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Technical Sgt. Megan Mork



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148th Fighter Wing

Commanders' Column

By Col. Frank H. Stokes
Vice Wing Commander

A growing reputation

I had the opportunity to speak to the Hermantown Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago. As part of the presentation, I gave them a recap of the 148th Fighter Wing's activities this past year. They were truly amazed at the pace the Wing has maintained this year. This pace may have become "normal" for many of us. When we step up to perform another short notice deployment, or accept another extension, some of us may wonder "what do we get for this"? Are we earning "green stamps" that will ensure our future mission? Of course no one call promises these achievements will earn us new jets. But what they do ensure is that the 148th is getting noticed by the right people.

As 2007 ends and 2008 begins, it might be good to pause and consider the feats we have achieved. Our extension in Iraq started the list of 2007 successes. That fact evoked praises from CENTAF leaders and Commanders at the National Guard Bureau. Our rapid deployment to cover Air Sovereignty Alert at Shaw Air Force Base was the next homerun. Of course we set a record in packing, deploying, and achieving Alert status in just over 24 hours. The feat included another extension when Air Combat Command (ACC) was unable to find a unit able to repeat our act. We finally returned home and decided we better get ready for our Operational Readiness Inspection. A couple highly effective practices prepared us to excel in front of

the ACC IG team in October. The IG Team left our base and spread the word about our Wing across the Air Force. Many of our sections and commanders received calls as the word of our performance made the news. Before the phone stopped ringing, we were on our way to Hawaii to save another Alert site.

We continue to experience facts that attest to our strengthening reputation. Our Fiscal Year 2007 retention rate was recently announced as the best in the Air National Guard! Several of our members have been asked to augment the ACC IG Team. One has been asked to be the Guard liaison for future ORI's. When the Lockheed Martin Company needed chase aircraft, they passed up jets from multiple units and asked specifically for two Duluth aircraft. We don't know if we will get Block 50's because of these successes. But we do know that these feats are definitely enhancing the name of Duluth.

Of course the trips & extensions take their toll. Many happened in the middle of the night. Lots of them were on weekends or flex days. And of course those who left or were part of the extensions were away from their families longer. I want to thank all of you for the hard work it took to affect these feats, and for the sacrifice you and your families endured. Please take a moment to thank your family & loved ones and appreciate the sacrifices they endure.

The accolades we received for these successes have propelled the 148th reputation to the top of the Air National Guard. Our Wing and State leaders have received repeated praise from the Director of the Air National Guard, the Commander

of 1st Air Force, and even the Four Star General that commands ACC! Each of these achievements, taken alone, may not affect our future directly. But together, they have proven to Air Force and ANG leadership what we have always known: the 148th is the Best.

On the Cover

Winners of the 2007 148th Fighter Wing Outstanding Airman, Non-Commissioned Officer, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, and First Sgt. of the Year were recognized at December's Awards Ceremony. Winners were:

- Airman of the Year
Senior Airman Nicole Rosga
- NCO of the Year
Technical Sgt. Megan Mork
- SNCO of the Year
Master Sgt. Paul Raj
- First Sgt of the Year
SMSgt Gary Luke

In addition, Rosga and Luke were selected as the Minnesota State National Guard Airman and First Sgt. of the Year. They will be recognized March 1, 2008 at the Veterans Service Building in St. Paul, Minn. Their names have also been forwarded to the National Guard Bureau for national level competition.

For more on the awards ceremony see page 4.



Staff Sgt. Reginald Saxton holds the United States flag during December's awards ceremony. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brett R. Ewald

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Year 2008 Unit Training Assembly (UTA) and other training schedules for the 148th Fighter Wing and all subordinate units:

UTA		SUTA		MANDATORY	
12-13	Jan	26-27	Jan	AFT	
None	Feb	None	Feb		
01-02	Mar	08-09	Mar		
19-20	Apr	None	Apr		
16-18	May	03-04	May		
13-15	Jun	None	Jun		
None	Jul	None	Jul	28 Jul - 1 Aug	
02-03	Aug	None	Aug	18-22 Aug	
23-24	Aug				
13-14	Sep	None	Sep		
04-05	Oct	25-26	Oct		

Chaplains column

By Master Sgt. Joseph R. Kresky

The New Year is a great time to think about making life changes such as: eating healthier, exercising more, spending more time with family and friends, improving financial management, getting organized, learning something new, and spending more time volunteering. Making a resolution to improve our emotional, physical, spiritual, or social well-being is a tremendous gift we can give ourselves. It can also be very frustrating if we have set unrealistic goals or lack a plan to carry out our goals. Below are some suggestions to help with this year's resolutions or goals.

