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### **RECRUITING EFFORT FOR THE 101ST**

The 101st Signal Battalion NYARNG need recruits to fill the current vacancies that are impacting the battalion. There are some very nice signing bonuses and benefits that I would be happy to share with any potential recruit. This information might result in a new member for the 101st Signal Battalion. As a qualified G-RAP (Guard-Recruiter Assistant Program) representative, I can explain what it means to be part of the Army National Guard. There is a pressing need to increase the strength of the 101st quickly. If anyone has a name of an individual that would want to find out more about the Signal Battalion they can reach me by calling 845-364-2598 or emailing to [carl.dornbush@us.army.mil](mailto:carl.dornbush@us.army.mil)

While it would be inappropriate to discuss actual strength numbers, it would be safe to say that we could place a recruit in any of the battalion's 3 locations, Yonkers, NY, Orangeburg, NY or Poughkeepsie, NY. We are fielding new equipment which will give recruits the opportunity to work with some of the latest communications electronic technology.

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HELP!! HELP!! HELP!!

I can not do it all alone. I desperately need your help in providing input for the Liberty Chapter Newsletter which is only published quarterly prior to each meeting. I need information from you out there, be it photos with captions, or any articles that you would like published in this newsletter. How about some of you old timers and retirees. I am sure that you have some pearls of wisdom to pass on to the signal community. I can always make the newsletter more than 2 pages. Annual training and other functions will be occurring for you younger active members. How about some photos and war stories. They can be e-mailed to [nysignal@nysignal.org](mailto:nysignal@nysignal.org) or [psuchanyc@yahoo.com](mailto:psuchanyc@yahoo.com). Or use the address listed above the statue of liberty.

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# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The February 2006 edition of the National Guard magazine carried a feature article entitled "The Wait". It stated, in part, active component personnel can receive retirement pay after they leave the service; so can active guard & reserve (AGR) members. But traditional, partime guard & reserve personnel must wait until age 60 to collect retirement pay.

The National Guard Association (NGAUS) leaders believe the current system is a relic and that Guardsmen, now part of an operational force, not a strategic reserve, have earned an earlier retirement-receipt age.

Congress has passed legislation creating the current Guard & Reserve retirement system (at the urging of NGAUS) in 1948. Our elected legislators who will debate & finally decide this matter are visited by representatives of NGAUS who brief the guard positions and urge favorable consideration.

Retirement pay is just one issue that NGAUS is working. On a regular basis, NGAUS is pushing for medical coverage (TRICARE), for the Guard, equipment replacement and modernization, Guard end strength, insurance benefits, family support, and other important issues that effect the National Guard. NGAUS is our voice in Washington. At the State level the Military Association of NY (MANY) works with NGAUS and state legislators to gain favorable recognition and benefits for military personnel.

The Enlisted Associations, both National & State, add their voices to those of NGAUS and MANY, for the benefit of our military force. Together these professional organizations are working on a daily basis, to strengthen the military forces in our state and nation. There is strength in numbers, these organizations deserve our support and our membership.

Spring 2006

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday  
10 Apr 2006  
1930 Hrs  
Camp Smith  
Annual  
Elections &  
Food Buffett**

**Monday  
10 Jul 2006  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory**

**Thursday  
26 Oct 2006  
1930 Hrs  
Polish C.C.  
Yonkers,NY**

**Monday  
8 Jan 07  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Armory**

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## Upcoming Events

The Enlisted Association New York National Guard will conduct it's annual conference in Utica, NY on 6-8 Apr 06 at the Radison Hotel.

The Liberty Chapter will conduct its annual elections for chapter officers on 10 Apr 06 at Camp Smith. New blood will bring new ideas & new directions. If you are interested, if you want to influence chapter activities, volunteer to run for the job of your choice.

MANY Conference 28 Apr-30 Apr 06 Sagamore Hotel, Bolten Landing,NY

The Annual boat trip on the hudson river from West Point, sponsored by the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), the Liberty Chapter, and the 42ID Association will be held on 10 June 2006. A flyer has been posted on the Liberty Chapter web site giving full details. (Enclosed)

128th NGAUS Conference to be held in NM 16-18 Sep 06

101st Sig Bn 2nd Annual Signal Ball is scheduled for 2 Dec 06 at the Polish Community Center, Yonkers.

## Annual Membership

Annual membership dues for the Liberty Chapter 2006 are due 30 Apr 06. Also included on the enclosed application form is for membership in the National FT Gordon SCRA. Check your mailing label for both organizations. Membership in the FT Gordon SCRA is required for the Award of the Silver or Bronze Order of Mercury medals, the Brevet COL or the Wahatchee Awards. Requests for these awards can be submitted thru the Liberty Chapter. For further info on these awards go to [www.signalcorps.org/awards.htm](http://www.signalcorps.org/awards.htm)

## Obituaries

Chaplain Donald P. Licata (COL Ret) passed away on 3 Mar 06 after a bout with cancer. He was a Chaplain with the 101st Sig Bn in Yonkers from 1965 to 1978 then transferred to the 187th Sig Bde until 1986. He was then transferred to the 42nd Inf Div until his retirement in 1989. He also served as the chaplain at the Fishkill and Beacon Correctional facilities.

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