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| Anderson | Todd D | Army | 6 Jun 2003 pg A2 |


■ Officer candidate **Todd D. Anderson** graduated with honors April 25 from the Army Medical Department Physicians Assistant School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He is being assigned to the Army hospital at Fort Riley, Kan., for his year of practical training. Before being accepted in PA school, Anderson did a six-month tour of duty in Kosovo on a peacekeeping mission and earned a Kosovo Liberation Medal. After completion of his medical training, he will join his wife and daughter in Germany. Anderson is the son of Jerry and Barb Anderson of Kalspell.



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| Arrants | Nicole | Army | 31 Mar 2003 pg A2 |
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■ **Nicole Arrants**, a member of the Army's 97th Military Police Company, is being deployed from Fort Bliss, Texas, to northern Iraq where she will follow the Army's 4th Infantry Division. Arrants, a 1998 graduate of Whitefish High School, is the adopted daughter of Connie Sagen of Whitefish. Her birthmother, Gail Gudmanson, lives in Brooks, Ore.



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| Barker | Jeffery J | Navy | 2 May 2003 pg A2 |
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■ Navy Seaman Recruit **Jeffery J. Barker**, son of Donn and Dennis Thornton of Kalspell, recently graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn. Barker is a 2002 graduate of Flathead High School.

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| Beckwith | Ashley M | Navy | 21 May 2003 pg A2 |
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■ Navy Seaman **Ashley M. Beckwith**, daughter of Clelia J. Bowring of Whitefish and Guy D. Beckwith of Escondido, Calif., recently completed exercise Tandem Thrust '03 aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Essex.

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| Bowers | Steven M | Marines | 13 Apr 2003 pg A2 |
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■ Marine Corps Pvt. **Steven M. Bowers**, a 2002 graduate of Troy High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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| Brabham | Carole L | Air Force | 2 May 2003 pg A2 |
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■ Army Pvt. **Carole L. Brabham**, daughter of David Brabham of Kalspell and Amy Holtz of Missoula, has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Brabham is a 2002 graduate of Flathead High School.

Carole Brabham, who recently completed basic training, is an Air Force airman. Her rank was incorrect in information provided to the Inter Lake.

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| Bradford | Kevin J | Marines | 2 May 2003 pg A2 |
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■ Marine Corps Pvt. **Kevin J. Bradford**, a 2002 graduate of Two Eagle River High School in Pablo, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Buyske Matthew H Navy 23 Feb 2003 pg A2

■ **Matthew H. Buyske**, grandson of William Buyske of Troy, recently was promoted to ensign while serving with the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

Chaney Shawn M Navy 21 May 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Apprentice **Shawn M. Chaney**, nephew of Sam E. Chaney of Trego, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Cook Jonathan Army 11 Jul 2003 pg A2



SGT. GERRY L. IVIE, left, and Spc. Jonathan Cook, both of Eureka, are pictured in northern Iraq recently with a Flat-head Valley landmark of their own making. Both are serving with the 889th Quartermaster Co. of Kalispell which was deployed on Feb. 7.

Cope Eric F Marines 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ Marine Corps Cpl. **Eric F. Cope**, son of Nancy J. Kirkedahl of Eureka, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Headquarters, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Cope is a 2000 graduate of Lincoln County High School of Eureka.

Cornell Robert P Marines 17 May 2003 pg A8

United States Marine Corps
September 2001 to Present


Stationed in Okinawa, Japan
Special Awards:
9/02 Meritus Mast;
Yausubetsu Hokkaido Japan,
3/03 Iwo Jima Memorial Service



Lance Corporal
Robert P. Cornell

Countryman Tom Navy 16 Feb 2003 pg C6


■ **Tom Countryman**, son of Roy and Elaine Countryman of Columbia Falls, is serving as a chief petty officer on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.



COUNTRYMAN

Countryman's deployment to the Persian Gulf was extended from an assignment originally planned to end in January.

