J Marine Corps 22 Apr 2001 pg C6

Derek J. Hutton recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is the son of Noella A. Brooks of Kalispell.

Keltner Joshua J Army 7 Jan 2001 pg C2

Joshua Keltner has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the course, Keltner was trained to perform maintenance on vehicle power assisted brake systems, wheel vehicle suspension systems, wheel-hub assemblies, mechanical and hydraulic steering systems, and wheel vehicle crane, hoist and winch assemblies.

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

Kneeland Raymond C Marine Corps

Raymond C. Kneeland recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Kneeland is a 2001 graduate of Polson High School and the son of Geri Campbell of Polson.

Kropp Garrett Navy 21 Jan 2001 pg C2

Garrett Kropp, joined the Navy through the delayed entry program on Dec. 15, 2000. He will report for active duty on Sept. 25, 2001. He is a student at Flathead High School and the son of Skip Kropp of Somers and Debra Spear of Kalispell.

3 Oct 2001 pg A2

Garrett G. Kropp of Kalispell recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the nuclear field program.

He is the son of Walter G. Kropp of Somers and attended Flathead High School.

He joined under the delayed entry program and reported for active duty in September.

He will attend basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

LaPorte James L Army 11 Mar 2001 DR C3

James L. La Porte has graduated from the three-week airborne training course at the Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

La Porte, a parachute rigger, is the son of Joe M. La Porte of Danielson Road, Kalispell, and Sue A. Wilkerson of Ennis.

Larimer David E Navy 1 Jul 2001 pg C10

Angela R. Tressel and **David E. Larimer** 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, they received fundamental training in several technical fields related to the nuclear power program.

Tressel is the daughter of Peggy and Alvin Tressel of Lakeside and a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School. She joined the Navy in February 2000.

Larimer is a 1999 graduate of Libby High School. He is the son of Shelley and Terry Larimer of Libby.

Laroux Jason D Navy 22 Apr 2001 pg C6

Jason D. Laroux of Kalispell recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the aviation maintenance administrationman program.

He is the son of Bill Laroux of Kalispell and attended Flathead Valley Community College. He joined the delayed entry program and will report for active duty in June, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Lazarewicz James R Marine Corps 22 Apr 2001 pg C6

James R. Lazarewicz recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He is the son of Stella and Jan Lazarewicz of Columbia Falls.

Leal Jonathon L Army 1 Apr 2001 pg C9

Jonathon L. Leal has graduated from the track vehicle repairer course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md. He was taught to troubleshoot, repair and maintain mechanical, electrical, air and hydraulic systems on tracked vehicles. He is the son of Pam Bacon of Columbia Falls.

LeFever Paulyn Marine Corps 1 Apr 2001 pg C9

Marines
Paulyn LeFever, recently completed the motor vehicle operator course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. LeFever acquired the specialty skills and technical ability necessary to operate light and medium tactical wheeled vehicles during various field and convoy operations. She spent more than 1,800 hours of classroom instruction and practical application learning how to drive designated courses on and off road. She also conducted vehicle recoveries and inspections, simulated driving vehicles under black-out conditions and learned how to prepare operator, maintenance and accident forms. She is the daughter of John P. Brandewie of Bigfork.

Long Deak B Navy 26 Nov 2001 pg A2

Former Kalispell man ships out
Deak B. Long, formerly of Kalispell, is stationed on the USS Theodore Roosevelt as an airline electronics worker. Long was trained at Whidbey Island Naval Air Base, Oak Harbor, Wash., after enlisting a year ago.

McKenzie John R Navy 17 Dec 2001 pg A2

John R. McKenzie recently received a letter of commendation while assigned with the Iceland Defense Force, Keflavik, Iceland. McKenzie, Navy petty officer 1st class, was recognized for his superior performance of duty, displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, and consistently performing his duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. McKenzie is a 1979 graduate of Lincoln County High School in Eureka and enlisted in the Navy in February 1984. He is the son of Vonica R. and Hubert J. McKenzie of Eureka.

Moore Wayne T Army 6 May 2001 pg C3

Wayne T. Moore has graduated from the CH-47 "Chinook" helicopter repairer course at Fort Euis, Newport News, Va. He is the son of Elizabeth and Gary Perrine of Marion and is a 1989 graduate of Flathead High School.

Munroe Ross A Navy 20 Aug 2001 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Ross A. Munro, son of Gail and Jay Munro of Libby, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, Port Hueneme, Calif.
Munro was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He joined the Navy in August 1990.

Needles Nicholas R Army 1 Jul 2001 pg C10

Nicholas R. Needles has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Sharon Kragelund and stepson of Steen Kragelund of Kalispell.

