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McChrystal Retires In Military Ceremony

BY ANNE FLAHERTY
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Gen. Stanley McChrystal ended his 34-year career as an Army officer Friday in an emotional retirement ceremony at his military headquarters here, marking the last chapter of his swift and stunning fall from grace.

Before a crowd of a few hundred friends, family and colleagues on the Fort McNair parade grounds under an oppressively hot July sun, McChrystal said his service didn't end as he hoped. But he regretted few decisions he had made on the battlefield, cherished his life as a soldier and was optimistic about his future, he said.

"I trusted and I still trust," McChrystal said. "I cared and I still care. I wouldn't have it any other way."

The former commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan was fired last month after Rolling Stone magazine published an article titled "The Runaway General" that quoted scathing

remarks he and his aides made about their civilian bosses.

McChrystal complained President Barack Obama had handed him "an unsellable position" on the war. The general's closest advisers mocked other government officials, including Vice President Joseph Biden, as fools who were ignorant of the complexities of war.

"Biden? Did you say, 'Bite me?'" one aide is quoted saying.

Shortly after the article was published, McChrystal was sent packing.

In his 18-minute farewell tribute before the VIP-studded crowd, McChrystal made light of the episode. He warned his comrades in arms: "I have stories on all of you, photos of many, and I know a Rolling Stone reporter."

But McChrystal also sounded a more serious note, when he talked about the pain of leaving behind unfulfilled commitments in Afghanistan and watching colleagues ensnared in the scandal.

"There are misconceptions about the loyalty and service of some dedicated professionals that will likely take some time,

but I believe will be corrected," he said.

Still, he said he was approaching the future with optimism.

"I need to celebrate," said McChrystal, who inspired intense loyalty among many of those who served under him.

McChrystal spent much of his speech paying tribute to his wife of 33 years, Annie, who watched tearfully from the front row. He described her endless support, as he repeatedly headed off to war, and as inspiring him during dark times following the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"She's here, like she's always been there when it matters, always gorgeous," he said.

Soldiers attending the ceremony were allowed to forgo their formal dress uniforms in lieu of combat fatigues — an apparent tribute to a war commander fresh from battle and whose career was marked by more secret operations to snatch terror suspects than by pomp and circumstance.

Wearing his own Army combat uniform for the last time, the four-star general received full

military honors, including a 17-gun salute and flag formations by the Army's Old Guard.

He smiled and nodded at members in the crowd and appeared to joke with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who appeared to fight back tears as he gave McChrystal a hero's tribute.

"Over the past decade, arguably no single American has inflicted more fear, more loss of freedom and more loss of life on our country's most vicious and violent enemies than Stan McChrystal," Gates said.

Afghanistan's top representative to the United States said his country would remember McChrystal for generations to come.

"We will never forget the sacrifices that you and those under your command have made to make Afghanistan safer for our children," Ambassador Said Tayeb Jawad said.

A close aide to the general, Col. Charles Flynn, says McChrystal plans to live in the northern Virginia area after moving out of his home in Washington's Fort McNair.

Fundraiser To Combat Hunger

Morsels Desserts, located at 403 E. Fourth St. in Yankton, will be holding a fundraiser to combat childhood hunger July 29-30.

This event is part of the national campaign — the Great American Bake Sale — to raise funds to fight childhood hunger.

On July 29-30, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to the campaign. Contributions can also be made online at <http://gabs.strength.org>.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Sikkema at 605-857-0243 or mjs@morselsdesserts.com.

OBITUARIES

Sydney Hansen

On July 20, 2010, Sydney "Duke" Dean Hansen, 79, departed his residence in Yankton and started his next chapter of life with his beloved Rosalie and the Good Lord.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2010 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Yankton with Rev. Dave Wildermuth officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Yankton, with military rites conducted by the Ernest Bowyer V.F.W. Post #791 and the SD Army National Guards' East River Military Honors. A luncheon will follow at the V.F.W. at 12:30 p.m.

Visitations will be from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, July 25, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Neisen, Nicholas Neisen, James Hansen, Kenneth Neisen, Walter Hansen, Mark Gleich, Michael Bornitz and Joe Diliger.

Sydney was born January 20, 1931 at Snippen farm in rural Yankton County to William McKinley and Anne Marie Louise (Geraldson) Hansen. After graduating from Yankton High School in 1949, Syd spent several years working on the family farm before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force with his brother, Jack, in 1951. The brothers were air control tower operators at Yokota



Hansen

Tower in Japan and members of the 1954-1 AASC detachment during the Korean War.

On May 29, 1957, Syd married Rosalie Hollman at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Syd also attended Southern State at Springfield and Yankton College in 1958-59. Syd and Rosalie spent the early years of their marriage between Yankton and California, settling permanently in Yankton in 1965. It was in California that Syd began his career in transmissions. Syd had his first shop in Yankton on Broadway in 1965, and bought Syd's Salvage in 1968, which he operated until 2002. Syd and Rosalie also ran the Westside Raceway racetrack from 1969-70.