He is the husband of Cindy Rogers of Helena Flats. Countryman is in his 16th year of service with the U.S. Navy

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| Cowperthwaite | Brandon D | Navy | 27 Jan 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, a 1999 graduate of Libby High School, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman.</p> | 31 Mar 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, a 1999 graduate of Libby High School, is halfway through a scheduled six-month deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman.</p> <p>Cowperthwaite on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf.</p> | 2 May 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, a 1999 graduate of Libby High School, is currently participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, homeported in Norfolk, Va.</p> |
| | | | 18 Jun 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brandon D. Cowperthwaite, a 1999 graduate of Libby Loggers High School in Libby, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman.</p> <p>Cowperthwaite participated in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.</p> | | | | |
| Denning | Anthony | Arm | 23 Feb 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Anthony Denning, 26, son of Denise Smith of Three Forks and Curtis Denning of Whitefish, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years according to Staff Sgt. Travis Odell of the Kalispell Recruiting Station.</p> <p>Denning entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program and will receive an \$11,000 enlistment bonus. He will attend basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., with a specialty as a military intelligence systems maintainer/integrator.</p> <p>Denning received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1999 from Montana State University of Bozeman.</p> | | | | |
| Elliott | Derek | Marines | 13 Apr 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Derek Elliott, 22, of Kalispell, is on the front line in Iraq with the 5th Battalion, 11th Marines.</p> <p>He is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School and the son of Will Elliott of Kalispell and Jill Nelson of Helena.</p>  <p>ELLIOTT</p> | | | | |
| Fennessy | Michael D | Marines | 11 Jul 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ The following area servicemen recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.</p> <p>Marine Corps Pvt. Michael D. Fennessy, son of Mary E. Nells-Fennessy and Michael F. Fennessy, both of Whitefish.</p> <p>The recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort culminating in a ceremony in which recruits were presented the Marine Corps emblem, and addressed as Marines for the first time in their careers.</p> | | | | |
| Fincher | Kelley D | Air Force | 13 Apr 2003 pg A2 | <p>■ Kelley D. Fincher 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.</p> <p>Fincher is a public affairs assigned to the 24th Training Squadron.</p> <p>She is the daughter of Walter K. Fincher of Kalispell, and Sherrie E. Fincher of Vacaville, Calif.</p> <p>She is a 1995 graduate of Flathead High School, and a 1999 graduate of the University of Montana, Missoula.</p> | | | | |

Fitzpatrick Kevyn T Navy 23 Feb 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Hospitalman Recruit **Kevyn T. Fitzpatrick**, son of Thomas E. Fitzpatrick of Kalispell and Danita D. Fitzpatrick of Lewiston, Idaho, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, in Great Lakes, Ill. Fitzpatrick's first assignment will involve direct patient care, but he will be able to work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections. Fitzpatrick is a 2002 graduate of Flathead Valley Christian School. He joined the Navy in July 2002.

Gibbs Jeremy Navy 24 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Recruit **Jeremy Gibbs**, a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Gibson Mickenzie J Navy 31 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Mickenzie J. Gibson**, daughter of James and Carolyn Gibson of Columbia Falls, was recently selected Junior Sailor of the Year with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Twentynine Palms, Calif. He is a 1998 graduate of Columbia Falls High School of Columbia Falls, and joined the Navy in February 2001.

Graham Terry J Navy 21 May 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Apprentice **Terry J. Graham**, a 1998 graduate of Columbia Falls High School, recently completed recruit training with honors. He is the son of George and Terry Wirz of Charlo and Terry and Joyce Graham of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Gratz Mace M Marines 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **Mace M. Gratz**, son of Mace M. Gratz of Kalispell and Maria M. Macey of Parma, Mich., recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Camp Pendleton, Calif. Gratz joined the Marine Corps in July 1999.

Guderjahn Justin Marines 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ **Justin Guderjahn**, son of Gary and Ginger Guderjahn of Kalispell, is a corporal in the U.S. Marines. His unit is 1st tank Battalion Delta Co. 7 Regimental Marines. He is currently stationed in Baghdad. Guderjahn is a 2000 graduate of Flathead High School.



Guderjahn

Gunderson Adam K Navy 13 Apr 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Adam K. Gunderson**, a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School, is currently in Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the dock landing ship USS Saipan.

