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## On The Road To Growth Here In Minnesota

October 2009. When looking back at last year's department administration, it became evident that the following observations should become major concerns for the Minnesota Reserve Officers Association in this Fiscal Year. As members you are encouraged to join in and make progress in solving these issues.

### **Department Convention**

At the department convention April 26 we kicked off our Freedom Fund Drive. Your contribution would be much appreciated during the next several weeks to improve the financial integrity of the Freedom Fund. The Department Board has grappled for a long time with the need to expand programs to more fully serve our Junior Officers and ROTC Cadets & Midshipmen but, has been stymied by an operating budget that is stretched to the limit. The Freedom Fund has been designed to fill this gap. When you examine your giving this year, please consider it and answer to our request for a small donation in memory of Major Anderson.

### **Membership**

To increase membership every officer in the National Guard & Reserves must be contacted about ROA Membership. We have to explain the mission of ROA and how it benefits them. We aren't the only organization that works for the membership of the commands but I believe that ROA is simply the best. ROA is the professional military association (PMA) that will continue to work for their Guard, Reserve, its' people and its' mission. I hope that every officer will join this fine organization that is all about them.

We are a true Band of Brothers & Sisters.

### **Drilling Reservists Critical**

Your ROA needs your active participation. It is vitally important that all of us are aware of today's issues and be prepared to answer the call if solutions become necessary. The Ready Reserve is always vital to our Nation's Interests.

### **Communication**

Communication is very important. It needs to be a two way street at every level. Communicating the value of ROA and the Ready Reserve. This newsletter is key to keeping in touch with each other. As an organization concerned with the welfare of the Guard and Reserve we need your support and guidance in responding to issues that concern us all.

### **Participation**

All personnel serving as National Guard or Reserve in military operations at this time need to ask the PMA's help in bringing their concerns and interest to the attention of the community and the Military Managers. It is with this effort that your issues will be heard and actions may be mounted in solving their impact on your careers. Attention to funding, fairness in service requirements and community relations can only be served by your participation in the dialog dealing with these issues.

In short, we need your membership, participation and support to make ROA the finest it can be. It is after all here for you.

***Captain Will D. Philipson,***  
***USN-RET***

### **VISION**

The Department Of Minnesota ROA strives to be the premier member organization on all issues affecting Minnesota's Reserve Military Officers



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# Project Sound Improvement

## Notice to MNROA Members:

The MNROA Department of ROA has initiated a plan for the improvement of the Sound System in our OC Club at Fort Snelling. The Board of Directors believes that a STRONG RELATIONSHIP among the RESERVE and the GUARD and our military personnel who live and serve within the family of MNROA. It is realized that a covenant between personnel and their families in their OC facility improves comradeship and moral that is necessary for the club and MNROA. Your OC Club serves as the anchor for social events, warmly hosted meetings, garden club activities, and card games such as bridge, recognition balls, and more are activities afforded our membership at your Club and a quality second to none is what we all deserve in our OC club at Fort Snelling.

Therefore your board voted to start a fund drive to raise money for improvement of the Sound System at the OC Club. We are urging members and associated PMA's to raise \$2,500 to accomplish this project for all to enjoy. We urge our chapters to join in this project which should bring it to reality within a year. Send your contributions to the following:

## MNROA

Attn: Comptroller

P.O. Box 11769

St. Paul, Minnesota 55111-0769



# Presidents Message

**Gary Chambers. Lt. Col. USAFR Ret. President, Department of Minnesota ROA**

“Dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day”. This holiday was established by an act of congress in 1938 to honor the veterans of the War To End All Wars as the storm clouds were once again beginning to bellow over Europe. At the urging of veterans service organizations in 1954, the US Congress changed “ Armistice” to “Veterans” to also honor those serving in WW2 and Korea.

Focus on two points dedicated to the cause of world peace and the urging of veterans service organizations. The U.S... armed services advance world peace by routing evil on the battlefield and through humanitarian relief efforts. When a disaster strikes anywhere in the world, relief supplies are soon en route via the United States Transportation command. The American GI has an honored heritage of helping civilians recover from the ravages of war, even before the cessation of hostilities. The U.S. military mission is aptly represented by the eagle on the Great Seal of The United States that has they eyes on the olive branch with the arrows at the ready.

