



# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



Our April meeting, scheduled for Saturday 14 Apr 07, at Camp Smith is a change from our usual Monday night schedule for meetings. The change was made after a discussion among chapter officers and consultation with the 101st Sig Bn Commander.

A change of command ceremony will be conducted on Saturday at 1600 hrs on the parade ground at Camp Smith with outgoing commander LTC Jacqueling Russell and incoming commander LTC Tom Kilmartin. The Liberty Chapter has been invited to observe the ceremony from the reviewing stand. It's always good to see the 101st on parade. Our Liberty Chapter meeting will be conducted after duty hours at 1830hrs in building 508 mess hall.

We extend an invitation to all members of the Battalion to attend our meeting. It's a good opportunity to see old friends and to get acquainted with the Signal Corps Regiment Association. In addition to our regular schedule our main order of business will be election of Chapter officers. The present slate of officers is printed on the other side of this newsletter. Any paid up member may, and is encouraged to seek office.

The annual boat trip on the Hudson River from the South Dock at West Point is scheduled to depart at 1330 hrs, 9 Jun 07. It is sponsored by the Statue of Liberty Chapter AUSA, the 42nd ID Association, and the Liberty Chapter SCRA. The boat has a capacity of 140 passengers. The boat ride has become a very popular event; last year a number of people were turned away from a fully reserved boat. So get your reservations in early. The flyer for the boat ride has been posted to the [www.nysignal.org](http://www.nysignal.org) web site.

I look forward to seeing you all at Camp Smith on the 14th.

Spring 2007

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Saturday  
14 Apr 2007  
1830 Hrs  
Camp Smith  
Bldg 508(BOQ)  
Mess Hall  
Annual  
Elections**

**Monday  
9 Jul 2007  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory**

**Thursday  
19 Oct 2007  
1930 Hrs  
Polish C.C.  
Yonkers,NY**

**Monday  
7 Jan 08  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Armory**

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## Upcoming Events

The 101st Sig Bn will conduct a ceremonial change of command on 14 Apr 07 at Camp Smith parade field at 1600 hrs for outgoing Commander LTC Jackie Russell and incoming Commander LTC Thomas Kilmartin. Liberty Chapter members are invited & encouraged to attend the ceremony.

The Military Association of New York (MANY) conference will be held at the Sagamore, Lake George, NY on 20 to 22 April 07.

West Point Boat Ride  
On the Hudson, Sponsored by Statue Of Liberty Chap, AUSA 42nd ID Rainbow Assn., Liberty Chapter, SCRA on Saturday, 9 Jun 07 Flyer is posted to [www.nysignal.org](http://www.nysignal.org) web site.

The National Guard association (NGAUS) conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 24-27 August 07

## MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



Afghanistan: 1SG Betty Juarze escorting the band section for the show called Buzhashi, it is a barbarian game played on horseback and the goal of the game is to capture a goat skin.

MAJ Kim Farrier has accepted a position at the Camp Smith Training site as Personnel Officer (S1). MAJ Farrier served many productive years in the 101st Sig Bn and we wish her well in her new assignment.

LTC Jose Torres was mobilized for Iraq duty & assigned to the J6, in the international zone. He will be working for the MNSTC-1 Directorate of Communications/J6 for the 3 star command.

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

## 101st Signal Battalion

Article by: LTC Thomas J. Kilmartin, Commander



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The 101st Signal Battalion is living the world of 21st century transformation and we have exciting changes and many challenges ahead during the next three years.

In January the Battalion was tasked to make another technology transformation in less than nine months. Two years ago the Battalion was scheduled to transition into an Integrated Theater Signal Battalion (ITSB) during the FY 2007 training year. However, changes in technology and battlefield requirements have required a strategy shift and accelerated our fielding. The 101st Signal Battalion will be fielding and transitioning into a new designated organization know as an Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB) during this training year. We will continue this effort during the next three years until we field our new TACSAT, Video Conferencing, upgraded Switches, LOS's and JNN.

The Battalion staff is preparing implementation plans and will be briefing key leaders during the April drill. Let me summarize this significant shift, which will enable you to comprehend the impact this change will have on training and readiness. The Battalion will be turning in nearly all of our current communications rolling stock and will be re-fielding new equipment during this years AT exercise.

This requires us to focus our training attention on preparing our current equipment for turn-in, preparing to receive new equipment and new equipment training for operators. We have relocated this year's Annual Training location to Ft. Drum, New York.

The 101st new communications network ability and applications will be as mobile as the forces we are required to support. Today's Commanders and leaders require battle command and battle space awareness delivered in real-time data operating under adverse and dispersed conditions. At the lower tactical echelons, commanders and their staffs must be able to move with the same mobility as their Soldiers while performing their battle command functions.

The transformation of the Signal Regiment and the 101st Battalion's role is a subset of the Army's overall changes to become more lethal, deployable, and decentralized in fighting the current war on terrorism. The Signal Regiment transformation moves from the legacy network designed to fight the cold war to a decentralized and net-centric environment. The transformation brings the power of the United States strategic infrastructure to the forefront of the battlefield. Corps, Divisions, brigade combat teams (BCTs), and support brigades decentralizes signal capabilities, with signal forces now organic to the BCTs and brigades, owned, operated, trained and maintained by the BCT. Supporting the commander with reliable and redundant communications is a direct result of detailed planning.

We signalers are tasked with great responsibility to facilitate the combined arms, joint, and coalition fight. This mission is critical to increasing the combat power in the modular force. Our new equipment, networks and skills will provide battlefield commanders and Soldiers with timely and situational awareness. 101st Signal Battalion's destiny is to play a critical role in enabling combat successes and prevailing over the Global War on Terrorism.



**REMINDER: Annual Liberty Chapter & National SCRA Dues are due this month.  
Check your mailing label.**