

Yankton Native Serves Aboard USS George H.W. Bush

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NORFOLK, Va. — A 2011 Gayville Volin High School graduate and Yankton, S.D. native is serving on one of the world's largest warships, the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush.

Airman Ronald Kostroun is an aviation support technician aboard the Norfolk-based ship, a Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and one of only ten operational aircraft carriers in the Navy today. Named in honor of former President George H.W. Bush, the carrier is longer than 3 football fields, at nearly 1,100 feet long. The ship is 252 feet wide and weighs more than 100,000 tons. Two nuclear reactors can push the ship through the water at more than 35 mph.

As a sailor with numerous responsibilities, Kostroun said he is learning about himself as a leader, sailor and a person. He added that it is an exciting time to be in the Navy, and serving aboard a ship is something he never expected to be doing just a couple years ago.

"I've learned that I can handle leadership and responsibility better than I thought I could," said Kostroun. "Working as a mechanic on diesel engines on the ground support equipment is important. He also



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said he is proud of the work he is doing as part of the Bush's 6,000-member crew, protecting America on the world's oceans.

"I joined the Navy to see the world, the GI Bill, steady pay and career opportunities," added Kostroun. "Now, the I see the Navy like family, particularly within my rank."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard USS George H.W. Bush. Approximately 3,200 men and women make up the ship's company, which keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly — this includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the nuclear

reactors. Another 2,500 or so form the air wing, the people who actually fly and maintain the aircraft.

"I never cease to be impressed with the type and quality of work that goes on aboard this ship each day," said Capt. Andrew J. Loiselle, the carrier's commanding officer. "The USS George H.W. Bush team is filled with highly qualified young adults — in many cases, 19 and 20 years old — and they're out here running a complex propulsion system safely, serving as air traffic controllers, operating sophisticated electronics, launching and recovering aircraft when we're underway and keeping this floating city

alive and functioning. I can't express how proud I am to be a part of this team. They performed at the highest level, day in and day out during our recent 9-month combat deployment and are continuing to do so here at home. Their professionalism, dedication and commitment to excellence are second to none."

USS George H.W. Bush, like each of the Navy's aircraft carriers, is designed for a 50-year service life. When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack jets, helicopters and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. Powerful catapults slingshot the aircraft off the bow of the ship. The planes land aboard the carrier by snagging a steel cable with an arresting hook that protrudes from the rear of the aircraft. All of this makes the George H.W. Bush a self-contained mobile airport and strike platform, and often the first response to a global crisis because of a carrier's ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Kostroun and other USS George H.W. Bush sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

"The Navy protects the country by being reliable and the fact that everyone onboard is trained to do their job under difficult circumstances," said Kostroun.

South Dakota Prescribed Fire Training Exchange Announcement

PIERRE — US Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with South Dakota Wildland Fire Division, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Nature Conservancy will be hosting prescribed fire training in the mixed grass prairies of eastern South Dakota. Two sessions will be held April 27-May 6 and May 11-20.

The host partners and other participating agencies are helping make this event possible at no cost to attendees.

This interagency training event will conduct a series of

prescribed burns around the Aberdeen, Huron, Madison and Waubay communities. Improvement of wildlife habitat and range conditions, and reducing the possibility of damaging wildfires are the intended results. Students will be provided with training on how to safely implement prescribed burns.

Participants will serve in qualified and trainee firefighting positions on numerous prescribed burns in the area. Each burn team will assist with preparing, scouting, briefing, igniting, holding, mop-up and pa-

trol of the fire. Other assignments include pre- and post-fire monitoring, various equipment training and fireline leadership skills.

This multi-agency training is a great opportunity for firefighters to work on task books. Qualification for wildland firefighting is based on both the completion of required training and demonstrated successful position performance. Tasks pertaining to tactical decision-making and safety require the trainee to perform the task on an actual wildland fire. Other

means of evaluation may be through simulation exercise or other incident/event.

The deadline of March 2, 2015, for registration is fast approaching and space is limited. Interested parties should contact Colby Crawford at colby_crawford@fws.gov <mailto:colby_crawford@fws.gov> to apply. Selected applicants will be notified by March 9.

South Dakota Wildland Fire can be found on Twitter @SD-WildlandFire and on Facebook by searching SD Wildland Fire.

YANKTON COURTS

CASES DISPOSED: FEB. 6-12, 2015

Tia Rae Hemiller, Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$105
Ronald Servino, Ponca, Neb.; Seat belt violation, \$25
James Jonathon Leyden, 2209 Burleigh #207; Speeding on other roadways, \$105
Anthony Weiner, 1202 Timberland Dr.; Speeding on a state highway, \$125
Danielle Marie Murphy, Crofton, Neb.; Speeding on other roadways, \$105
William Earl Walton, Niobrara, Neb.; Speeding on a state highway, \$85
Eric Richard Ambrosion, 3018 Mary St.; Speeding on a state highway, \$105
Cale Justin Maude, Vermillion; Speeding on other roadways, \$105; Seat belt violation, \$25
Lance Ryan, Vermillion; Seat belt violation, \$25
Rosalie A. Woodmancy, 205 Murphy Lane; Speeding on other roadways, \$85
Devan Rein Selwyn, 907 Park St.; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$120
Robert Beeson, Wagner; Seat belt violation, \$25
Brian Dean Cwach, 406 Regal Dr.; Municipal speeding, \$99
Jane Ann Bobzin, 501 Regal Dr.; Municipal speeding, \$99
Samuel Lyn Hummel, Utica; Speeding on other roadways, \$145
Michelle Lee, Volin; Speeding on other roadways, \$85
Kyle Kaherhagen, 1212 1/2 Walnut St.; Municipal speeding, \$99
Kay M. Schild, 802 Applewood Dr.; Municipal speeding, \$99
Jeremy Filer, Atchison, Kan.; Speeding on other roadways, \$85
Jason Cory Stonearrow, 1004 East Stide Dr. #4; Seat belt violation, \$25
Stanley Nuuelua Puu, 106 W. 17th St.; Simple assault attempt to cause bodily injury, \$384; Domestic abuse simple assault attempt to cause bodily injury, \$409 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court;
Travis Mennenga, Gayville;