The Reserve Officers Association is proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with The American Legion, VFW, DAV, Military Order of The Purple Heart, state agencies, associations, enlisted and officer groups to advocate for warriors, serving and have served. To be viable we need a mix of current and former members. The high opps tempo plaguing the services leaves precious little time for drilling reservists to participate in service organizations. Those that have served are in a better position to advocate but we need the input from those serving to stay relevant.

Our summer 2009 issue spelled out ROA successes and our legislative priorities. This newsletter is posted on-line at [www.mnroa.org](http://www.mnroa.org). Hard copies are still available. Please take a moment to consider how you can participate in making The Minnesota Reserve Officers Association more viable. You can serve on the Department or in one of the four chapters. Perhaps you may be oriented toward ad-hoc projects. Investing your talents in ROA pays dividends in a stronger United States of America.

A Hearty salute to all veterans and happy birthday to the United States Marine Corps.

Excerpts from [www.Military.com](http://www.Military.com) and [www.MilitaryTimes.com](http://www.MilitaryTimes.com)

## BUCK A YEAR PROGRAM

*Jeff Webster Editor*

Since deer season is upon us here in Minnesota it is high time that we step up to the plate and help out with the costs of our newsletter. We call it a Buck A Year. It cost about \$1,250 an issue to get 1,500 of these out to you and any gift earmarked for this effort would be greatly appreciated.

For recognition we have four levels of giving: Benefactor, Patron, Sponsor & Donor.

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# Army Trains Marines in Alaska Wilderness

by Karl Slingerland  
(Northern Warfare Training Center)

BLACK RAPIDS TRAINING SITE, Alaska (Sept. 9, 2009)... Members of the Marine Corps Special Operations command are preparing for Afghanistan's rugged terrain by training in the wilds of Alaska.

Amid snow dusted mountains and fog shrouded peaks, military mountaineers of the Northern Warfare Training Center and the United States Marine Corps are conducting military alpine operations on the Black Rapids Training Site and surrounding Alaska Range.

The Marines are students in the training centers Assault Climbers Course, which will arm them with the knowledge to train, lead, and win in unforgiving terrain and altitudes of more than 8,000 feet.

The Marines and Sailors are part of the Marine Corps Special Operations Command, and are a relative new addition to the U.S. Special Operations Command. MARSOC consists of three battalions, with teams from the Third Marine Special Operations Battalion. The 13 Marines and two Navy Corpsmen are being taught to negotiate vertical terrain, various forms of rappelling, casualty evacuation, glacier travel and crevasse rescue, along with several classes on subjects such as; weather forecasting and avalanche awareness.

"This training is an absolute necessity to applicable units going into theatre," said Lt. Col. Matthew Trollinger, commander of the Third Marine Special Operations Battalion. "Opportunities such as this allow us the operational environment that we don't normally see in Camp Lejuene in North Carolina. It's critical to experience weather and climate along with other changing factors that may occur in this type of terrain.

The course from August 24 to Sept. 13 will culminate in several student-led alpine operations. Including glacier travel, a 14 mile alpine movement and summiting several local peaks.

All of the exercises will incorporate skills learned throughout the course; such as fixed lines, rope bridges, and mountain land navigation.

"I would recommend this course to other teams" said Capt. Jonathan Hayes of the 3rd Marine Special Operations Battalion. "The basic mountaineering course gives you a base of working knowledge, and the assault climber course brings us to more of an instructor role to train others, so whether it is internal or external, we are all the same across the board".

The NWTC conducts cold weather and mountaineering training for individuals and small units. The Basic Mountaineering Course provides the fundamental skills required for mountain operations. Seven of the Marines took part in the two-week BMC before attending ACC.

The Northern Warfare Training Center's remote Black Rapids Training Site, about 120 miles from Fort Wainwright, Alaska, also offers The Cold Weather Leadership Course, in which service members learn basics of operating in environments of -30 degrees Fahrenheit or below. The center can also train units to operate in cold weather and mountaineering at altitudes of 10,000' or higher.