11 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Adam K. Gunderson**, a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School, recently returned from a 5 1/2-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan. The Saipan conducted more than 2,400 aircraft sorties and flew more than 3,600 flight hours while supporting 42 rotary wing aircraft.

Gunderson Shianna L Navy 3 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Shianna L. Gunderson**, daughter of Connie Gunderson of Bigfork, is an aviation mechanic with the Strike Fighter Squadron 125 in Lemoore, Calif., whose mission is to provide combat readiness training to pilots and aircraft maintenance personnel. Gunderson, a supervisor of 50 sailors in her division, ensures that there is a qualified plane captain assigned to each jet. She is a 2001 graduate of Bigfork High School.

Hansen Craig Air Force 11 May 2003 pg A2

■ **Craig Hansen**, son of Nick Hansen of Kalispell, has been promoted to tech sergeant. Hansen is an aerospace ground equipment supervisor stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev. He is a 1989 graduate of Flathead High School and has been in the Air Force for 13 years.



Hartman Ashley D Army 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Army Pfc. **Ashley D. Hartman**, daughter of Sheryl A. Underwood of Kalispell, has graduated from automated logistical specialist training at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. Hartman is the 2002 graduate of the Kalispell home school program.

Haskins Joel R Army 21 May 2003 pg A2

■ Army Pvt. **Joel R. Haskins** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Haskins is the son of Wayne Haskins of Elmo. He is a 2002 graduate of Polson High School.

Haven Douglas L Air Force 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ **Douglas L. Haven** has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is the son of Harold and Sandy Haven of Kalispell. During his military service career, Lt. Col. Haven has been stationed in Alaska, Arkansas, Australia, New Jersey, and the Pentagon. Currently, he is assigned to the 86th Operations Group at Ramstein Air Base, Kaiserslautern, Germany. Haven is a 1979 graduate of Flathead High School. His wife, Diane, and their 14-year old son Daniel and 12-year old daughter Kayla were with him at his promotion ceremony. He and his wife have been married for 21 years.

Henderson Clayton R Marines 16 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Capt. **Clayton R. Henderson** of Kalispell was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with 3rd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He's the son of Dan Henderson of Kalispell and Lise Drake of Emigrant.

Henderson Kyle C Navy 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Airman **Kyle C. Henderson**, a 1997 graduate of Libby High School, recently reported for duty with Fighter Attack Squadron 122, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif.

Herring Deirdre S Army

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■ **Deirdre S. Herring**, 18, daughter of Jeanne and Clay Herring of Polson has enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years according to Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Moncrief of the Kalispell Recruiting Station. Herring entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program. She will attend basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and advanced individual training at Fort Lee, Va., with a specialty as a unit supply specialist. She will graduate this year from Polson High School.

Holden Sean T Navy

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■ **Sean T. Holden** and **Athena M. Lee** recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the nuclear power field. They will report for active duty in January 2004, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lake, Ill. Holden, the son of Marion K. Foley of Martin City, attended Columbia Falls High School and Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane. Lee, the daughter of Scott and Donna Byrd of Columbia Falls, also attended Columbia Falls High School.

Hopkins Brock W Army

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■ **Brock W. Hopkins**, 18, son of Linda and Sherman Hopkins of Martin City, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years according to Staff Sgt. Travis Odell of the Kalispell Recruiting Station. Hopkins entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program and qualifies for a \$5,000 enlistment bonus. He will attend basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Sill, Okla., with a specialty as a fire support specialist. He is a 2002 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Hunt Jason Army

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■ **Jason Hunt**, 17, son of Teresa Hunt of Polson, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years according to Staff Sgt. Jeffrey E. Moncrief of the Kalispell Recruiting Station. Hunt entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program and will receive a \$7,000 enlistment bonus. He will attend one station unit training at Fort Benning, Ga., with a specialty as an infantry recruit.

Ivie Gerry L Army

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SGT. GERRY L. IVIE, left, and Spc. Jonathan Cook, both of Eureka, are pictured in northern Iraq recently with a Flat-head Valley landmark of their own making. Both are serving with the 889th Quartermaster Co. of Kalispell which was deployed on Feb. 7.

