

MESSAGES FROM CHARLIE BATTERY

18 First-Time Soldiers Share Memories Of First Deployment

**SPECIALIST
N. SAYLER**



It was great being able to meet new people and make new friends. It was difficult being away from my family, girl friend and friends for a year. I am proud that I got to come over here to do my part in the war. This was an experience that I would have never gotten back home.

**SPECIALIST
A. MURRAY**



I got back into shape on this deployment, training for a marathon. I feel like this is the real me and that I found myself again. It was hard being the only female in the platoon, not having another girl to hang out with. After nine years, I finally got to come over here and serve my country.

**SPECIALIST
D. ONEILL**



Being deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom was a good experience and I am glad I got to do it. The best part of the deployment was getting to know so many Soldiers. The worst part was preparing to deploy. I am proud that I am SECFOR at the SPOD, serving my country for a year.

**SPECIALIST
A. GILLIS**



This deployment went by fast and was a good experience. It was nice being able to keep in close touch with family and friends back home. The training and skills I learned for our mission will help me with jobs in the states. My family was very sad to see me go but is very proud and supportive.

**SPECIALIST
E. KAYSER**



My deployment was an interesting part of my life; to actually see how other cultures work and what it is really like for people over here. The best part of the deployment will be going home to see everyone again; it was probably the only thing that got me through this deployment. The most difficult part of the deployment was the days where I missed my home, family and friends. I will be proud to go back home and say that I did something for my country. My family supports me and my decision to serve my country.

**SGT. FIRST CLASS
D. HOITEN**



Being deployed this past year for me went by fast, as I have a very strong family supporting me back home. Although when this deployment ends, it also will end my military career of over 27 years as I will be retiring. I will walk away with my head held high and be very proud to have finally gotten a chance to serve my country in my last year of service at age 44. If I would get a chance and had to do it over again, I wouldn't change a single thing. God Bless

**SPECIALIST
Z. VANBRIESEN**



The best thing about this deployment is I am with a very good group of Soldiers. I don't have a whole lot to complain about being here but I do miss being away from my family and friends. I made some good friends here and am proud of my service to my country. My family couldn't be happier for me. They are proud of me serving my country.

**SPECIALIST
J. SCHROEDER**



I really enjoyed the unit that I was deployed with and getting to know my battle buddies. It has been very hard being away from my family. I am proud that I did my part in some way to help with the war. Military service runs in my family with my sister and two brothers being veterans. They are very proud of me.

**SPECIALIST
W. ROSS**



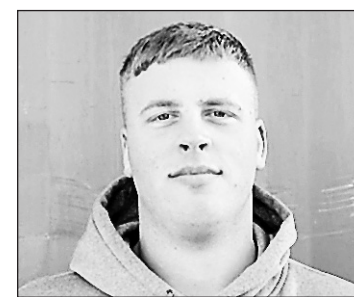
One of the best things about this deployment was that I was able to get out of debt. The worst thing was being away from my little girl. I missed watching her grow up. It was rewarding getting to know my battle buddy and all of the Soldiers in my platoon.

**SPECIALIST
T. SCHAEFER**



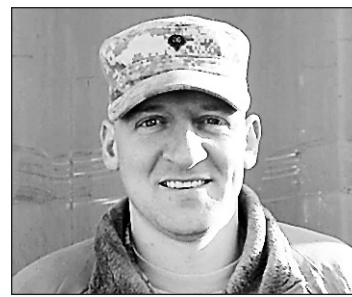
I really liked getting to know the different cultures and types of people here. I really got to work on my physical fitness while being deployed. I could barely run before and now I go on 8 mile runs. I am proud that I did my part in the war.

**SPECIALIST
A. BARTMANN**



The deployment seemed easy compared to what we could have gotten, but it didn't change the fact that it was still hard being away from everybody back home.

**SPECIALIST
D. SIEVERDING**



Being deployed for a year has made me appreciate the small things in life; Family. It has also been rewarding, serving with my brother Matt in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

**SPECIALIST
E. THORNBERRY**



The best thing about this deployment was about time to work out everyday and bond with the other guys.

**SPECIALIST
G. MARCUCCI**



It was great building camaraderie with my fellow Soldiers. It is a rewarding feeling, knowing I am doing my part in this war, sacrificing for my country.

**PVT. FIRST CLASS
J. ZIMMERMAN**



Looking back, the time went fast and as a first time deployed, it was a good experience. My family didn't like that I was deployed but stood behind the choices I made; being a Soldier.

**SPECIALIST
G. POLLMAN**



I am glad I got to experience the Arabic culture and see a part of the world that I never would have been able to see. I am proud that I am serving my country with honor. This has been a one year experience that I will never forget.

**SPECIALIST
L. RICHARDS**



I think the most difficult thing is getting used to the time changes and being away from family and friends.

**SPECIALIST
J. SMOCK**



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There Is No Truth To This Observation

BY TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Was it just me, or did my Jeep really seem faster this morning in the cold, -15 F air? I've always heard that the colder the air, the better the combustion. Is there any truth to my observation this morning, or was I just driving faster so I could get out of the cold car quicker? - Matt

RAY: The car wasn't moving faster, Matt. Your brain was moving slower.

TOM: It's true that colder air is denser than warm air, and that means you can put more air into the cylinders when it's cold. But I don't think the difference is



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detectable by the average driver.

RAY: Right. Turbo-chargers give you more power using a similar approach. They compress the air, and force a lot more of it into the cylinders. That allows you to burn more

gasoline, and the result is more power. But that takes a tremendous amount of external pressure. It's not something you can duplicate just by lowering the temperature, even to the butt-chattering level you just experienced, Matt.

TOM: So, what made it feel like your car was faster that day? Well, it could have been that your car stayed in high-idle or warm-up mode longer than usual. If the engine were idling at 2,000 rpm instead of 1,000, the engine would sound louder. It also might feel more powerful to

you because you'd have to step harder on the brakes to stop it, and press less hard on the accelerator to get it moving.

RAY: Or, maybe your speed just seemed a lot higher because you were barreling down the road, trying to peer through the only four-inch hole in the ice that you were able to scrape off your windshield.

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MILITARY NOTES

ARMY PVT. ZACHARIAH A. KAY

Army Pvt. Zachariah A. Kay has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice,

physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Julene Kay of Frazier Ave., Niobrara, Neb. Kay is a 2008 graduate of Bloomfield Community High School, Neb.



Sanderson-Bender

GEORGE TOWN, Grand Cayman — Andria Sanderson and Chris Bender were married January 20th, 2010, in a private ceremony at Smith Cove in the Cayman Islands. The couple will live in Sioux Falls, SD.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Conde High School, a 2003 graduate of St. Cloud State University with a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications, and a 2008 graduate of South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is employed as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care unit at Sanford Medical Center. The groom is a 1987 graduate of Yankton Senior High School, a 1995 graduate of Mount Marty College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and a 2005 graduate of Mount Marty College with a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia. He is employed as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at Sanford Medical Center. Parents of the couple are Lynn and Rosemary Sanderson of Conde, SD, and Charles and Alberta Bender of Yankton, SD.

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Family Registration Fee: \$5.00
T-Shirt Fee: \$5.00 per child
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