

North Dakota units and members participated in a variety of National Security activities during the past administrative year. Rolla and McVile units reported they each have a member currently serving in the National Guard.

Units made generous donations to Honor Flights, the National Guard Foundation, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Wounded Warriors, Tunnel to Towers, Troop-a-thon, Service Dogs of America, and other organizations that support veterans, active-duty military, and their families.

Flag events were held across the state of North Dakota. Unit members participated in flag retirement ceremonies and displayed flags in their communities to commemorate patriotic holidays, parades, and community picnics.

Care packages were sent to deployed service members in Germany. The McVile unit sent sporting equipment including: soccer balls, footballs, baseballs, and more to a North Dakota National Guard detachment at the southern border in Texas.

Unit members were on hand when a bridge in Dickinson was memorialized for North Dakota Guardsman, Jon Fetting, who was killed in Iraq in 2003.

As Department President (2024-2025), my President's Project was Troop-a-thon. Through my pin sales, I was able to raise over \$5,000 to send 'care packages' to deployed service members. I was thrilled to be able to sponsor so many packages to let our deployed troops know they are loved, appreciated, and cared for.

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