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potential I saw in them," he said. "We had just returned from our deployment, and we were in the reset phase of our deployment model, trying to reacquaint ourselves with the basic mission of the field artillery in order to fire rockets during annual training the next summer. The unit pulled together, worked hard and became proficient at the field artillery tasks necessary to complete that mission."

Those plans changed in May 2011, when Charlie Battery received the call to support flood operations along most of the Missouri River, including Yankton, Smith said.

"I could not be more proud of the job these soldiers did while on flood duty," he said. "There is a lot to be said about their professionalism and devotion when a homeowner is willing to make supper for an

entire unit!" Then came this year's transition under SDNG reorganization, Smith said.

"The icing on the cake came during an-

nual training this year when we successfully incorporated Bravo and Charlie Battery into one cohesive team and fired rockets downrange for the first time in five years," he said. "That achievement put me at ease, knowing I had helped build a solid foundation that will only strengthen over time.

Smith acknowledged the strong backing received from area residents.

"Thank you to the community of Yankton for the tremendous support you have shown the unit during my time here," he said. "You have been wonderful, and there is not enough I can say to thank you!"

He then turned his attention to the men under his command.

"To the troops, it is because of every one of you doing what you do that has

on site. We had law enforcement,

firefighters, first responders and

ton and Clay counties," Hoffman

said. "We had an ambulance that

actually had to respond to a call,

then returned for the rest of the

About 45 participants attended

the debriefing afterwards, Hoffman

"For my first time (organizing

this), I thought it went pretty well,"

she said. "It was interesting, from

pieces and parts come together.

During the debriefing, there were

no major issues whatsoever, which

is reassuring for community mem-

Yankton County emergency

manager Paul Scherschligt de-

scribed the exercise as a perfect

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"As far as how it went, it was re-

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made this a success," he said. "Your hard work, dedication, self-sacrifice and love for those next to you will continue to make this unit the best unit in the Army National Guard.

Smith acknowledged the change of command, as he handed over the reins during the ceremony to First Lt. Darrin Eichacker.

"It has been a blessing to have commanded over a unit the caliber of this one, and I will miss working with all of you," Smith said. "You will be in good hands with First Lt. Eichacker as your commander. He is a knowledgeable and empathetic leader that will do great things for this Battery."

A relocation ceremony was held Saturday in Salem as Bravo Battery moved to Yankton. Eichacker, a former member of the Salem unit, noted the uniqueness of the back-to-back weekend ceremonies.

"You don't usually see the closing of one unit and the changing of another one, all at the same time," he told the Press & Dakotan.

Eichacker marveled at the memorable circumstances surrounding his new position. "This is the first official day of my command," he said, showing a sense of awe at the historic transfer of authority.

The transition had actually begun earlier this year, Eichacker said, when this summer's annual training exercise provided the ideal setting for creating a new team.

The annual training also provided valuable artillery work, as last year's exercises were cancelled because of the flooding mission, Eichacker said.

"We had people who hadn't shot live rockets in a couple of years," he said. "And we had people in the unit who were brand new on the equipment."

Lt. Col. Bruce Carter, the commander for the 147th Field Artillery, recognized Lt. Gov. Matt Michels of Yankton during Sunday's ceremony and noted the strong state support for its National Guard.

Carter also spoke of the difficult decisions made during the current reorganization process which resulted in a reduction of units and the closure of some armories. 'We lost 110 slots (of manpower), and

decisions needed to be made about the units. But we weren't going without a unit in Yankton," he said. "You were the first militia in the area (during Dakota Territory days), and you have had a great military tradition ever since. That (tradition) is dating back to 1862 with the military stockade, continue to the present-day protection of our homeland (during deployments). Then came the historic flood of 2011 where you responded to Pierre-Fort Pierre, Yankton, Vermillion, Dakota Dunes and the Wynstone area.'

In separate comments, Carter told the Press & Dakotan that, under reorganization, the SDNG can now recruit women for its artillery units. The 147th has already enlisted its first female soldier at its Aberdeen unit, he said, adding that he anticipates the recruitment of more women for the role.

