



LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



I had the opportunity to observe signal training conducted by the 101st Sig Bn at Camp Smith in early March. AS usual I was impressed by the professionalism, enthusiasm, and morale of the officers and enlisted personnel I observed and spoke to.

It was a great feeling to see these dedicated young soldiers taking care of business, and carrying on and adding to the proud history of the 101st Signal Battalion.

I was also very impressed with the sophisticated equipment and capabilities of the systems that the Battalion is capable of installing, operating, and maintaining. State of the art equipment --functional and reliable. The soldiers expect success with this equipment -- a very important factor.

For a soldier (Me) who was introduced to multi-channel communication in the army using AN/TRC1 and AN/TCC3 (4 Channel communications terminal) and associated SB-22 and SB86 switchboards, the 101st of today is the stuff of science fiction.

In reflecting on my visit, I realize the vital need for officers and non-commissioned officers to continue their education, both civilian and military, to keep abreast of advances in technology and changing signal doctrine. Studying "Lessons Learned" from signal units that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and apply them to training exercises would be productive. Our relationship with Fort Gordon through the Signal Corps Regimental Association could and should be tapped for information to assist leaders to stay up to date.

Even in this new modern "Army of One" some things don't change. Attention to detail by leaders is a must if units are to accomplish the mission. NCO's must train their teams and platoons, look-out for their welfare, and supervise mission execution.

Things like vehicle and equipment grounding

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
11 Apr 2005
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections &
Food Buffett**

**Monday
11 Jul 2005
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

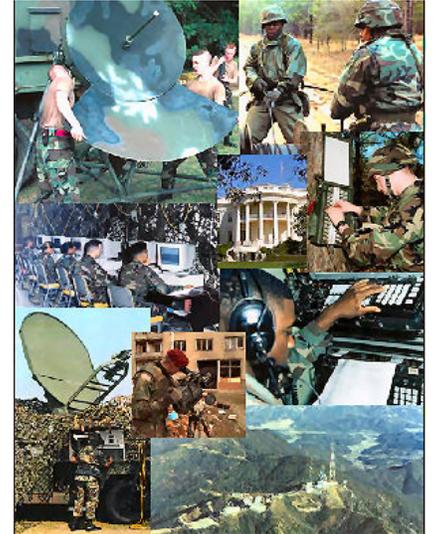
**Thursday
20 Oct 2005
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers,NY**

**Monday
9 Jan 06
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

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ARE
\$12.00 E6 & Up
\$2.00 E-1 to E-5
Due in April
Each Year
Check Your
Mailing Label
For Your
Expiration Date**



President's Message Cont'd
fuel re-supply, feeding, security, maint, are all leader responsibilities. Last, and certainly not least, recruiting and retention are priority issues. Well trained and competently led units usually have little problem with retention. Recruiting is the bear. I have no easy answer for that one. I struggled with recruiting when I served. We are all, active, and retired, recruiters.



The Signal regiment supports the war-fighter in many ways: mobile satellite, cable & wire, telecommunications, automation and combat camera.

Upcoming Events

Militia Association Of New York MANY Conference: 29 Apr 05 - 1 May 05 at the Sagamore, Bolton Landing, NY

Enlisted Association National Guard New York (EANGNY) 29Apr-1May Saratoga Springs, NY

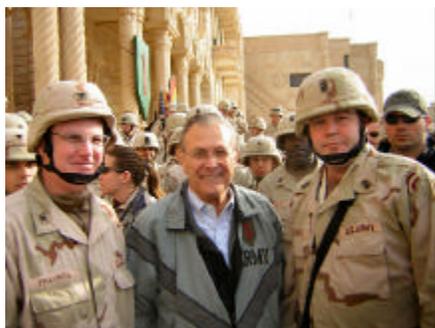
101st Signal Battalion first golf outing at West Point scheduled for 6 Jun 05 For further information contact CPT Letizia at 914-788-7363

Enlisted Association NG of US (EANGUS) 21-24 Aug 05 Orlando, FL

National Guard Association (NGAUS) 16-19 Sep 05, Honolulu, Hawaii

101st Signal Battalion Formal Dinner scheduled for 10 Sep 05. Details when finalized will be published at a later date.

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS "Signals From Iraq"



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's surprise visit to Iraq on Christmas Eve was a morale booster for COL Daniel Travers of Guilderland, NY and SGM Paul Higgitt of Lansingburgh, NY. Travers and Higgitt both members of the the 42ID had their pictures taken alongside Rumsfeld outside Camp Danger in Tikrit, Iraq. Dan is also a member of the Liberty Chapter Signal Regiment.

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to each scheduled meeting.

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Task Force Liberty
Commander, MG Joseph
Taluto attended a number
of ceremonies in Iraq, in
March presenting certificates author-
izing soldiers to wear the Rainbow
shoulder sleeve insignia for former
wartime service, or combat patch, to
over 23,000 soldiers serving in
support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.
The ceremony marked the first award
of the Rainbow insignia as a combat
patch since World War II

Information provided by 42ID Web Site.



42nd Infantry Division Combat Patch Ceremony in Iraq

"If you have a Signal MOS and would like to travel the US, Europe, Eastern Europe and Africa, the newly formed 101st Signal Battalion, with some very high tech communications equipment, is your ticket to success in the NYARNG. The Battalion needs your help. We have many signal MOS's in the 31R, 31L, 31F, 31W & 35E career fields open."---LTC Jacqueline Russell, Battalion Commander--

"Our Army is dramatically changing how it fights and win our nation's wars, and the Signal Corps will make that change possible by arming battlefield commanders with real-time, rock-solid communications that enables them to make battlefield decisions when lives are at stake."---BG Janet Hicks, Chief of Signal, FT Gordon--

The U.S. Army Signal Regiment is leading the nation's defense into the 21st century with rapid and reliable information systems and services. To do this, we need smart, innovative, highly motivated officers, warrant officers, and enlisted soldiers to make it happen, and allow the Army to attain information dominance to the fullest extent. Technology is growing faster than we ever could have imagined, and career opportunities in the Signal Regiment for capable young men and women are wide open.

The Signal Regiment plays a vital role in Operation Iraqi Freedom, with Signal soldiers everywhere on the battlefield and throughout the globe, supporting the war to ensure America's victory. The next ten years are critical as we continue to transform our Army into one envied for its ability to communicate with the latest equipment used by world-class soldiers, led by the finest Signal leaders you. Our mission - why we need the best and the brightest to join our ranks - is to ensure we achieve victory wherever sent and whenever called upon by our country.

Being a member of the Signal Regiment will also prepare you well for life in the 21st century, one that will be characterized by an Information Technology structure barely imaginable to us now. Because of the phenomenal growth of the power of the computer, things such as the worldwide web, multimedia, distance learning, and many other IT-based capabilities, will transform the way we live and the way we fight and win our nation's wars. Success on the battlefield can occur only with leaders skilled in the use of information technology.

Check your mailing labels. If your membership expires April 05 or earlier, then your dues are due NLT 30 April 2005. Your dues pay for the printing and mailing of this newsletter and the maintenance of our web site.