## ROA National Convention in Orlando. A Report to MNROA

LTC John E. Rosnow US Army  
National Council Representative  
Department of Minnesota

I was able to attend the final National Convention in Orlando, Florida. The location was at the world's largest Marriott Hotel. There was a lot to see and do at the hotel itself. Several members came in early, or stayed after the convention to take in the many sights that Orlando has to offer. Such as Walt Disney World, Sea World, and both MGM & Universal Studios. This year, Disney was offering free passes to the military so many

people took advantage of that. Sea World has been doing that for several years.

The conference was business as usual for a summer convention. Many committee meetings, and of course, the elections. This time, the elected official will remain in office until the election at the National Convention in Washington DC in February 2011. The National Council will meet in Las Vegas 25-27 June 2010 to conduct the business that it normally conducts at the summer National Convention. This is a much smaller venue than the convention and will have limited attendance. While it is certainly not required, some Departments and Chapters will change their elections to the fall, to coincide with the

new National meeting structure. As for the electronic voting, it was discussed at the National Convention in DC in Orlando, but many more questions were raised, and it will not be decided upon until the convention in DC in February. There is a big write up on it in the November issue of the Officer Magazine.

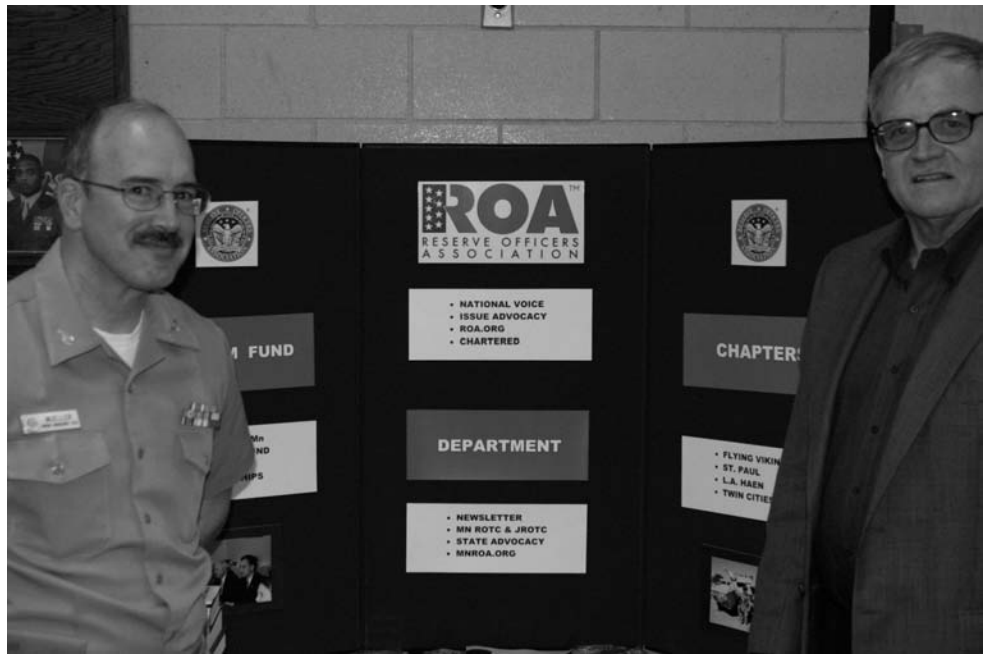
## Department Display At Events

The table top display of the Department of Minnesota appeared at two events over the summer. First, the Department participated in the Family Day at the Navy Operations Support Center (NOSC) on July 18, 2009. CAPT John Mueller, USN, current Vice President Naval Services, along with CAPT Will Philipson and CAPT Larry DeVries manned the display that was one of a number that appeared among guest displays. The NOSC, located on the west edge of the Air Force Reserve Base, is the only Navy & Marine Corps Reserve Center in Minnesota.

On September 26, 2009 the display was again in front of the public at the annual Joint Retirees Activities day held at Mystic Lake. President Gary Chambers and MDAFF President Col. Marilyn Chambers showed ROA literature, passed out the latest newsletter, and handed out ROA membership forms to those that passed by the display. Mission well done.