During Sunday's ceremony, current and former Charlie Battery members received a commemorative coin. The special coin was also presented to retired Sgt. Corey Briest, a Charlie Battery member who suffered traumatic brain injuries and other extensive injuries during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Special recognition and coin presentations were made to the families of Charlie Battery's four fallen soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom: Sgt. 1st Class Richard Schild, Staff Sgt. Daniel Cuka, Staff. Sgt. Gregory Wagner and Sgt. Allen Kokesh Jr.

Sunday's ceremony was attended by Errol Johnson, the first commander in January 1968 when the former 115th Signal unit became a field artillery unit and today's "C" Battery with the 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery.

The ceremony was also attended as a show of support by nearly a dozen members of the American Legion Riders Post 249 of Bloomfield, Neb.

After the ceremony, the new Bravo Battery members hosted a lunch followed by an open house for the public.

SFC Brooks Schild, the unit's public affairs representative, said it was a special day for recognizing Charlie Battery's history and Yankton's strong military tradition.

"Yankton has supported its military since 1862, when they had the stockade and you took in people from Sioux Falls and Mitchell (because of the Indian uprisings). And Yankton supported its military with supplies when (the state) was broke (in 1898)," he said. "Now, with today's ceremony, we have two units coming together to become even stronger."

Master Sgt. Matt LaCroix, a former Charlie Battery member for about 20 years, said Sunday's ceremony brought bittersweet feelings.

"It's a sad day to see Charlie Battery's guidon rolled up. I was thinking about its legacy, and now you see this piece of its history closed," he said. "But it's important that we keep a Guard unit in Yankton, whether it's Charlie or Bravo Battery. They change the name, but the soldiers are still the same."

LaCroix, a former First Sergeant with Charlie Battery, now serves with the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) in Sioux Falls. However, he still feels ties to the Yankton unit.

"My family lives in Yankton, and I am still part of the Yankton community," he said. "I consider myself part of Charlie Battery's history and always will."

While no longer the commander, Smith looks forward with anticipation toward the new Bravo Battery's achievements.

"Bravo Battery will continue the work that Charlie Battery has done. There is no fear of that going away. That's what we're always about," he said. "It's a great unit, and they're going to do extremely well in the future.'

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held at least once a year to qualify for Homeland Security and other federal funds, Scherschligt said. But the drill also provides valuable training in areas like hazard mitigation, he said.

"It keeps our skills up. Everybody did such a great job, and now we can build on it for the future. We can take it another step further for our next disaster drill," he said. "One thing, with the (mass casualty incident) they had to haul patients to the hospital, and (Avera Sacred Heart Hospital) did their own internal exercise in conjunction with our drill."

Saturday's exercise put emergency personnel to the test, Scherschligt said.

With any of the major disasters, like a train derailment and chemical spill, you can have a lot of people get hurt," he said. "At our drill, we were able to treat a lot of patients at once."

Saturday's drill used Boy Scout Troop 102 and the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), Hoffman said.

"Every person plays an important part. We asked the Scouts for volunteers and ran a little short, so we asked the CERT team, who were already observers and taking notes," she said. "The CERT team is new, and this gives them some real life practice for things they may face."

Scouts earn merit badges in emergency preparedness and first aid. They arrived at 5:30 a.m. for "make-up" and also were assigned roles to play.

As a Yankton resident, Lucht liked the drill. "I think they should have more of these drills, so they practice day-to-day things. You can never be overly trained," he said.

Kortan, a Scout, said he enjoyed the experience even though it meant arriving at 5:30 a.m. "It was really cool. I didn't know what to expect. I would do it again," he said.

Brown, a CERT member, would likewise participate again. "I think, by using citizens, it helps (crews) handle real-life situations, and it makes for a better community," she said.

The drill was so efficient that it finished far ahead of schedule, Scherschligt said.

'We were supposed to have our debriefing at 11 a.m., and we were all almost home by 11 a.m.," he said. "Everybody did their roles, and it worked just like clockwork. Hats off to everyone.'

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"We got to exercise well," he said. ' our new communications. Our tactical repeaters in the county worked well. We were able to use the backup dispatch center and make sure it worked. As far as the personnel, they did a terrific job. They did what needed to be done, and everybody worked together really well.

A full-scale exercise must be

A state official was also on site to observe and take notes, Hoffman said.

Bill Lucht, an assistant Scoutmaster, said the drill helped his

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