Positive attitude and try again – We all have made resolutions and broken them. Start with a positive attitude and think about what has disrupted your good intentions in the past.

Pick a realistic attainable goal with a reasonable time frame – Try not to set so many goals that you become frustrated with the process and give up on them all.

Choose your own resolution – It is important the resolution be something that you want to accomplish for yourself and not just because your family or friends want it for you.



Create a plan for your resolution –

a) List steps that can be put into action (write them down). b) Have a clear time line of what is to be accomplished in one, three or six months. c) Create your plan immediately. d) Develop a ritual for revisiting your plan so you keep on task.

Look for a support system – Family and friends can support your efforts and encourage you to keep going.

Be flexible and forgive yourself – If you get off track, review your plan and make adjustments. Unexpected things happen in life and flexibility is required to complete even the smallest step at times. The goal itself may need to change.

Celebrate the successes – reward yourself as you accomplish the smaller steps and objectives along the way.

Finally, remember to pick a goal you truly want to attain with benefits that clearly help your everyday life. This will help you to stay motivated toward a resolution that you know will lead you to be a healthier and more joyful person.

148th FW PROMOTIONS

RANK / NAME S Q

As of Nov. 1, 2007

TSgt. Anthony C. Brenning	Med Gp
SSgt. Joseph P. Bergman	LRS
SSgt. Emily E. Chapman	LRS
SSgt. Samuel R. Lasky	SFS
SSgt. Carl J. Layman	Maint Sq
SSgt. Richard D. Stanius Jr	Maint Sq
SSgt. Emily J. Swetkovich	Med Gp
SrA. Danae F. Fritz	LRS
SrA. Alekander P. Kerian	AMXS
SrA. Nicholas J. Levander	SFS
SrA. Joshua I. Niemi	CES
SrA. Brandon M. Owen	Maint Sq

As of Nov. 15, 2007

MSgt. Christopher L. Roach	LRS
MSgt. Damon R. Walker	MSF
SSgt. Paul D. Urbaniak	AMXS



Congratulations!!!

Past commander to be inducted in Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame

By Capt. Audra A. Flanagan

Former 148th Fighter Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Ray Klosowski (retired) will be inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame on Saturday, May 3, 2007. The Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame is a non-profit corporation, recognized by the state of Minnesota as a means of honoring its pioneer and historic aviation persons in a lasting and significant way. Each year, a selection panel considers new candidates for induction into the hall and ultimately selects six inductees each year.

Klosowski began his military career in 1963 and logged over 6,000 hours in multiple fighter aircraft. In addition to his many military accomplishments; Klosowski impacted Minnesota's aviation community as the Executive Director of the Duluth Airport Authority, as a



Brig. Gen. Ray Klosowski (retired). Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brett R. Ewald

Richard I. Bong World War II Heritage Center Board of Director, Lake Superior College Aviation School Board Member and as the Air Boss for the last two Duluth Air Shows.

Other 148th inductees include Col.

John Hed (retired) in 2005 and Maj. Gen. Wayne Gatlin (retired) in 2000. More information on the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame and the May induction ceremony can be found at www.mnaviationhalloffame.org

Four Bronze Star Medals awarded

By Techn. Sgt. Jodi L. Kiminski

Four Members of the 148th Fighter Wing received the Bronze Star Medal during an Awards' Ceremony Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007.

Col. Frank H. Stokes, Col. John H. Spencer Jr., Chief Master Sgt. Michael D. Layman, and Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Castleman were presented the prestigious award by Brigadier General William Schuessler, Chief of Staff, Minnesota Air National Guard.