Izett Justin Coast Guard

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Javes Kenneth H Marines 22 Jun 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps 2nd Lt. **Kenneth H. Javes**, son of Gail M. Melvin of Whitefish and Vernon C. Javes of Long Lake, N.Y., recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Javes successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training, resulting in a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in weapons and systems engineering.

Jenkins Gregory S Air Force 22 Jun 2003 pg A2

■ 2nd Lt. **Gregory S. Jenkins**, son of Ted and Cindy Jenkins of Kalispell, recently received his military pilot rating from the U.S. Air Force Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

He received distinguished graduate honors and has received orders to attend F-16 training at Kelly AFB in San Antonio, Texas, in August.



Jenkins graduated from Flathead High School in 1994 and earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Montana State University in 2001.

He has been on active duty in the U.S. Air Force for two years.

Jones Erika N Navy 18 Jun 2003 pg A2

■ Petty Officer 3rd Class **Erika N. Jones**, daughter of Lori Fisher of Bigfork, is a Navy photographer assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station in San Diego. She is currently on tour aboard the USS Belleau Wood.

"I take photographs of daily life on the ship, photos of people working, any mishaps that may happen and ceremonies. I document anything and everything," said Jones, a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School.

The Belleau Wood returned from deployment in late 2002 after supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Kinman Cody L Army Reserve 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Army Reserve Pfc. **Cody L. Kinman**, son of Sharon L. Kinman of Bigfork and Don Kinman of Butte, has graduated from unit supply specialist training at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. Kinman is a 2002 graduate of Bigfork High School.


Koehler Kyle K Army 23 Feb 2003 pg A2

■ **Kyle K. Koehler**, 18, son of Jamie M. Enders of Kalispell and Stan L. Koehler of Libby, has enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years according to Sgt. Robert Palmatter of the Kalispell Recruiting Station.

Koehler entered through the Army's Delayed Entry Program. He will attend basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and advanced individual training at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., with a specialty as an automated test equipment operator/maintainer.


He will graduate this year from Libby High School.

Konya Decker G Army 17 May 2003 pg A8



United States Army
May 2002 to Present

Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA
Technical Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Stationed at Fort Hood, Texas
Serving with 41D
Currently on tour in Iraq
Awarded status of EMT following Tech School and exam.



PFC Decker G. Konya

Lee Athena M Navy 23 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ **Sean T. Holden** and **Athena M. Lee** recently joined the Navy for guaranteed training in the nuclear power field. They will report for active duty in January 2004, attending basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lake, Ill.

Holden, the son of Marion K. Foley of Martin City, attended Columbia Falls High School and Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane.

Lee, the daughter of Scott and Donna Byrd of Columbia Falls, also attended Columbia Falls High School.

Lefever Paulyn Marines 24 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. **Paulyn Lefever**, daughter of Cherie Sieberlich of Fairbanks, Alaska and John Brandewie of Bigfork, was recently called to active duty with Company A, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, based in Eugene, Ore.

Lefever joined the Marine Corps Reserve in April 2000.

Leiser Eric Jr Marines 3 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Pvt. **Eric Leiser Jr.**, son of Sue and Ed Leiser of Whitefish, recently completed basic training with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Leiser successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Leiser is a 2002 graduate of Whitefish High School.

Lighthizer Tony Army 31 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ **Staff Sgt. Tony Lighthizer**, stationed at Fort Erwin, Calif., with the Army's armored division, shipped out March 19 for Germany, and will be deployed to Iraq. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during combat in Desert Storm in 1991. Lighthizer is the stepson of Wendell Dull of Troy.

Mach Frankie D Air Force 23 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ **Technical Sergeant Frankie D. Mach**, of Franklin, La., was recently assigned to the U.S. Air Force recruiting office in Kalispell.

Mach is a graduate of the Air Force Recruiting School near San Antonio, Texas.

Previously Mach was stationed with the 314 Civil Engineer Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas as an aerospace ground equipment technician. Other assignments since enlisting in the Air Force in 1987 include Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany; Okinawa, Japan; Kenya; Alaska; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Belgium.