Orsua Michael T Air National Guard 30 Jul 2001 pg A2

Air National Guard
Michael T. Orsua graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Robert Orsua of Kalispell and Beth Orsua of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Oseles Todd Army 15 Oct 2001 pg A2

Promoted to PFC
Todd Oseles of Columbia Falls was promoted to private first class on Sept. 1. He was a distinguished honor graduate of the AH-64A Apache Attack Helicopter Armament/Electrical Repairs course at Fort Eustis, Va., on June 7. He is stationed with the 3rd Armor Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colo. He is the son of Nancy and Scott Collard of Columbia Falls.

Ott Michael P Navy 25 Mar 2001 pg C3

Michael P. Ott recently completed boot camp at Great Lakes Recruit Training Center, Ill. Ott has been assigned to the USS Fife in Everett, Wash. He is a 2000 graduate of Columbia Falls High School and the son of Keith and Charissa Ott of Columbia Falls.



Student to serve in medical corps

J. Trent Peacock received a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army



PEACOCK

Reserves and will serve in the medical service corps. He was sworn in on Nov. 7 in Memphis, Tenn., in the 81st RSC. Peacock earned a bachelor of science degree in biological science from the University of Mississippi at Oxford, Miss., in 2000.

He is currently a graduate student at the university work-

ing toward a master's degree in medical microbiology and research.

Peacock attended Cayuse Prairie elementary school and is a 1994 honor graduate of Flathead High School. He is the son of Jerry and Holly Peacock, formerly of Kalispell.

David P. Perleberg has graduated from satellite and wideband communications equipment apprentice course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

Perleberg is the son of Gary and Celie Perleberg of Bigfork. He is a 2000 graduate of Bigfork High School.

Joshua R. Peterson recently reported for duty aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Henry M. Jackson, homeported in Bangor, Wash.

He is the son of Wanda and Joseph Wooten of Whitefish. He is a 1998 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Zachary T. Phillips has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Mar and Rose Phillips of Martin City and a 1999 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Derek J. Price has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the course, Price was trained to perform maintenance on vehicle power assisted brake systems, wheel vehicle suspension systems, wheel-

hub assemblies, mechanical and hydraulic steering systems, and wheel vehicle crane, hoist and winch assemblies.

He is the son of Les Price of Kalispell and a 1998 graduate of Flathead High School.

Pvt. Shane P. Proulx recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is the son-in-law of Nicholas Brandt of Kalispell.

Quick Lissa A Air Force 15 Apr 2001 pg C4

Lissa A. Quick graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.
During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.
She is the granddaughter of Allen Quick, Dorothy Berry and Chuck Berry, all of Columbia Falls.

Raley Philip A Air Force 18 Feb 2001 pg C5

Philip A. Raley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.
He is the son of Doug Raley of Kalispell and Annette Hodgins of California.

Randono Eugene G Army 21 Jan 2001 pg C2

Eugene G. Randono has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.
He is the son of Harriet Randono of Kalispell.

Rennich Bruce C Marine Corps 3 Oct 2001 pg A2

Bruce C. Rennich recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.
He is the son of Helen Schroll of Polson.

Ruby Darrell G Navy 25 Mar 2001 pg C3

Darrell G. Ruby, lieutenant commander, recently served as the EOD representative for his Navy team to the NATO conference in Laspezia, Italy. The dive team consists of divers from the Marines, Navy SEALs, and other branches of the service.
He is the son of Howard and Fran Ruby of Kalispell.

Sanford Harlan E Army 21 Jan 2001 pg C2

Harlan E. Sanford has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.
He is the grandson of Phyllis and Eugene Sanford of Polson.

Schaumburg Ryan K Navy 3 Jun 2001 pg C7

Ryan K. Schaumburg recently graduated from the Navy's Basic Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, Goose Creek, S.C.
He is the son of Joyce and Kent Schaumburg of Kalispell, and he is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School.

Schmidt Alecia C Navy 18 Feb 2001 pg C5

Alecia C. Schmidt, recently escorted the battleship USS Wisconsin to its new home at Nauticus, the National Maritime Center in Norfolk, Va. USS Wisconsin, commissioned in April 1944, has served in World War II, Korea and Gulf War. It will remain on the ship's registry and be maintained to permit reactivation.
Schmidt is a 1971 graduate of Columbia Falls High School. She is the daughter of Ann and Clarence Carter of Kalispell.

Scott Levi J Army Reserve 14 Jan 2001 pg C9

Levi J. Scott has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Barbara L. and Charlie C. Scott of Polson. Scott is a 2000 from Polson High School.

Shelton Danny R Army 15 Apr 2001 pg C4

Danny R. Shelton has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program. The program gives Shelton the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. Shelton is a 1998 graduate of the high school program at Salish Kootenai Community College and will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training. He is the son of Teri Miller of Polson.

Scott Ronda S Army National Guard 17 Aug 2001 pg A2

Army National Guard

Helena native and longtime Montana Army National Guardswoman **Ronda S. Scott** was promoted to command sergeant major during a ceremony Saturday at Fort Harrison.

Scott becomes the first woman in the Montana Army National Guard's 116-year history to attain this rank, and will lead the 495th Transportation Battalion's 514 enlisted soldiers and noncommissioned officers.