Col. Frank H. Stokes. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brett R. Ewald

Col. Frank H. Stokes, who was deployed as the 455th Expeditionary Maintenance Group Commander, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, commanded more than 600 active duty and guard Airman from three aircraft maintenance. He oversaw 3,300 combat sorties resulting in the expenditure of 71 short tons of ordnance, the movement of 7,400 tons of cargo and 23,000 passengers.

Col. John H. Spencer Jr., who was deployed as Deputy Commander, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group, Balad Air Base, Iraq, led over 700 Airmen to execute more than 8,000 combat sorties. He orchestrated Predator and F-16 Air Support requests to provide air cover through intelligence and threat analysis.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael D. Layman was deployed as the 455th Expeditionary maintenance Group Chief Enlisted Manager, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. While deployed, he worked all enlisted matters for 600 active duty and guard aircraft maintainers from three aircraft maintenance units.

Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Castleman served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Craftsman and Team Leader at the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq. He executed more than 175 combat missions and contributed to the recovery of 33,601 pieces of ordnance.

Middle: Chief Master Sgt. Michael D. Layman
Bottom: Col. John H. Spencer, Jr.
Photos by Tech. Sgt. Brett R. Ewald



Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Castleman
Photos by Tech. Sgt. Brett R. Ewald



Healthy ways to keep your ticker tickin'

By 2nd Lt. Jed Frederick, RN

We have all heard it before; a loved one or maybe even a friend had a heart attack or was diagnosed with heart disease. It may have been your mother, father grandmother, grandfather, sibling, or possibly sometime in the near future... You! Heart disease or its complications is the number one cause of death for both men and women in the United States. On average, more than 500,000 people die from heart disease each year and it is estimated that over 70 million Americans have at least one form of heart disease.

So, what does this mean to you? You might think, "I'm only 40 years old; no one in my family has had a heart attack; I try to eat right; I exercise right before the fitness test; I'll quit smoking soon; I am a fairly healthy person." We see it everyday at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth where I am a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit. There is not a single day that goes by where one of my open heart surgery patients didn't think or say those exact words. Heart disease and its damage can come with out warning or symptoms. So, are we all just destined to become a statistic? Fortunately, there are several lifestyle changes you can make that can help to keep you off of the operating room table, out of the heart related death statistics, and live a long, heart healthy life!

The American Heart Association cites several risk factors that can predispose you to heart disease. These include, but are not limited to, high blood pressure, smoking, high blood cholesterol, physical inactivity, being overweight, increasing age, gender and race. Some of these factors can be modified while some unfortunately cannot. Let's first focus on the things we can change. High blood pressure makes the heart work harder than normal and can lead to heart enlargement and weakening over time. It can also raise the risk for heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure and atherosclerosis (narrowing or hardening of the body's arteries). Eating a low saturated fat diet, losing weight and exercising are some of the measures you can take to keep your blood pressure in check.

Smoking is the single most

preventable cause of death there is. Besides causing lung disorders and cancer, smoking more than doubles the risk of a heart attack. The smoke in tobacco causes a decrease of oxygen in the blood and can lead to the buildup of plaque in the arteries, which in turn leads to narrowing of the arteries. It can also trigger the formation of blood clots. I could go on and on about the negative effects of smoking but the simplest way to prevent the complications is to STOP! There are many medication and treatment options available to help you quit smoking, if needed.

Lowering your "bad" cholesterol, exercise and decreasing obesity tend to go hand in hand. In a sense, you can't really do one without the others. There are many things to discuss about cholesterol but to keep it simple, having too much "bad" or LDL cholesterol can lead to buildup up fatty deposits in blood vessels and can increase the stress and workload of the heart. Higher cholesterol can also cause weight gain which once again can lead to undue stress on the heart. Over time, enlargement of the heart can occur and when combined with other related disease states (atherosclerosis, high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.) can cause heart attacks, heart failure and quite possibly death. Exercise can reduce weight and when combined with a diet low in saturated fats, can ultimately reduce your cholesterol. The benefits of exercise are vast and

are not just limited to heart health. It's no wonder that the ANG has implemented a force wide fitness program. So, sitting on your couch and reading this article while eating a Double Quarter Pounder with cheese and washing it down with a Diet Coke might not be the best thing for your ticker.