Municipal speeding, \$79
Anthony Ross, Sioux Falls; Speeding on other roadways, \$85
Christian Lawrence Haro, Volga; Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus license revoked for 30 days plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Exhibition driving, dismissed-motion by prosecutor
Andrew Earl Johnson, 707 Mulberry St. Apt. A; Disorderly conduct, \$166 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Domestic abuse simple assault intentionally cause bodily injury, dismissal-reduction
Chad Allen Krieger, Broadway Inn #47; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, \$384
Michelle Linda Krotzinger, 1317 W. 30th #5; Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus license revoked for 30 days plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court
Lincoln Bryan Brannick, 109 Gregg Rd.; Simple assault intentional cause bodily injury, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Disorderly conduct, dismissed-motion by prosecutor
Maurice Rydell Gisyser, 601.5 Capital St.; Domestic abuse simple assault intentionally cause bodily injury, \$409 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court
Robert Gerald Hochstein, 1612 Pine; Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus license revoked for 30 days plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court
Billy Jack Floyd Chafin, 3307 Grand Duke St.; Driving under influence-1st of, \$528 plus license revoked for 30 days
Casey Bartlett, 413 Linn St. #3; Failure to make proper stop at stop intersection, \$120
Travis Wayne Johnson, 147

Mulligan Dr.; Fail to maintain financial responsibility, \$130 plus license suspended for 30 days
Edward Daniel Wheeler, Vermillion; No drivers license, \$120
Adam Corey Dorzok, Mission Hill; No drivers license, \$120; Driving with revoked (not suspended) license, dismissal-reduction;
Andrew James Taylor, Springfield; Speeding on a state highway, \$220
Joseph Robert Lefebvre, 601 Maple St.; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$1,178 plus 60 days in jail 30 days suspended based on conditions of court
Melissa Sue Korslund, Volin; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage, \$455 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Renewal registration during assigned month, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession controlled substance in schedules I or II, dismissed-motion by prosecutor
Miles Reed Roepke, Linwood, Neb.; Poss 20 ounces of marijuana or less, \$705 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Possession controlled substance in schedules I or II, dismissal-reduction
David M. Crane, Chicago, Ill.; Driving under influence-1st of, \$1,178 plus 2 days in jail; Speeding

on other roadways, dismissed-motion by prosecutor
Jennifer Leah Kranz, 3311 Grand Duke St.; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$678 plus license revoked for one year plus 30 days in jail 20 days suspended based on conditions of court; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Illegal lane change, dismissed-motion by prosecutor
Sarah Leigh Huber, Pierre; Registration plate illumination, \$25; No drivers license, \$120
Jeffrey L. Ross, Madison; Parking/standing violation, \$101.50
Melissa Lori Jones, Sheldon, Iowa; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court
Jonathan Patrick Riibe, 167 Spring Meadow Rd.; Speeding on other roadways, \$85; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$120
Megan Clarissa Schaefer, 434151 Hwy 50; Driving with suspended (not revoked) license, \$270
Christopher Lynn Smith, 406 Douglas Ave.; Disorderly conduct, \$166 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Engage in business w/o excise tax license, dismissal-reduction
Stephanie Lynn Hardy, Sioux Falls; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$120
James Douglas Apgar, Mitchell; Speeding on other roadways, \$145

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Westbound Highway 18 Bridge Removal

CANTON — On Monday, March 2, the South Dakota Department of Transportation will begin removal of the westbound Highway 18 bridge over Interstate 29 at Exit 62 to Canton.

The bridge removal is scheduled to take place between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday nights. During those hours, north and southbound I-29 traffic will be diverted around the bridge onto the exit and entrance ramps.

Motorists are encouraged to use I-29 Exit 64 to the north or Exit 59 to the south to access Highway 18 during the bridge removal process.

Before 6 p.m. on March 2, east and westbound traffic on Highway 18 will be switched to two-way traffic on the eastbound bridge. Motorists should be aware the department will maintain access to the eastbound Highway 18 bridge using flaggers only as conditions allow and it is safe to do so.

Once the westbound bridge removal is complete, two-way traffic will be maintained on the eastbound bridge for the duration of the project. The contractor is expecting to have the new westbound bridge complete by late summer.

Motorists traveling through the interchange for the next several months should be aware of the construction activities, equipment and construction workers in the area and exercise caution when proceeding through the work zone.

The prime contractor on this \$8 million project is T&R Contracting of Sioux Falls.

For complete road construction information, visit www.safetravelusa.com/sd or dial 511.

Remember: No Texting While Driving

The South Dakota Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Services reminds motorists that commercial Motor Vehicle drivers are prohibited from texting while driving.

Texting drivers took their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 miles per hour, this equates to a driver traveling the approximate length of a football field without looking at the roadway.

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OBITUARIES

Max Zeeb

Max Zeeb, 60, of Menno passed away early Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, at his son's residence while being under hospice care surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Salem Reformed Church, Menno, with Rev. Michel Hecht officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery, Menno.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Monday evening at Salem Reformed Church, Menno, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Aisenbrey-Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel,

Menno, is assisting with service details.

Theresa Peitz

Theresa M. Peitz, 98, of Yankton passed away Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

Errol Bartunek

Errol L. Bartunek, Sr., 70, of Yankton passed away on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton. Arrangements are pending under the care of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton.

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