## Major Dan Anderson Building Dedicated

On August 1st the Major Dan Anderson Building was dedicated on the Air Force Reserve Base. Major Dan Anderson, USAFR, was a long time member of ROA, was active in the Flying Viking Chapter and was President of the Department of Minnesota 2000-2001. A number of members of the Department of Minnesota attended the event. Former president Doug Kveene, LtCol. USARF Ret., spoke on behalf of the Department and the Major Dan Anderson Freedom Fund as part of the program and building dedication event. The Freedom Fund is named for Major Anderson who passed away in 2001.



## Review Your Personal Data

Larry DeVries, CAPT CEC USNR (Ret.)

You are strongly encouraged to log into the ROA web site <http://www.roa.org> to check and update your personal membership data. We know that email addresses change and phone numbers can change so please confirm your phone numbers and email address information here.

The Department of Minnesota and its chapters do not maintain a database - all membership info starts with the national data. When we need the data we download a current listing and thereby use the most current membership information.

It is important to have an email address, if possible, for each member. Email addresses are now free (Gmail, Yahoo, others). The use of email is much less expensive and faster for communications to a member. As a minimum please have a valid phone number. We promise not to overuse either email or phone number.

It is also important to have your preference of Minnesota Chapter affiliation associated with your ROA membership. You may view your current Chapter affiliation but you cannot change your affiliation by way of the website. To establish or change your affiliation the following steps are necessary.

1. Call toll free to ROA Membership at 1-800-809-9448
2. Send an email to: [info@org](mailto:info@org) and request your preferred affiliation in the following format: Mn/OXX (see our web site for state chapter numbers).

For details visit <http://www.mnroa.org> and click the button Your Membership.



Natural Fire 10 In Uganda... A joint effort with participants from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force (Reserve and Active Duty). A joints Chief exercise this summer. LTC John F. Rosnow US Army. Pictured with a group of Indian Air Force Pilots and crew.

# Eagle Group Minnesota

## Article on Eagle Group Minnesota for On the ROAD Fast Track

November 2, 2009

By Robert M. Keller, LtCol, USAFR Ret.

When it comes to career development strategies, much attention is given to networking. For example, a full page article in the Star Tribune (Nov 2, 2009, page B3) is framed by the headline; Never let up on building networks. Also, the 14th Annual Women Venture Professional Development Conference is being held this month at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Networking is a focus of the conference, and over 1200 are expected to attend.

Much attention is given to networking because job change is inevitable, and because statistics show that networking is the most important component to a successful job search strategy. Today, it has become essential that people develop their professional network whether they are employed transitioning between jobs. Networking can be particularly challenging for members of the Reserve, National Guard and other military veterans and for this reason the Eagle Group Minnesota was started.

Eagle Group Minnesota's strategy is to create networking opportunities at the executive and professional level, particularly, among military veterans and employers and sponsors in the civilian sector. Once established at executive and professional levels, we will be able to extend networking opportunities to managers at all levels.

Our first networking meeting was held at the Officers Club with a total of 20 attending including citizen-soldiers (sailors, airmen and marines) who are CEOs, COOs, attorneys, sales professionals, IT professionals, small business owners and recruiters. We are a NATO-friendly group, as our numbers include

veterans of the Canadian Forces and Royal Netherlands Army.

Upcoming Eagle Group Minnesota Networking Events:

1. Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Officers Club, 1630-1800 in the Lodge Room (arrive early, purchase a refreshment in the lounge and take it to the Lodge Room). Speaker Han Hoppe, an HR executive and alum of the Royal Netherland Service Academy will present an overview of LinkedIn.

2. Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Officers Club, 1630-1800. Speaker: Col. Kevin Gerdes of the Minnesota National Guard. One of his responsibilities is Minnesota's highly successful Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program, including its outreach to employers, and Col Gerdes will likely speak on this subject. RSVP for both events: send email to [bobkeller@comcast.net](mailto:bobkeller@comcast.net), or send a request to join Eagle Group Minnesota at [www.Linkedin.com](http://www.Linkedin.com), where we will post additional information about these events.



### 2010 ROA National Conference & Reserve Components Exposition, Washington D.C.

Larry DeVries, CAPT CEC USNR (Ret.)