We all know we aren't getting any younger (plastic surgery does not count) and we can't genetically change the gender or race we were born into (once again, no surgery). However, if we focus on the risk factors that are variable and can be modified by lifestyle changes the better off our heart health will ultimately be.

Change can be a frightening thing. Many people don't like to admit it, but we can get a little too comfortable or complacent. If that's the case, then start small. Change what you eat for one meal, or taking the stairs instead of the elevator may be that first step in the right direction. Or, stop smoking and start a daily exercise routine may be just the thing to get you out of that rut and on your way off of that comfortable couch. So, try a small lifestyle change, a little jog, an apple instead of a Twinky, a hug instead of a puff and maybe, just maybe one day your heart will thank you. Your grandkids will too because you will probably still be around to watch them grow up! And, who knows; they may even become a heart healthy Airman just like you!

CCAF graduation

Several members of the 148th Fighter Wing took part in a Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony during November's drill. Twenty members earned degrees in eleven categories. Graduates were Tech. Sgt. Kerri Larson, Tsgt. Ryan Gigliotti, Staff Sgt. Christopher Leigh, Staff Sgt. Mylii Pukema, Staff Sgt. Hunter Hary, Master Sgt. Jennifer Cheslak, Master Sgt. Ryan Niesen, Senior Master Sgt. Wendy Gunderson, Staff Sgt. Reginald Saxton, Staff Sgt. Sarah Jurek, 2nd Lt. David Betts, Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Huberty, Master Sgt. Dawn Teachworth, Tech. Sgt. Jill Happala, Master Sgt. Roger Reeves, Tech. Sgt. Jon Fisk and Master Sgt. Craig Honkola.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah Hayes



Heart and soul of the 148th

By Tech. Sgt. Jodi L. Kiminski

Chief Master Sgt. Jodi L. Stauber, Personnel Superintendent of the 148th Fighter Wing Military Personnel Flight, assumed the role of Wing Command Chief during a Transfer of Authority Ceremony on Nov. 18, 2008.

Stauber, a 21-year veteran of the unit, is the first woman to hold the post at the 148th. She was a key player in the 2007 Operational Readiness Inspection, has participated in Operation Northern Comfort (ONC), and helped organize the Senior Non-commissioned Officer Refresher course.

Under her leadership, the 148th Fighter Wing, Military Personnel Flight has deployed more personnel than at any

point in history, has excelled during military inspections, and has participated in numerous overseas and state active duty deployments.

As command chief, Stauber will oversee all senior enlisted promotions, take part in wing-wide planning, work directly with the wing's commanding officer, and will act as liaison with the local community. Stauber says she is ready for the challenge.

"First and foremost, I am a wife and mother," said Stauber. "With that comes a spirit of taking care of others. Command Chief isn't a job you can do well for the wrong reasons, it has to be from the heart. You have to care for people."

148th Fighter Wing volunteers during the holiday season

By Airman 1st Class Sarah Hayes

Members of the 148th Fighter Wing volunteered their time for The Salvation Army's annual "Celebrity Wrap" at the Miller Hill Mall, Monday, Dec. 17, 2007.

Celebrities from the local community of Duluth, including sports figures, radio disc jockeys, and TV personalities come together throughout the month of December for a common cause—to raise money to support the work of The Salvation Army during the holiday season and throughout the year. This year, some of the local celebrities include the UMD Women's Hockey team, Laura Peterson and Corey Carter from 92.1 FM, The Beat, Karl Spring and Shannon Murphy from Channel 6, KBJR, and members of Duluth's very own 148th Fighter Wing.

Gift wrapping time blocks range from one hour slots to six hour shifts for the volunteers who offer their expert wrapping skills for the local cause. The members from the 148th Fighter Wing served, four at a time in the Gift Wrap Booth, for one hour shifts between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. just outside of Younkers.