Mach and his wife, Lori, currently live in Whitefish. They have two children, Lauren, 2, and Frankie, 12.

Martin Matthew G Navy 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ Navy Airman **Matthew G. Martin**, son of Cathrine L. and Kenneth Martin of Columbia Falls, is currently on his sixth month of deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash.

Martin is a 2001 graduate of Columbia Falls High School and joined the Navy in June 2002.

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■ Navy Airman **Matthew G. Martin**, son of Cathrine L. and Kenneth Martin of Columbia Falls, participated in the opening phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Martin is a 2001 graduate of Columbia Falls High School and joined the Navy in June 2001.

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■ Navy Airman **Matthew G. Martin**, son of Cathrine L. and Kenneth Martin of Columbia Falls, recently returned from a 10-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash.

Martin's scheduled six-month deployment began in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch in July. As the battle groups neared completion of their deployment in December, the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group was recalled to duty in the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Martin, a 2001 graduate of Columbia Falls High School, joined the Navy in June 2001.

Mason Jade Navy

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United States Navy
November 2000 to Present


Electronics Technician, Nuclear Reactor Operator aboard USS Nimitz
Currently serving in the Persian Gulf.
Awarded Navy Club of the United States "Military Excellence Award"



Petty Officer Second Class Jade Mason


May (Moore) Connie Army

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United States Army
1984 to Present

Stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Army Nurse Corp



Lt. Colonel Connie May (Moore)

McCrohan Kenneth Navy

16 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class **Kenneth McCrohan** of Libby recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while assigned to the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Spokane. While serving as a construction electrician, McCrohan volunteered to conduct additional training to complete the structural requirements of the Naval and Marine Corps intranet security room. He constructed the framing of a new solid ceiling and permanent wall, saving the Navy \$8,000 in contracted labor.

McNulty James F Navy

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■ Navy hospitalman apprentice **James F. McNulty**, son of Mary McNulty of Columbia Falls and James A. McNulty of Columbia Falls, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill. McNulty is a 2002 graduate of Columbia Falls High School and joined the Navy in September 2002.

Mikersell Jesse Navy

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■ Navy Seaman **Jesse Mikersell**, son of Linda Drowalwski of Missoula and Richard Mikersell of Pablo, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Mineau Michael J Marines

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■ Marine Corps Lance Cpl. **Michael J. Mineau** of Kalispell is currently in Baghdad with the 1st Expeditionary Force.



Mineau is a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School, and the son of Robert and Sonia Dregne of Kalispell.

Mineau

Moeller Douglas J Navy

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■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Douglas J. Moeller**, son of Neurita Bruner of Kalispell and Darrel Moeller of Lolo, recently visited Perth, Australia, while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh. Moeller is a 1994 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Navy in January 1985.

16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Douglas J. Moeller**, son of Neurita Bruner of Kalispell and Darrel Moeller of Lolo is currently on his sixth month of deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh, home ported in San Diego. Moeller is a 1994 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Navy in January 1985.

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■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Douglas J. Moeller**, son of Neurita Bruner of Kalispell and Darrel Moeller of Lolo, recently completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf on the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh. Moeller is a 1994 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Navy in January 1985.

Moon Michael P Navy 3 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Michael P. Moon**, a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School, recently received the Navy Good Conduct Medal and his designation as an enlisted aviation warfare specialist while assigned with Fleet Composite Squadron Eight, Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Ceiba, Puerto Rico.
The medal recognizes the service member's service during a three-year period. To earn it, Moon achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.
Moon was recently promoted to his current rank.

Nelson Terry J Air Force 10 Feb 2003 pg A2

■ Air Force Master Sgt. **Terry J. Nelson** has deployed to a forward operating location to support Operation Enduring Freedom.
Nelson, a public affairs chief, is the son of Norm and Marilyn Nelson of Kalispell and is a 1985 graduate of Flathead High School.



