

119th Wing airmen receive Bronze Star Medal

Four North Dakota Air National Guard Airmen were awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in a combat zone, during a ceremony at the Fargo Air National Guard Base June 5.

Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Solberg, Master Sgt. Zak Bergstrom, Master Sgt. Daniel Mark and Master Sgt. Blake Lehman were presented the Bronze Star Medal by Col. Christopher Domitrovich, 119th Wing commander, for their meritorious and heroic actions while deployed to U.S. Central Command.

"Our Hooligan Airmen have demonstrated unwavering commitment in the most demanding situations," said Brig. Gen. Mitch Johnson, North Dakota National Guard adjutant general. "Their service and dedication to the mission upholds the finest traditions of the U.S. Air Force, North Dakota National Guard and the 119th Wing. Their service is an inspiration. We are proud to honor their service and serve alongside them."

Domitrovich also offered comments, praising the Airmen for their



(L-R): Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Solberg, Master Sgt. Zak Bergstrom, Master Sgt. Daniel Mark and Master Sgt. Blake Lehman were presented the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in a combat zone while deployed to U.S. Central Command. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to service members for heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service in a combat zone. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ellie Brown)

fidelity to the 119th Wing's values.

"In each of your situations, you stepped up and continually did more than what was asked of you, and did so in volatile situations," said Domitrovich, "You not only exemplified the Hooligan Way, you lived it. You showed the Airmen in your charge

true leadership and what it means to be a Happy Hooligan. I am proud of you."

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Countdown to America's 250th

Did you know these fun facts about America?

For this week, we look at some interesting (and somewhat random) facts about the United States of America. How many of these do you know?

Russia was once the owner of the land we now call Alaska. -- The United States paid \$7.2 million in 1867 to purchase Alaska, about 2 cents an acre, from Russia.

The United States flag has changed a total of 27 times since its adoption. This includes 26 official modifications to the design, primarily through the addition of stars as new states as they joined the union, with the most recent version being recognized in 1960 when Hawaii became a state.

The Liberty Bell located in Philadelphia appears to have a typo. The Liberty Bell features the spelling of "Pennsylvania" as "Pensylvania," with only one "n." This spelling was common in the 18th century and reflects historical variations in the name.

You can send a coconut by mail in Hawaii without any box or wrapping. The U.S. Postal Service treats a coconut as a self-contained, durable item that can be mailed "as-is" as long as it has a proper address and enough postage for its weight.

There is a town named

Boring in the United States. It is located in Oregon and was named after a Civil War veteran William Harrison Boring. The town has embraced its name, teaming up with another town with an unfortunate name, located in Scotland, called Dull. Each summer, the two communities have an international "Boring and Dull" day.

Montana has more cows than people, according to recent statistics. There are 2.6 million cattle and 1 million people.

The first American cookbook was published in 1796 and was titled "American Cookery."

According to the National Restaurant Association, Americans eat approximately 3 billion pizzas annually.

The White House has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, 412 doors, and 28 fireplaces.

Thomas Jefferson is widely credited with having invented an early form of the swivel chair. He developed the revolving chair in 1775-1776 and used it in his study when drafting the Declaration of Independence.

(Article compiled by Riva Sharples, editor of The Republic, a New Century Press publication in South Dakota.)

Aneta's 65th Annual Turkey Barbecue & Summer Celebration

June 18, 19, 20, & 21, 2026

Thursday, June 18

7 pm.....Basketball Game, Aneta Auditorium

Friday, June 19

2 pm - 3:30 pm.....Rhubarb Tasting & Recipes, Aneta Orchard

5:30 pm until gone.....Rib Buffet, Whitetail Beer Garden

7:30 pm.....Talent Show, Aneta Auditorium

9 pm - 1 am.....Karaoke, Whitetail Beer Garden

Saturday, June 20

7:30 - 10 am.....Pancake Breakfast, Sundahl Lutheran Church

10 am.....Games for kids (12 and under), Aneta Orchard

10 am - 4 pm.....Children's Museum-Blue Building Blocks, Fire Hall

10 am - 4 pm.....Car & Bike Show, Main Street

11 am - 2 pm.....Tractor Pull - Cash Prizes. Stump Lake Tractor Club.

Weigh in at old CHS elevator before 10 am

11 am - 2 pm.....Lunch Stand, Aneta Auditorium

12 - 8 pm.....Vendor Show, Aneta City Park & Pavilion

12 - 8 pm.....Chainsaw Carving & Black Smith

Demonstration, Lot North of Pavilion

1 pm.....Dog Talent Show, Tennis Court By Pavilion

Nelson County K9 Unit Demonstration Follows Immediately

2:45 pm.....Duck Chuck, In front of Whitetail

3 - 6 pm.....Face Painting, City Park

3 - 6 pm.....Youth Vet Clinic 101, City Park-Nelson County Extension

3:30 pm.....Parade, line up starts at Catholic Church

Kiddie Parade, registration and line up by Bank

4 - 8 pm.....Inflatable Games, City Park

4:30 - 7:30 p.m...Turkey Barbecue, Aneta City Park

Enjoy live music by "Blue English" while you eat

Adults...\$15 6 - 12...\$6 Preschool...Free

7 pm.....Firemen Water Races, Main Street

9 pm - 1 am...Street Dance "Silverado", Sponsored by White Tail Bar

Sunday, June 21

10 am.....All Faith Service, Aneta City Park

11 am - 2 pm.....Brunch, Auditorium Basement

Check out Facebook Event Page for more details!

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TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Real Estate Commission will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the N.D. Admin. Code at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501. A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by writing the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501 or calling 701-328-9749. Also, written comments may be submitted to the North Dakota Real Estate Commission, 1120 College Dr. #204, Bismarck, ND 58501 until July 20, 2026. If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the North Dakota Real Estate Commission at the above telephone number or address at least three days prior to the public hearing.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2026.
Jeanne Prom, Executive Director

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"The Legion also extends its appreciation to the many patrons and members who have supported the organization throughout the years," said Olson. "From those who stop in when the Legion is open, those who rent the facility for their events, and to those who regularly support the food served on the third Thursday of each month, thank you. We are truly grateful."

Olson said that the Legion will be open during the Finley Days celebration. There will be free-will donation food served on the third Thursday of each month, with an upcoming Burger Night on June 18. He encourages everyone to follow them on Facebook, Finley American Legion Post 13, for updates.



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