The new winter ROA National Conference & Reserve Components Exposition will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington D.C., on 7-10 February 2010

This year is the first winter ROA National Conference following the consolidation of the summer convention and mid-winter conference. The Event promises to be packed with opportunity to see and hear many important issues of the seven uniformed services.

The details of the event are on the ROA website at [www.roa.org](http://www.roa.org) or, read all about it in your copy of The Officer Magazine.

*A Great Program  
For Community Service*

## AARP Senior Driving Classes

Have you ever thought about helping out Minnesota Seniors in dealing with aging issues they have behind the wheel?

Since 1979, the AARP Senior Driving Program (55 Alive) has kept many Minnesota Seniors driving safely and for many more years into the future. Since then, many Retired Officers as well as active Reserve and Guard folks have stepped up to the plate becoming instructors in their community helping their fellow Americans in this way.

Here in Minnesota students who complete this course are given a 10% discount on their auto insurance by state law. This is quite an incentive to them but most of all by taking the class they really become safer drivers and that's good for everyone. Classes are either an 8 hour beginners class or a 4 hour refresher class. Hosts are schools, senior centers, churches, legion clubs, banks and many more. There is no monetary award but the realization that you have helped fellow citizens in this was is a great reward. Gas and expenses are covered in the program. You may want to join your 565 fellow Minnesotans in this great program. It also is good for MNROA in that it spreads the word letting others know that we Military Officers are here for them as well. The course deals with hearing, vision and reaction time issues that are all part of the aging process.

If you think that you might have an interest in getting involved in this fine program, phone 1-888-227-7669 or visit our website at: [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive) to find out more about helping out.

**~Jeff Webster, State Marketing Specialist**

# History: Reserve Units in Vietnam and

## Southeast Asia

### *General History of the Deployment of Reserve Forces in Southeast Asia*

Although no single reference of history of the reserve forces exists some of the highlights of service by the organized reserve forces in Vietnam and South East Asia, with source references, are: **Army and Air National Guard.**

The National Guard units that were recalled and deployed directly to Vietnam were:

In August 1965 ANG units began flying aero medical evacuation flights to and from Hawaii and Southeast Asia (Japan and the Philippines). The flights picked up casualties evacuated from Republic of Vietnam by Regular Air Force or Navy aircrews. The units flew on ADSW (active duty special work) order status. Air National Guard aircraft and crews, in ADSW status, flew a large number of support missions to the Republic of Vietnam. Between January 1966 and July 1967, Air Guardsmen flew an average of 150 support missions each month to Southeast Asia. (National Guard, Doubler and Listman,

On April 11, 1968, Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford announced that President Johnson ordered the call-up of 24,500 military reservists and National Guardsmen including 1,028 Naval Reservists. (New York Times, April 12, 1968, p. 5)

In May and June 1968 four F100c squadrons deployed to Vietnam. The 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron (Colorado) arrived at Phan Rang Air Base and by June 1, all of the 120th, 146 pilots were flying combat missions. Iowa's 174th, New Mexico's 188th and New York's 146 138th tactical fighter squadrons deployed to Vietnam. Before they returned home in April 1969, Air Guard pilots and aircraft flew nearly 30,000 sorties while accumulating 50,000 combat flying hours. (National Guard, Doubler and Listman, p. 147).

Two ANG fighter squadrons the 166th (Ohio) and the 127th (Kansas) deployed to South Korea to help stabilize the situation there during the USS Pueblo crisis. (National Guard, Doubler and Listman, p. 147).

Two ARNG infantry brigades were called up - Hawaii's 29th [To maintain a strategic reserve in the Pacific for contingencies other than Vietnam after the 25th departed for Vietnam, the 29th Infantry Brigade of the Hawaii National Guard was called to Federal service and stationed at Schofield Barracks. In 1969 the 29th was released from Federal service and the 4th Brigade, 25th Infantry Division was constituted and activated at Schofield Barracks on 6 December 1969 under command of United States Army Pacific (25th Infantry Division History).] and Kansas's 69th. The 650th Medical Detachment (Alabama) was the first to reach Vietnam (mobilized May 1968, deployed late July 1968). Company D (Ranger), 151st Infantry from Indiana served (deployed December 1968 until December 1969, the last unit to return). On December 12, 1969, the last Guardsman returned home, after more than 9,000 ARNG soldiers served in Vietnam (The National Guard, Doubler and Listman, p. 112).

