



LIBERTY CHAPTER



A Message From The President MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)



The Military Association of New York (MANY) hosted its 154 Annual Conference at the Sagamore Hotel on Lake George on 25 thru 27 April 2008. Nearly 400 officers from the Army and Air National Guard, Naval Militia, Marine Corps Reserve, and the State Guard to include their families were in attendance. A number of NCO's, including the state CSM Vanpelt and his wife were also there.

The TAG, MG Joseph Taluto, joined with MANY to schedule a professional Development Day on Saturday featuring interesting briefings concerning current military operations, and two panel discussions one on Homeland Defense and Civil Support, and the other on issues facing the National Guard in Washington.

There was an opportunity for members of the audience to interact and ask questions of the panel members. The give and take was a lively and informative. Family support personnel from Latham set up a youth program to look after family members while their parents were at conference. A full schedule was set up, including lunch with parents. On Saturday evening MANY sponsored a Formal Dinner at the Hotel for attendees while the children had pizza, popcorn and a movie to keep them occupied.

This annual conference, sponsored by MANY, gives all of us an opportunity to keep up to date on current operations and trends, to meet and get to know members of the other services which make up the military family of New York, and provides a social function where officers and their spouses interact in a relaxed atmosphere.

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1SG Rich Cleary (former 1SG of old C Co 101 Sig) was up from Florida to visit his son in CT. We had lunch in Pleasantville. He's Doing well and sends his best to all. The plates on his car from FLA read "1SG 101"



1SG Pete Vaillancourt (Former 1SG Co D, 101sig Orangeburg) was in from Puerto Rico. Had lunch with him and SFC Paul Busse (Former Pers SGT 187 Sig Bde) at the Tyrone House in Yonkers, Both are in good health and send greetings to all.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
7 Jul 2008
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

**Thursday
16 Oct 2008
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

**Monday
5 Jan 09
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

**Saturday
11 Apr 2009
1730 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections**

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We met with LTC Charlie Cayot and LTC Tom Meier at a party. Both are doing well and send their best wishes to all their friends in the signal community.

LTC Dan Murphy is doing well and gets up to West Point often. His son Sean is in the Navy serving with the CB's in Iraq.

Upcoming Events

The National Guard association (NGAUS) will host their 130th General Conference and Exhibition, in Baltimore, MD on 18-22 Sep 08. The nearly 45,000 members of NGAUS represent every state in the US, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

The Liberty Chapter annual fishing trip is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 10 Sep 08. For further information go to our web site at www.nysignal.org & download the flyer.

**101st Signal Battalion
Save The Dates!**

**Golf Outing
15 September 2008**

**Holiday Ball
13 December 2008**



The Annual Boat Trip on the Hudson River sponsored by AUSA, 42ID Assn & the Liberty Chapter SCRA, celebrating the birthday of the US Army on 14 Jun was a big success. The boat carried about 120 adults and children on a 3 hour tour of the Hudson river and its beautiful and historic scenery. All on board enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. See slide show on www.nysignal.org

To Promote the Espirit de Corps and Fraternity of the Signal Corps

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



OVER A CENTURY OF SERVICE

From left to right, MSG John Morrissey with over 30 years of service, center, CW4 Bob Taggart with over 40 years service and CSM Ed D'Anna with over 30 years service, all to the 101st Signal Battalion totaling over 100 years service to the Battalion are honoring CW4 Bob Taggart at his 90th Birthday Party.

Ten Soldiers from the 101st Signal Battalion, deployed a high tech, satellite communications system as part of the joint National Guard/New York Fire Department exercise dubbed Operation Civil Support held on Randall's Island on 3 May 08. Called the JISCC, for Joint Incident Site Communications Capability, the system allows NG military radios to connect to emergency responder police and fire radios.

101st Signal Battalion TO&E Change

Article by : LTC Tom Kilmartin, Cdr 101 Sig Bn

The future of the 101st Integrated Theater Signal Battalion (ITSB) continues to be bright as we prepare ourselves to transform into an Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB) formation. This transformation means \$150 million in the latest battlefield tested signal equipment and the authorized strength rises from 432 to 515, an increase of 83 Soldiers. The projected date of this transformation is 16 November 2009.

□ This new design will provide the Army and the joint forces with an agile, expeditionary capable signal formation that supports the warfighter across the full spectrum of operations through a unified network architecture that is common across all Army echelons. While primarily a theater level asset, ESB's, may be employed to support a Corps, Division, BCT, or service component, or multinational headquarters based on METT-TC. Although the ESB is typically assigned to a Tactical Theater Signal Brigade (TTSB), it may be assigned or attached to other higher level organizations as well, or may operate as part of a separate network package supporting specific missions such as Homeland Defense.

□ ESB's will have the ability to operate 24 hours a day in an austere environment to provide voice, data, and other network services to commanders previously conducted by theater, corps, or division signal organizations. The ESB provides pooled signal assets to augment organic division/corps network support capabilities and/or replace network support battle losses at all echelons. The ESB design simplifies the overall C2 of signal assets. As a modular element, it eliminates the need to task organize from multiple organizations to form a single communications support package, thereby enhancing unit cohesion and deployment planning, supporting "train-as-you-fight" and ensuring faster training for signal leaders in a systems-centric environment.

□ The ESB also simplifies network training requirements by facilitating end-to-end systems level training versus training in single function environments. The ESB is structure to support to up to 30 Command Posts, each with Satellite terminals. The new formation calls for a Headquarters Company, two Expeditionary Signal Companies and one Joint/Area Signal Company. Each of the two expeditionary companies will be comprised of two Joint Nodal Network (JNN) platoons each with the additional capability of supporting five independent command posts. The joint/area company will have two platoons comprised of Tropo, Satellite and Switch equipment and each capable of supporting two independent command posts.

□ The future is indeed bright for Signalers of the 101st Signal Battalion; training on state-of-the-art commercial communications equipment will provide new career opportunities as we look to recruit and reclassify Soldiers into the newly created positions. The Battalion Staff, Commanders, Senior NCO's and key leaders have the formable task of recruiting, fielding and training as we continue our efforts to support the Global War on Terrorism and all future Homeland Security Challenges.

PS:

Congratulation to three new additions to the 101st Signal Battalion: CSM Daniel Bien, 2LT David Myones C/101 and our Chaplin 2LT Ilan Ginian

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