These local celebrity volunteers support The Salvation Army in two essential ways: by giving their time and also by collecting donations. The donations raised during these gift wrapping sessions support the Salvation Army services for the homeless, rental assistance, food pantry, hot lunch program, and more.

To the right: Members of the 148th Fighter Wing wrap gifts as a volunteer effort for The Salvation Army at the Miller Hill Mall in Duluth.
Photo by Airman 1st Class Sarah C. Hayes

Santa flies to the 148th Fighter Wing

By Technical Sgt. Jill Miller

There was a chill in the air and the temps were below zero, but that did not stop some little ones who were ready to go see Santa at the 148th Kid's Christmas party. This event was sponsored by the Service's Club and Guard Family Network on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007.

Families arrived all bundled up and warm to the sound of sleigh bells ringing and a voice that said "Rudolph we must be getting near, we just flew over Esko." The kids were all smiles and couldn't believe what they had heard.

As more people arrived and others were busy at craft tables everyone heard the sound of sleigh bells and a big "Ho! Ho! Ho!" A mystery voice exclaimed, "We must be here, I see airplanes!" The bells got louder along with the voice. Suddenly, who do you think appeared? Santa and his elf!

The children spent the next couple of hours enjoying breakfast, making crafts, coloring, frosting cookies and

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listening to the Little Mob from Duluth Central sing Christmas carols. The best part of course was sitting on Santa's lap to tell him their Christmas wishes while mom and dad took pictures.

It ended with a thank you to all as the children sang along with the choir. "Good-bye" to Santa and his elf, until next year with a "Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year."



148th FW retired meeting minutes

2 December 2007

By Larry Burda, Secretary

Wing Commander Col. Mark Johnson spoke to open the meeting with Col. Frank Stokes and Capt. Audra Flannagan assisting. Since Johnson speaks much faster than I can write, I will just summarize ideas.

1. There were numerous changes of command.

2. Deployments were to Iraq, Shaw Air Force Base and Hawaii while on alert at Duluth.

3. The award ceremony at Denfeld was reviewed. Four Bronze Stars, numerous Air Medals and Iraq Campaign Medals were awarded. The Outstanding Airman of the Year were also recognized.

4. Twenty four people retired representing 654 years of experience.

5. 2008 planned activities include the Republican National Convention in MSP, a 60th Anniversary celebration (probably with Oktoberfest in Sep.), continued deployment to Hawaii and Phase II of the ORI.

6. Near future plans include the fire department move to its new facility and the Naval Reserve building turnover to the 148th.

The business meeting was called to order by Vice President Sinnott at 2:00

p.m. with fifteen retirees in attendance.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

The minutes of the June 21, 2007 meeting were approved as read.

Sinnott made a pitch for the recruitment for membership in the retired group with the hope of new officers to run things.

New Business:

1. Sinnott suggested moving the breakfast to April or May and canceling the picnic and having a dinner on base in Sept.; perhaps in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary or Oktoberfest. A vote approved moving the "Breakfast" to May 2008. Jim Armstrong commented that the by-laws might require the June date.

Burda will research. **Another vote cancelled the 2008 picnic.**

2008 military ball

The 148th Fighter Wing Military Ball will be held Saturday, Mar. 1, 2008 at Blackwoods Banquet Center (Proctor, Minn.). All past and present 148th members and their guests are welcome to attend.

The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with registration and a social reception. A formal ceremony will follow featuring the 148th Honor Guard, toasts, dinner and a guest speaker. Dinner will be black Angus top sirloin, rotisserie chicken, or walleye.

2. Recent retired deaths were announced: Mark Whitely and Joe Rukavina.

3. Ray Klosowski stated there would be an air show July 19-20, 2008.

4. Burda stated that new buildings doesn't mean the 148th won't be closed. Political activity is the key and he suggested becoming retired life members of The Enlisted Association.

Reminders: If you move, let the 148th know your new address for the On Five.

Retirees meet monthly: Supply now meets 1st Monday at the Chalet at 9:00 a.m. A mixed group meets at the Chalet 1st Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Maintenance meets 1st Thursday at Embers at 9:00 a.m. All retirees are invited to all meetings. Retirees breakfast will be on June 19, 2008.