Syd was a stubborn man, but with a generous heart that touched countless people. He didn't have an enemy in the world. The word "stranger" was not in his vocabulary, nor was the word "can't." He had a strong work ethic and was always positive. Syd loved animals and customers at the shop were often greeted by one or two 'bow-wows' or even sometimes a bird! Syd loved music and would sit down at any piano or pick up an accordion and play by ear with no sheet music. He played in several bands throughout his lifetime with family members and friends and later enjoyed karaokeing at family get-

togethers. Syd had been a member of the Yankton VFW and Moose.

Left to continue on his memory are his five children, Laurie Neisen of Spearfish, SD, Steven Hansen, Holly Hansen, and Deena Hansen, all of Yankton and Janel Hansen, Sioux City, IA; three grand-children, Matthew Neisen, Whitney Neisen and Nicholas Neisen, all of Spearfish, SD; brothers Ronald Hansen of Sioux Falls, SD, James (Judy) Hansen, Kenny Hansen both of Yankton, SD; sisters Betty (Bill) Cullen of Yankton, SD and Connie Bornitz of Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law Cynthia Hansen of Sioux Falls, SD; many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews.

Syd was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalie, grandparents, parents; and brothers John and Gerald (Jack) Hansen.

The mold was broken when they made Syd and his memory will carry on amongst those who knew him and anyone in the community that ever met him. Please bring your memories of him to share to the visitation, or on his Facebook page if you are unable to attend. And as Duke would say, "Keep Smiling!"

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Dorothy Zentmire

Dorothy E. Zentmire, age 92, of Yankton, SD passed away early Friday, July 23, 2010 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton, SD.

Graveside services will be 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010 at the Logan Park Cemetery, Sioux City, IA with Rev. Paul Opsahl officiating.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy was born December 21, 1917 to Fred and Jennie (Schroeder) Eriksen at Homer, NE. She graduated from Homer High School, Homer, NE. She married Leo Zentmire September 4, 1940 in South Sioux City. Leo passed away on August 20, 1992. Dorothy loved children and baby sat for many families over the years. She also enjoyed her flowers and garden and would share all with her neighbors. Most of all she loved her family.

Dorothy is survived by her son Mark (Marcia) of Yankton, SD; daughters Mary (Larry) Laudner of Chula Vista, CA and Nancy (Doug) Roggog of Ipswich, SD; 6 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Leo, three sisters and one brother.

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Carol St. Pierre

Carol (Gullikson) St. Pierre, age 73 of Yankton passed away early Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at her home with an overflowing house of loving family by her side.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at Christ Church Episcopal, Yankton with Rev. Jim Pearson officiating. Burial will be in the ZCJB Cemetery, Wagner, SD at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Visitations will be 6-9 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be her seven grandsons and honorary pallbearers will be her seven granddaughters.

Carol was born on January 5, 1937 to Raymond and Muriel (Scott) Gullikson in Dante, SD. She was united in marriage to Bernell C. St. Pierre on September 17, 1957 in Lake Andes, SD and to this union six children were born. Carol worked at Gurneys Seed and Nursery for many years and was also employed by the Yankton School System and Senior Citizens Center. Carol enjoyed walking, bingo, playing cards, helping others and spending time with family.

Those who will always cherish her memory are her two



St. Pierre

sons: Randy St. Pierre of Rapid City, SD and Jr. (Wendy) St. Pierre of Yankton, SD; three daughters: Kathryn (Paul) Maris of Milford, IA, Julie Sauberan (Kevin Johnson) of Yankton, SD, and Gayla Stappert of Omaha, NE; 14 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; her brothers: Robert Gullikson of Yankton, SD, Vernon Gullikson of Crawford, NE; Donald (Bud) Gullikson, Cliff Gullikson, Ernie Gullikson, and Gary Gullikson, all of Yankton, SD; her sister, Pearl Brecht of Walkerton, IN and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Bernell, son, Rick, brother, Gordon, granddaughter, Sarah, and brother-in-law, Martin.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Benedictine Health Foundation for Hospice, 1000 West Fourth Street, Suite 14, Yankton, SD 57078 in Carol's name.

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Lorraine Preheim

FREEMAN — Lorraine Preheim 83, of Freeman died Monday at Stoney Brook Suites in Sioux Falls.

Lorraine Myers married Peter (Chuck) Preheim in 1952. Chuck died in 2004.

She is survived by her sons Dallas (Linda) of Lake Andes; Roger (Jo) of Sioux Falls and Rick (Peggy) of Freeman, 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2:00 at the Bethlehem Reformed Church OPC. Burial will be at the Freeman City Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 Sunday at the Walter Funeral Home with the family present from 6:00 to 7:00.

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Alma Conrad

SCOTLAND — Alma Conrad, 93, of Scotland passed away on Friday (July 23, 2010) at Landmann-Jungman Memorial Hospital in Scotland.

Funeral services for Alma will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Scotland with Rev. David Ellis officiating. Interment will follow in Rosehill Cemetery, Scotland.

Visitation will be held on Monday beginning at 3 p.m. at the Goglin Funeral Home of Scotland. There will be a prayer

service at 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.
 Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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