### ***Contributed by John W Listman, National Guard Bureau***

14th Medical Brigade, Long Binh and FSB "Bearcat" 116th Engineer BN 35th Engineer Group, 18th Engineer Brigade II Corps Tactical Area 126th Supply and Service Company (Direct Support) 80th Support Group, 23rd Americal ID Support and Transp. BN DaNang

Company D., 151st Infantry (Long Range Patrol, later Ranger) Headquarters, II Field Force Long Binh KY 2/138th Field Artillery BN Provisional Corps, Vietnam Artillery, XXIV Corps Artillery (support 101st ABN Div.) Phu Bai

3/197th Field Artillery BN 23rd Artillery Group (support 82nd ABN Div. & ARVN) (also furnished elements of 2/13th FA BN, "D" Battery) Phu Loi RI

107th Signal Company 36th Signal BN, 1st Signal Brigade (various arrangements for II Field Force, IV Corps, 199th Infantry Brigade) Long Binh, Can Tho

131st Engineer Company (Light Equipment) 577th Engineer BN, 35th Engineer Group, 18th Engineer Brigade Tuy Hoa

# ROTC

## News.....

## Awards, Involvement, and a Rising Enrollment!

All JROTC and ROTC detachments received either the ROA medal or Department of MN ROA coin for presentation to selected cadets. The change to using the coin was made for two reasons. The cost is significantly less for the coin and students can display the coin very easily in any setting they are in. The coin is a military tradition that serves to remind the recipient of achievements and involvement in an organization and is a tangible bond to other military members of all services.

All detachments are fully staffed and have excellent enrollments. Overall enrollments at both levels have increased this year. Strong student leadership is evident. Character development and self-discipline continues to be a focus at the JROTC level. Most of these schools have challenging student bodies and the military science faculty is doing an outstanding job with these students.

The JROTC detachments are always open for currently serving and retired military member involvement. There is opportunity for sharing specialty knowledge or being a mentor for students. If anyone is interested in becoming involved, please contact Col Chambers.



18th Annual ROA Partnership Seminar in Berlin this summer. This years theme was NATO's European Pillar.  
**Robert P. Chaucierre**  
**ITC US Army**  
**Chief Distribution Management OPS Branch**

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On May 13, 1968, 12,234 Army National Guardsmen in 20 units from 17 states were mobilized for service during the Vietnam War. Eight units deployed to Vietnam and over 7,000 Army Guardsmen served in the war zone. Company D (Ranger), 151st Infantry, Indiana Army National Guard arrived in Vietnam in December 1968. As part of the II Field Force, the Indiana Rangers were assigned reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering missions. Operating deep in enemy territory, Ranger patrols engaged enemy units while conducting raids, ambushes and surveillance missions. "Delta Company" achieved an impressive combat record during its tour in Vietnam; unit members were awarded 510 medals for valor and service. The gallant record of Company D, 151st Infantry symbolizes the Army National Guard's performance in Vietnam. (National Guard Bureau web site, Image Galleries). The only ground combat maneuver unit from the reserve components to serve in Vietnam, D Company 151st Infantry from Indiana, was also the only LRRP unit in the National Guard. It served nearly a year "in country", mostly in II Field Force, during which it suffered two men killed in action and over one hundred wounded. ("Dirty Little Secrets of the Vietnam War", by Dunnigan and Nofi, 1999, page 218). Of the Air National Guardsmen activated as a result of the Pueblo crisis, about 2,000 (eight tactical fighter squadrons plus a tactical reconnaissance squadron) were mobilized and four tactical fighter squadrons (plus elements of the 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron) were sent to Vietnam beginning in June of 1968. Those ANG activations began in January 1968. In Vietnam these guardsmen undertook over 24,000 combat sorties, for nearly 39,000 combat hours. Furthermore, individual Air Guardsmen serving with the active Air Force's 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron, undertook approximately 6,000 combat sorties, logging 11,000 combat hours, so the Air National Guard made about 30,000 combat sorties, for about 50,000 combat hours, in Vietnam. The performance of the Air National Guard was widely hailed by senior air force personnel, one of whom observed that the Air National Guard F-100 squadrons were all "rated higher than other F-100 squadrons in the same zone." ("Dirty Little Secrets of the Vietnam War", by Dunnigan and Nofi, 1999, page 218)

