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college's directors to apply, making MMC the first college in eastern South Dakota to join the consortium.

"We're excited to join HERC and hope to see the benefits of being part of the membership," said Julie Dather, MMC director of human resources.

Part of HERC's function is to put higher-education job openings online, which are then marketed regionally and nationally.

"MMC can participate in professional development opportunities," explained Mary Everly, UMW HERC director. "We have training for search-committee members and participate in a webinar series that talks about pertinent issues in higher education. MMC is part of our collective advertising campaign and part of our partnership with graduate students and

diverse student groups."

HERC launched in the fall of 2008, and has 17 regions in the country. Its collegiate members in the UMW region include the University of Minnesota and University of Wisconsin campuses.

"It's a very positive move for MMC as far as national exposure," Everly said. "By being part of this, their jobs are being put before thousands of potential faculty and staff. We are very connected in diversity pipelines for both positions."

HERC's goal is to make job searching for higher education positions easier, and Everly said the consortium is happy to include MMC in its roster.

"It's a great way for people not just in the region, but from all over to identify higher education jobs," she said.

For more information on UMW HERC, visit www.hercjobs.org.

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A TIME OF CHANGE

The opportunity to serve as MLRS artillery crew members comes at a time of significant change in the U.S. military, the news release said. In January 2013, former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, announced the rescission of the 1994 Direct Ground Combat Definition and Assignment Rule, which restricted women from joining artillery, armor, infantry and other combat roles.

The policy change now allows women to serve in every position within the SDNG.

For Park, the change in policy represents an emphasis on getting the right person – male or female – for the job.

"In this day and age, it blows my mind that we stick with the idea that females shouldn't serve in certain positions," she said. "You should apply for any position you want to do."

During the last five years, the Army has opened up more opportunities for field artillery as a possibility formerly unavailable to females.

For that matter, more women are looking at the military as a career option, Park said.

"When I was in high school, no one approached females about doing this," she said. "It was interesting to me that they weren't targeting more females."

In her first day "on the job," Park rose to the top of the Bravo Battery ranks in one aspect. She and SGT Rob Buechler both received the Battalion Commander's Coin Of Excellence after scoring a perfect 300 on their physical fitness test.

"I knew that I really wanted to achieve that top score because I would be the platoon leader, oldest female and hopefully joined by three females," Park said.

Some accommodations will be made for the female soldiers, said Buechler, the unit public affairs representative.

"We are dealing with the logistical concerns such as bathrooms, showers and sleeping quarters. The women will have their own sleeping tents," he said. "But they will work along the male soldiers for their daily drills."

The military has seen a number of changes in recent years, Buechler said. The addition of the four women represents the latest change for the SDNG in general and

Bravo Battery in particular, he said.

"The soldiers will adjust to one more change," he added.

A UNIQUE BACKGROUND

Park brings a wide range of experiences and education to her military career.

She graduated from Marion High School and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Black Hills State University of Spearfish. She received her master's degree in expressive therapy, which is part of mental health counseling, from Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

After completing graduate school, she signed up for a 27-month stint in the Peace Corps. She learned the Ukrainian language during a three-month course before spending 2008-10 in the nation bordering Russia. She worked with youth development, community development, grant writing and policy making.

Upon completing her Peace Corps assignment, Park returned home and works for the Sanford Health system. However, she also decided to pursue a military career and joined the SDNG in 2011. She was commissioned in 2013, leading to her current leadership role.

Park is no stranger to the military, as her brother and both grandfathers served their nation. She gained familiarity with the Yankton unit through family ties.

"My brother, Freeman Park, was a member of Charlie Battery (Bravo's previous name). He was deployed twice, when they went to Fort Sill and when they went to Iraq," she said. "I know about the unit and their service in Iraq. It's a nice cushion so things aren't totally foreign (when I joined the unit)."

Park was inspired by her brother's example and those who served with him.

"That's why I joined the Guard. It was because of my brother's service and his deployment to Iraq," she said. "I saw the sacrifices being made by the Guard and other military members. Why wouldn't I want to be part of this amazing group of people?"

Looking to the future, Park wants to earn her doctorate degree in trauma studies at the University of Colorado. She would work with trauma patients and clinical health psychology.

Last Saturday's change of command ceremony also has gotten her thinking about climbing up the leadership ranks.

"It's in my sights," she said. "It could be me one day."

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West Nile Virus Conference Set

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Health is inviting representatives of mosquito control efforts to attend a conference on the West Nile virus and mosquito control.

The agency said Tuesday the conference will be held in Aberdeen on Sept. 22.

The event is available to people who are involved with mosquito control across jurisdictions including cities, counties and tribes.

The topics set to be discussed include pest management and early human detection.

The keynote speaker at the conference is Joseph Conlon, who was an entomologist with the U.S. Navy. Now he serves as an adviser to the American Mosquito Control Association.

Voters Reject Bond Issue For School

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) — A bond issue for construction of an elementary school has been rejected by Beatrice district voters.

Nearly 61 percent of the votes counted Tuesday after the mail-in election were against the \$34 million project.

Superintendent Pat Nauroth says he was disappointed by the outcome and thinks the school

board will be as well. He says the board likely will try to find out what voters didn't like about the proposal.

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Man Treated For Pipe Bomb Injury

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — A 24-year-old man has been treated for a hand injury that North Platte police say likely was caused by the blast of a pipe bomb.

The North Platte Telegraph reports that officers talked to the man in a hospital emergency room a little after 1 a.m. Tuesday. He told them he'd been a passenger in a vehicle when he was handed the lit explosive. He says he

was unable to throw it from the vehicle before it went off in one of his hands. The man's name hasn't been released.

The driver took him to the hospital and then drove away in the vehicle, which the man said had a hole in the windshield and other damage. The vehicle was found later.

No arrests have been reported.

Man Gets Prison For Injuring Infant

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A 23-year-old Lincoln man has been sentenced to 30 months to five years in prison for fracturing his 3-week-old son's skull.

Koty Buesing was sentenced Tuesday. He had pleaded guilty to negligent child abuse resulting in serious injury.

According to authorities, the child's mother noticed swelling on the left side of his head on Dec. 19. Authorities say Buesing told her he had accidentally hit

the baby's head under the kitchen table when he picked him up off the floor while making him a bottle.

Police say the parents took the child for a checkup on Christmas Eve and were referred to Children's Hospital in Omaha, where the baby was treated for a skull fracture and bleeding on the brain.

The Lincoln Journal Star reports a doctor told investigators the boy's injuries were suspicious.