The battalion is headquartered in Kalispell and has units located in Billings, Butte, Chinook, Dillon, Havre, Helena, Libby and Missoula.

Siebenaler John A Air Force 10 Jun 2001 pg C12

Air Force

John Siebenaler has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Ben Frickson of Polson.

Tressel Angela R Navy 1 Jul 2001 pg C10

Angela R. Tressel and **David E. Larimer** 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, they received fundamental training in several technical fields related to the nuclear power program.

Tressel is the daughter of Peggy and Alvin Tressel of Lakeside and a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School. She joined the Navy in February 2000.

Larimer is a 1999 graduate of Libby High School. He is the son of Shelley and Terry Larimer of Libby.

Travis Utter is also on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea on the USS Harry Truman. He is the son of Ken Utter of Rexford.

Travis D. Utter, Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, and

Chantel M. Gohl are midway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Utter is the son of Ken Utter of Rexford.

Travis D. Utter recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

While operating in the Persian Gulf, the Truman Battle Group enforced United Nations sanctions against Iraq by diverting 22 vessels with more than \$5 million of suspected contraband cargo.

His ship also visited the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Greece and Turkey, where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy local culture and cuisine.

This was the maiden deployment for USS Harry S. Truman, the ship was commissioned July 25, 1988, and completed its final pre-deployment certification exercise in October, 2000.

Utter is the son of Ken Utter of Rexford and Toni Utter of Spokane, Wash.

James R. Vance has joined the Army under the delayed entry program.

Vance is a 1991 graduate of Flathead High School and received an associate's degree from Iowa Western Community College.

He is the son of Claudia Vance of Bigfork and Steve Vance of Whitefish.

Matthew E. Voog has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Norman Voog of Ridgefield Conn., and Mary Voog of Bigfork.

SFC Dane Ward is retiring from the U.S. Army on Friday after 20 years. His retirement ceremony will be held on the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regimental Compound at Anderson Hangar.

Ward is a native of Montana. He entered the Army in October 1981. His initial assignment was with HHC Task Force 160, then he moved to Alpha Company as crew chief of the MH-6 assault helicopter.

He then received assignment orders to 4th ACR at Fulda, Germany. He has also served with 4th cavalry in Korea. His assignments to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment include positions as MH-6 crew chief, AH/MH-6 technical inspector, section sergeant, and most recently as a platoon sergeant for Alpha Company.

His awards and decorations include meritorious service medal 2nd OLC, joint service commendation medal, Army commendation medal 4th OLC, Army achievement medal 4th OLC, joint meritorious unit award 4th OLC, armed forces expeditionary medal 2nd OLC, good conduct medal 6th Awd, valorous unit award, Southwest Asia service medal 2nd BSS, national defense service medal, Kuwait liberation medal, NCO professional development ribbon. He has earned the master crewmember badge, and parachutist badge.

Ward has a daughter, Nikki. His brother, Sean Ward, and mother, Norma Flammond, live in Kalispell.

Waterman Tabatha L Navy 7 Jan 2001 pg C2

Tabatha L. Waterman of Kalispell recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in Information Systems Technician Program. She is the daughter of Robert and Kimberly Waterman, both of Kalispell. She will report for active duty in February, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

Watkins Gregory Jr Air Force 30 Jul 2001 pg A2

Gregory Watkins Jr. has graduated from basic military training Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Linda Watkins of New Orleans, La., and Greg Watkins of Whitefish. He is a 1999 graduate of Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

Watue Gary Air Force 23 Jul 2001 pg A2

Master Sgt. Gary Watue has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Maxwell Air Force Base-Gunter Annex, Montgomery, Ala. He was a 1961 graduate of Polson High School and received a bachelor's degree from Northern Montana College in Havre.

Wochnick Kenneth J Army 20 May 2001 pg C5

Kenneth J. Wochnick has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a 2000 graduate of Flathead High School and the son of Karen Hines of Kalispell.

Wolff Thomas Navy 8 Apr 2001 pg C7

Thomas Wolff recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, home ported in Bremerton, Wash. During the deployment, his ship was on station in the Arabian Gulf supporting U.N. sanctions of the no-fly interception operations. The squadron also visited cities in Australia, Tasmania and the United Arab Emirates. Wolff is the son of Clarence Wolff of Whitefish.

Yeats Jennifer B Air Force 29 Apr 2001 pg C2

Jennifer B. Yeats was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. Yeats is a 1995 graduate of Whitefish High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Montana.

Zimmerlt John A Army 11 Feb 2001 pg C2

John A. Zimmerlt has graduated from the basic hospital food service specialist course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. Zimmerlt is the son of Del and Cindy Zimmerlt of Columbia Falls.

Ronald E. Zinck recently reported for duty at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Ga. He is the son of Ethel C. Johnson of Eureka and Kenneth Zinck of Germantown, Ohio.