NELSON

Oehrtman Erika N Navy 23 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ Seaman **Erik Oehrtman** has graduated from the Defense Language Institute as an Arabic linguist, with advancement in rank to petty officer third class.
While at the institute, Oehrtman was selected as Joint Services Junior Enlisted Service Member of the Quarter.
Oehrtman received the Army Achievement Medal for service on the Joint Service Color Guard and received two command sergeant major coins and a commandant's coin.
He has reported to Good Fellow Air Force Base to complete special training.
Oehrtman is the son of Pam and Karl Oehrtman and a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School.



OEHRTMAN

Owens Abram W Marines 3 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Lance Cpl. **Abram W. Owens**, was recently selected as Headquarters Battery 11th Marines, Marine of the Quarter. Owens is a 2001 graduate of Flathead High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in September 2001.
In April of 2002, Owens entered the 11th Marines Regimental Survey/Meteorological Section and was selected by his superiors to compete for the Headquarters Battery, Meritorious Lance Corporal board. On Sept. 2, Owens earned a meritorious promotion to lance corporal.



OWENS

Peters Brad Army 17 May 2003 pg A8

United States Army
July 1998 to Present

Served in Panama and Currently serving in the Middle East.
Awarded Soldier of the Year - 2002 and NCO of the Year - 2002

Sergeant **Brad Peters**

Plotner Tammy Air Force 6 Jun 2003 pg A2

■ MSgt. **Tammy Plotner**, Air Force financial analyst, was promoted to senior master sergeant. She is attending the Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy in Montgomery, Ala., completing a six-week course designed to develop leadership and management skills. The academy is the highest level of enlisted professional military education in the Air Force.



PLOTNER

Plotner enlisted in the Air Force in 1985 and has done tours of duty in Offutt AFB, NE, Aviano AB, Italy, Izmir AS, Turkey and Keflavik NAS, Iceland. After completion of this course, she will join her husband, Rich, and sons, Andrew and Brandon, at the Los Angeles Air Force base for her next tour of duty.

Plotner is the daughter of Jerry and Barb Anderson of Kalispell.

Pollman Adam C Navy 9 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Adam C. Pollman**, son of Priscilla M. and Donald J. Pollman of Libby, recently departed to the Caribbean and South America while assigned to the destroyer USS Stump. Pollman joined the Navy in April 1992.

Purdy Kevin D Marines 23 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ Cpl. **Kevin D. Purdy**, U.S. Marine Corps, Scout Sniper Platoon, is home on leave from Kalispell. He will be deployed to Africa in August. He served in Afghanistan six months immediately after 9/11. He is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Purdy is a 1988 graduate of Flathead High School.

Qualls Gary L Army 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ **Gary L. Qualls Jr.**, son of Rosemary and stepson of Brian Holgren of Kalispell, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant first class in the U.S. Army.



QUALLS

Qualls is a public affairs detachment supervisor assigned to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo. He has 12 years of military service. Qualls graduated in 1976 from Flathead High School, and received an associate degree in 1978 from Flathead Community College. In 1984, he earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University.

Russell Ronald G Marines 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ Marine Corps Cpl. **Ronald G. Russell**, son of Cindy and Scott G. Russell of Kalispell, recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. Russell is a 1999 graduate of Flathead High School. He joined the Marine Corps in June 1999.

Sagmiller Amanda K Army 13 Apr 2003 pg A2

■ **Amanda K. Sagmiller** has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. Sagmiller will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training.

Her guardian, Beverly K. Neiss, lives in Polson, and her mother and stepfather, Katherine K. and Duane F. Cunningham, are from Mead, Wash.

Saubert Bret Air Force 9 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ **Bret Saubert** has completed his first year as a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the fall and spring semesters.

Saubert also was named to the athletic director's list of athletic performance for spring semester by achieving a physical education average of 3.0 or higher. These awards are signified as a "star" and "lightning bolt" worn over the left pocket.

Saubert is completing his summer programs of combat survival training and skydiving. He is the son of Marilyn and Tom Saubert of Kalispell.



SAUBERT

Schulze Brandon Navy 9 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Brandon Schulze** of Kalispell recently participated in New York City's 16th annual Fleet Week.

More than 3,500 sailors and Marines stationed on board 18 ships from five different nations gathered for the celebration, a part of Operation Tribute to Freedom, a nationwide effort to show appreciation for the military's efforts.



