

Loved ones continue to serve in Iraq



Photo by Spc. Sarah Bouret

Familiar faces to many Basin Electric and Dakota Gasification Company employees gathered for a picture. *Top row, from left:* Sgt. Scott Anderson, Sgt. Anthony Gravseth, Sgt. Sarah Hanson, Spc. Nick Suko and Sfc. Sy Hansana. *Front row, from left:* Spc. Sabrina Friedt, Spc. Danita Sperle, Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Job and Spc. Jessica Staloch. (*Not available for photo:* Spc. Jason Bauer)

The children, brothers and sisters of many Basin Electric and Dakota Gasification Company employees won't be home for the holidays this year. They continue to serve in various military units in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following are Basin Electric loved ones currently in Iraq in two North Dakota National Guard units. The Basin Today staff would like to thank North Dakota National Guard Spc. Sarah Bouret for providing the soldiers' photograph and information.

Soldiers serving with the 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion, Fargo, ND:

Command Sgt. Maj. Dan Job is the building superintendent for Basin Electric Headquarters (HDQ).

Sgt 1st Class Sy Hansana is the 1st Vertical Platoon sergeant for Alpha Company. His father, Khamane Hansana, works as a plant custodian at Leland Olds Station (LOS) and his brother, Lou Hansana, works as a field technician at Dakota Gasification Company's Great Plains Synfuels Plant.

Sgt. Sarah Hanson is a S-4 supply sergeant and works full time for the guard in Valley City, ND. She is the daughter of Joyce and Jerry Carter, who both work at the Synfuels Plant. Joyce is a field technician and Jerry is a shift maintenance supervisor.

Sgt. Scott Anderson is a member of Alpha Company of the 142nd. He is the brother of Ryan Anderson, a pilot for Basin Electric.

Spc. Nick Suko is a construction equipment operator. He is the son of Kelly Suko, a property and right-of-way specialist at HDQ.

Spc. Jessica Staloch is a petroleum supply specialist with Alpha Company. She is the daughter of Dave Staloch, system protection supervisor for Transmission System Maintenance in Beulah, ND.

Soldiers serving with the 957 Multi Role Bridge Company, Bismarck, ND:

Sgt. Anthony Gravseth is a boat operator. His father, Dan Gravseth, is manager of data architecture at HDQ.

Spc. Danita Sperle is a bridge crew member. Her father, Tom Sperle, works at LOS as an electrician.

Spc. Sabrina Freidt is a bridge crew member. She is the sister of Andrew Freidt, a chemical engineer at the Antelope Valley Station.

Sgt. Jason Bauer, a bridge crew member, has been tasked to boat missions and convoys while serving in Iraq. He is the brother of Cory Bauer, a land surveyor/civil engineering technician at HDQ.

***Editor's note:** Other loved ones in military units serving overseas will be featured in future issues of Basin Today, but only with your help. Employees, please be watching for posters and e-mails as we will be looking for this information in the near future. Thank you!*

Flach is North Dakota's Reining champion



Photo by Sharon Latimer

Scott Flach took highest honors during North Dakota's first National Reining Horse Association event.

North Dakota's first National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) event was held Sept. 28 in Valley City, brought together with the help of Scott Flach, Basin Electric manager of business application development. Entrants from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Canada

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