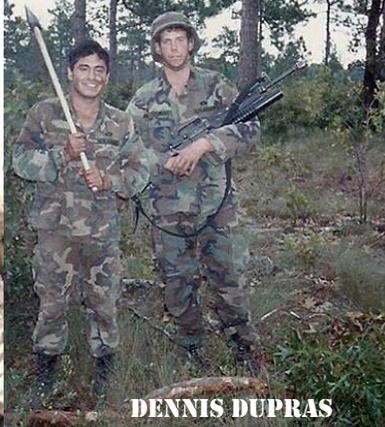


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Alaska State Trooper since 1998  
 U.S. Army (1988-1991)(1995-1998)  
 Virginia Army Guard (1991-1995)  
 Alaska Army National Guard (1999-2001)(2006-2011)  
 Dupras was an enlisted soldier with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division during the first Gulf War. He then joined the Virginia Army Guard in 1991-1995 while attending college at the Virginia Military Institute. Afterward, he went back to the Army as a commissioned infantry officer with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Fort Wainwright from 1995 until he became a trooper in 1998. At that time, he joined the Alaska Army National Guard and served for two different time periods. During that time, the Alaska Army National Guard was paired up with the Mongolian Armed Forces to assist the Mongols with training. He and a soldier from his unit were assigned as a military advisor and liaison officer to a Mongol Armed Forces infantry company in Iraq in 2006-2007. "We would assist with operations and logistics for the Mongols and often speak for them on the radio when they were working with US and Allied Units," he explained. "When they went out the wire one of us was always with them." There, the Mongols were part of a multinational task force that included troops from Poland, Latvia, Slovakia, Kazakhstan, and Romania with soldiers from the Ukrainian, Denmark, and El Salvador armies thrown in on occasion. The Mongol infantry company consisted of 100-130 soldiers with associated vehicles, weapons and equipment left over from the Soviet era. "Working and serving with Mongols was a great experience, but a lesson in diplomacy," Dupras wrote. He learned to say stop – "zucks" – in Mongol his first week after his Mongol driver almost crashed into a Slovakian Army vehicle while inside the wire. "The Mongols had several officers who spoke English and had been to US Army/Air Force schools. I acquired enough Mongol to speak and understand to give fire commands direction." However, he cannot read or write the language because it is too difficult to understand.



## **PAULA DAVIS**

Fairbanks Dispatcher (2000-2010), Anchorage ABI (2010),  
 Records & Identification Criminal Justice Technician (2011)  
 U.S. Air Force (1994-2000)  
 Davis was living in Kodiak before she left for Air Force basic training in Texas in February of 1994, so it was no surprise she "melted every time we stepped out of the barracks." She had a guaranteed slot in Security Forces. Instead of going to the law enforcement side as she was expecting, Davis was assigned to the security side. She started her career guarding the flight line in Mountain Home AFB in Idaho. "No one dared to cross my 'red line' on the flight line," she said jokingly. When the Security Forces combined Security Response Teams and Law Enforcement patrol, she was given the opportunity to train and work as a law enforcement patrolman, which allowed her to work both sides. She qualified on the 9 mm Beretta handgun, M-203 grenade launcher and M-60 machine gun including as assistant gunner. She wanted to qualify on all weapons and positions of the Mobile Response Fire Team in case she needed to fulfill any of these duties on short notice. This goal paid off when she was deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia in February 1997. She spent five months in Saudi performing all aspects of military law enforcement. Upon her return to the U.S., Davis and her husband received orders to Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas. There, she applied and was moved to the Security Forces Office of Investigations where she was able to "dig into things and figure out mysteries" that she considered a great adventure, she said. After nearly six years in the Air Force, Davis and her husband decided to take all of the experience they acquired in the Air Force and return to Alaska. "Military service was an ultimate experience for me and I will cherish it forever," Davis said.