SCHULZE

"As always, New York will welcome sailors with open arms to allow them to see one of the greatest cities in the U.S. Participating in Fleet Week gives New York a chance to meet the sailors that have been participating in operation overseas during the past few years," Schulze said. "I've gained a tremendous appreciation for veterans of all services and the sacrifices they have made so that we can have the freedoms that we have today."

Schulze, a 1997 graduate of Flathead High School and a 2000 graduate of Flathead Valley Community College, is a journalist stationed on board the dock landing ship USS Oak Hill, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

He is the son of Glenda Schulze and the late Daniel Schulze of Kalispell and the son-in-law of Lynn and Terry Gross of Bigfork.

Sevier Douglas E Air Force 16 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Lt. Col. **Douglas E. Sevier** of Kalispell assumed command of the 36th Airlift Squadron under the 374th Operations Group during a change of command ceremony March 4 at Yokota Air Base in Japan.

Sevier is a Flathead High School and Montana State University graduate and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Sevier of Kalispell.

Sharr Ryan W Marines 11 Jul 2003 pg A2

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Marine Corps Pvt. **Ryan W. Sharr**, a 1988 graduate of Bigfork High School and son of Virginia C. and Ken D. Sharr of Bigfork.

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Shawback Logan Marines 17 May 2003 pg A8

United States Marine Corps
February 2002 to Present

Stationed at
Naval Submarine Base Bangor
Silverdale, Washington
Security Forces

PFC
Logan Shawback

Siemens Nicolas G Marines 11 Jul 2003 pg A2

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Sikes Samuel E Marines 23 Feb 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Staff Sgt. **Samuel E. Sikes**, son of Cynthia R. and Thomas W. Sikes of Libby, recently graduated from the engineer operations chief course while assigned to Marine Corps Engineer School in Camp Lejeune, N.C.
 Sikes joined the Marine Corps in May 1990.

Slater Benjamin A Marines 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Marine **Benjamin A. Slater**, son of Rebecca T. and Allen J. Slater of Kalspell, recently was promoted to corporal serving with Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.
 Slater joined the Marine Corps in October 2001.

Smith Brandon L Marines 21 May 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Staff Sgt. **Monte D. Smith** and Marine Corps Sgt. **Brandon L. Smith**, sons of Darcy and Don Chandler and the late Mikel D. Smith of Kalspell, are serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom.
 Monte Smith is with the Marine Wing Support Squadron. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1991 and joined the Marines in March 1992.
 Brandon Smith is in the Engineer Support Battalion. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1986 and joined the Marines in August 1998.



MONTE SMITH



BRANDON SMITH

Smith Chris P Army 16 Feb 2003 pg C6

■ **Chris P. Smith**, 18, son of Susan L. Smith of Kalspell, has been stationed in Baumholder, Germany in the 1st Armored Division, 5th Corp. since last July. His division is on 24-hour alert and will soon be deployed to Kuwait.
 Smith received an expert rating during his training to become a marksman assigned to a Bradley fighting vehicle.
 He attended Flathead High School and Montana Youth Challenge, graduating in December 2001. He joined the Army in January 2002.



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Smith-Bergman Jason D Army 13 Apr 2003 pg A2

■ Army Reserve Pvt. **Jason D. Smith-Bergman**, son of Lydia M. Smith of Martin City, has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Smith-Bergman graduated in 2002 from Columbia Falls High School.

Souther Cort Navy 24 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Reserve Petty Officer, 2nd Class **Cort Souther**, son of Valerie K. and Dennis J. Souther of Libby, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while assigned to the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center in Spokane.

While serving as a construction builder, Souther volunteered to conduct additional training to complete structural requirements of the Naval and Marine Corps intranet security room. He constructed the framing of a new solid ceiling and permanent wall, saving the Navy \$8,000 in contracted labor.

Souther is a 1989 graduate of Libby High School of Libby and joined the Navy Reserve in September 1989.

Spiker Nicholas R Navy 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Seaman Apprentice **Nicholas R. Spiker**, son of Jennie K. and Scott R. Spiker of Columbia Falls, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Spiker is a 2002 graduate of Columbia Falls High School.