Reservation prices are E1-E4, \$20; E5-E6, \$25; E7-E9, \$30; and Officers, \$35 per person. Retirees are based on the rank you retired as. Guest pricing is equivalent to the escorting military member. The deadline to register is Feb. 13, 2008. Committee members will be outside the Great Lakes Inn during January drill to take your registration or mail the registration form provided below. Appropriate attire is semi-formal or mess dress for military members and semi-formal or formal for civilians.

I plan to attend the 148th FW Military Ball

Please indicate the number of each entrée(s) you would like:

Top Sirloin _____
 Rotisserie Chicken _____
 Black Woods Walleye _____

Amount to Remit (see rank prices above)

of tickets @ _____ ea \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Rank, Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Please make checks payable to:
 148th FW MLRC

Mail To: Military Ball Committee
 Attn: TSgt Danielle Luukkonen
 4621 Phantom Drive
 Duluth MN 55811-6032

*Evening attire will be semi-formal or mess dress
 Guest pricing is equivalent to military member*

Registration must be received no later than 13 Feb 08

BULLDOGBITS...

By Lt. Col. Penny J. Dieryck

As you read this article, another year literally has flown by. From the operational side of our mission we went to Operation IRAQIFREEDOM; pulled alert at Shaw Air Force Base, conducted two Operational Readiness Exercises and an Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection; and then another deployed alert commitment to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. All this activity directly impacted each and every organization of the Wing because everyone does their part to deploy the Wing's assets. Wow! Each and every one of these missions was a huge success and put the name of the 148th on the lips of four star generals at ACC, CENTAF, and PACAF. That equals 12 stars on our report card. Wouldn't our children love to come home from school with a paper covered with all those stars? We hope these 12 stars will continue to shine on the Wing and provide us with the guiding light to new airplanes by 2011!

Did you notice the words of alert at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii? Well, come to find out we are the first entity outside of the Hawaiian Air National Guard to monitor any intruders coming into the United States airspace since the attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. What an accomplishment! We actually took over the alert commitment on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 2007 and as of Dec. 15, 2007, we are still on alert in Hawaii. This call to duty was created due to extensive inspections needed on the F-15 aircraft currently being flown in the USAF inventory. We hope to be home soon; however, we'll stay the course until

the F-15's are back on status.

Another opportunity in the past month was attending the Basic Military Training graduation at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Our son received his Airman's coin and the Oath of the Enlistment on Friday, Nov. 30, 2007. I am not writing to brag about our son (who we are truly proud of from the bottom of our toes to the tips of our noses), I am writing because the experience of being at the graduation was overwhelming. The commencement process began with the Airmen's run and moved into a coin ceremony. At the ceremony, each airman is presented with a coin from their Training Instructor (T.I.). After the coins are handed out, the airmen repeat the Airman's Creed and then got to see their families. The next day the Airmen took part in a pass and review parade which matched in front of a reviewing stand hosting VIPs. To see the change in these young people in six short weeks is amazing. They're confident, matured, responsible young people ready to be the warrior they have become. AND they are always prepared to take care of their

Wing Man. Be proud of all the people past, present and future who have fulfilled the call to serve this country as a member of the Armed Forces.

Finally, I need to say good-bye to a few of the retired members of the Wing who recently passed away. They were Lt. Col. Carl Dahlin, Chief Master Sgt. Mark Whitely and Master Sgt. Joe Rukavina. Although many people may not remember these people, each of them left a lasting memory in my heart. Lt. Col. Dahlin loved to fly and be a pilot in the Wing. He was always available to ask questions of and discussing flying operations. Chief Whitely was the head administrator of the Wing before computers. Norma Enlund, Master Sgt. Ed Safford, and Whitely used to process all the orders for the entire wing. No AROWS back then. Mark always had a smile on his face. Rukavina was a member of the security forces. I fondly remember him bringing in Campbell's soup labels for the Minnesota National Guard Youth Camp fund raiser. He truly wanted the children of our members provided with opportunities for a better future! I will miss them dearly!



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