On July 28, 1970, two EC-121 Lockheed "Super Constellations" from the 193d Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron took off from Olmsted State Airport, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. United States forces were fighting in Vietnam, and the EC-121s were headed for Korat in the neighboring country of Thailand, 12,000 miles away, where the United States Air Force was operating from a Royal Thai Air Force base. Korat Air Base would be home for 252 Air Guardsmen for the next six months. The men were rotated as part of Operation Commando Buzz, with approximately 60 officers and airmen at a time serving tours of duty of from 30 to 90 days. In addition to the aircrews and technicians, an additional 75 officers and airmen supported Commando Buzz by flying material and personnel from Olmsted to Southeast Asia and back. The Pennsylvania Air Guard's EC-121s were laden with electronic equipment, and their mission was to act as flying radar stations and airborne control platforms.

*To Be Continued next issue*

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***For the 2009-2010 year, the Board consisted of the following individuals:***

- Lt Col Gary Chambers, USAFR (Ret.)  
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- At-large Director Open position
- Vice President At-Large Director
- Major Norman Bennett, AUS (Ret.)
- At Large Director Lt. Col Anne Jones, USAFR (Ret.)
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CAPT Will Philipson, USN (Ret.)
- Immediate Past President Designated Director  
Col Marilyn Chambers, USAFR, (Ret.)
- Designated Director  
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- Designated Director

We thank the members of the Board of Directors for serving this year.

## **The Major Dan Anderson Freedom Fund Supporting ROTC**

The Major Dan Anderson Freedom Fund (MDAFF) has formally existed since 2002. The idea for its inception, however was developed in 1999-2000, when the Department of Minnesota of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), determined that it would be beneficial to have a companion non-profit organization that would support its goals of furthering the education and preparation of junior officers. As the concept of the organization developed, a corps of volunteers was recruited, and initial funding was received from individual contributions and a variety of fundraising activities.

MDAFF is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 5012 (c) (3) non-profit organization. Over time, the status has facilitated fundraising efforts aimed at our members, individuals interested in our mission, and other contributors. The activities of fundraising and disbursement of funds raised have resulted in over \$10,000 being extended in two major areas: 1) funding of merit awards for Minnesota ROTC cadets and midshipmen, and, 2) funding of scholarships for junior officers attending ROTC educational events. The Freedom Fund continues to appeal to ROA members for funds, for efforts on an ongoing basis. Minnesota ROA members should consider the Freedom Fund as the fundraising arm of the Department of Minnesota ROA. As changes have occurred with departments and the decrease in opportunities for voluntary professional military education, The Freedom Fund Board is considering awarding funds to junior officers pursuing graduate degrees. This change still promotes professional growth in the officer corps while understanding the significant time and financial commitment to higher education.

The Board of Directors structure of MDAFF consists of five designated directors who are the elected officers of the Department of Minnesota Board - President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Comptroller, and Immediate Past President. In addition, there are three at large directors who are elected for staggered three year terms. The MDAFF Board elects its own officers - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer - from the eight Board members noted to the left.

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## **MISSION**

**Support our National Security through dynamic programs that positively impact locally elected officials, all levels of ROA, and future, current, retired, and former reserve officers of the Uniformed Services of the United States.**

## ***Some Of Ours..... and America's Finest***



LtCol. Jankowski, USMCR, on his last C130 flight out of Helmand Province, Afghanistan - no doubt that accounts for the smile! He then went to Bahrain for about two weeks, then Tampa, then home to MN, and then TJ, Joni, and the kids drive to Florida where they were together for the final several months of his mobilization (September 2009).



While on long-term active duty assignment, LTC Robert & Aida Chauclerre, USAR, celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary on the Rhein River Cruise from Bingen to St Goar. In the evening, they stayed at the Auf Chauclerre Castle-Hotel in Oberwesel on the Rhein. (Germany, June, 2009).