Stupack Dalton Merchant Marine 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Midshipman **Dalton Stupack** of Kalispell, a student at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., has served aboard a U.S. merchant vessel supporting American forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Stupack recently returned from sea, where he served as a deck cadet aboard the USNS Shugart, operated by Patriot Companies, carrying military supplies to the Middle East.

Thompson Mathew D Army 23 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ **Mathew D. Thompson** has joined the U.S. Army under the delayed entry program. He will report for basic training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. His parents are Steven D. and Linda C. Thompson of Columbia Falls.

Tipton Daniel W Marines 27 Jan 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Pvt. **Daniel W. Tipton**, son of Pam A. Yeager of Kalispell and Roger W. Tipton of Ventura, Calif., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 2002 graduate of Flathead High School.

Topp Brian N Marines 2 May 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps Pfc. **Brian N. Topp**, son of Valerie P. and Perry B. Topp of Kalspell, recently graduated from the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
Topp will accompany Marine infantry forces to build roads, set up camps and fortify living areas.
Topp is a 2002 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Marine Corps in August 2002.

Trankle Reginald S Marines 31 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Cpl. **Reginald S. Trankle**, formerly of Kalspell, is with the First Marine Expeditionary Force One, Ground Force Four, now in Iraq. He's the son of Craig Trankle and Diann Wensing. Grandparents are Don and Betty Trankle of Kalspell and Candace Miller of Polson.
Trankle's wife, Natalie, formerly also in the Marines, now resides in Waterloo, Ill.
Correspondence can be sent to Trankle at MWCS 38 AMUX, UTC 41057, FPO AP 9613-1057.
His grandmother, Betty Trankle, said her grandson would like some venison jerky.



TRANKLE

Tuck Jared E Air Force 17 May 2003 pg A8

United States Air Force
February 2003 to Present

Served in Lackland AFB, Texas and Ft. Huachuca, Arizona
Awarded Expert Marksmanship

AIC
Jared E. Tuck

9 Jul 2003 pg A2

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class **Jared E. Tuck** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.
He is the son of Robert and Jenny Tuck of Kalspell and a 2000 graduate of Flathead High School.

Twist Donald M Navy 21 May 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Lt. J.g. **Donald M. Twist**, son of Beverly and Earl Twist of Kalspell, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Keflavik, Iceland. He is a 1989 graduate of Flathead High School.

Tyler Kurt V Marines 18 Jun 2003 pg A2

■ Marine Corps 2nd Lt. **Kurt V. Tyler**, son of Lucy S. Tyler of Whitefish, recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.
Tyler successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional training, resulting a bachelor of science degree with a major in mechanical engineering.

Walls Scott J L Coast Guard

United States Coast Guard
1988 to Present

Stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii
Serving aboard the US Coast Guard Cutter "Kukui".

DC First Class
Scott J. L. Walls

Westphal William J Navy 21 May 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Chief Petty Officer **William J. Westphal**, son of William J. Westphal Sr. of Kalspell, recently received the Navy Good Conduct Medal. He is assigned to the Navy Recruiting District in Minneapolis.

Wilhelm Brandon D Navy

31 Mar 2003 pg A2

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Mickenzie J. Gibson**, daughter of James and Carolyn Gibson of Columbia Falls, was recently selected Junior Sailor of the Year with Marine Wing Support Squadron 374, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Twentynine Palms, Calif. He is a 1998 graduate of Columbia Falls High School of Columbia Falls, and joined the Navy in February 2001.

Woodson Sam G Marines

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■ Marine Cpl. **Sam G. Woodson** of Kalispell participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom on board the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1). Woodson is part of a coalition amphibious force that includes approximately 33,000 sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. They are participating in the largest military action in the Persian Gulf region since Operation Desert Storm in 1990-91. Woodson, son of Glenn and Pam Woodson of Kalispell, is an aviation ordnance technician aboard Tarawa.



Zebro Greg A Navy

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■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class **Greg A. Zebro**, son of Lois M. and Raymond A. Zebro of Kalispell, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood. Zebro is a 1992 graduate of Flathead High School and joined the Navy in November 1999.