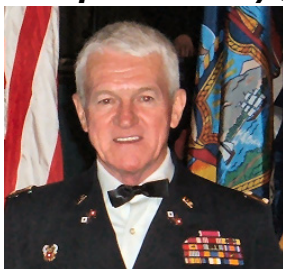


**A Message From
The President
MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)**



The final report of the Commission on the National Guard and Reserve was delivered to Congress and the Pentagon on 31Jan08. Congress had charged the Commission with reviewing and making recommendations on Guard & Reserve roles and missions, compensation, benefits, career paths, training and readiness, equipment and personnel, and overall organization structure and funding.

The 12 member commission worked for two years and their report contains 6 major conclusions and 95 recommendations. An 83 page executive summary can be found on the NGAUS web site at www.ngaus.org

The commission wrote that the report would not be the final word...."We hope and anticipate that this report will generate lively debate among the institutions and key policy makers responsible for protecting US National Security".

The debate has begun, basic issues such as State and Federal control of the Guard, Retirement pay and Drill pay are being discussed. Key to working on our behalf, with the support of the Governors and State Adjutant General, is the National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association of the US (NGAUS). The NGAUS staff provides congress with a national perspective as it affects the Guard. NGAUS and their State counter-Parts (NY is MANY) provide civilian law makers and policy makers information on matters affecting the National Guard at Federal and State level.

NGAUS, MANY, and the various state enlisted associations rely on voluntary membership to fill their ranks and bolster their clout. Membership in the Enlisted Association is open to all E-1 thru E-9. NGAUS and MANY accept membership from from 2LT to GEN. That covers just about everyone. Professional people belong to professional organizations.

We extend an invitation to all members of the 101st Signal Battalion to attend our next meeting at Camp Smith on 12 Apr 08 at 1730 hrs. 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.

**SCHEDULE
OF
MEETINGS**

**Saturday
12 Apr 2008
1730 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections**

**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**

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Upcoming Events

Annual Liberty Chapter and National SCRA dues are due 30 Apr 08. Check your mailing label for your expirations date.

The Military Association of New York (MANY) conference will be held at the Sagamore, Lake George, NY on 25 thru 27 April 08. This association is comprised of the officers of the New York Army & Air National Guard, the NY Naval Militia, and the NY Guard.

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 New York National Guard Enlisted Association will hold their Annual Conference in Utica, NY on 11 thru 13 April 2008.

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

Golf Outing

15 September 2008

Holiday Ball

13 December 2008

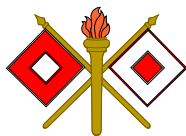
The final wear-out date for the Army Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and the Desert Battle Dress Uniforms is 30 April 2008.

Obituaries

It is my sad duty to report the death of BG Barry Conroy, a member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA & the former CMDR of the 56th BDE, NY State Guard. BG Conroy retired to Florida and was about to undergo therapy relating to a recent auto accident when he suffered from heart failure.



LIBERTY CHAPTER



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

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

Article Provided by LTC Kilmartin, Commander 101 Sig Bn NYARNG

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I would like to thank the Liberty Chapter membership for their participation and support of the 3rd Annual Holiday Party in December enjoyed by the 230 Soldiers and family members who attended. I hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday break. I also want to thank all of the Junior and Senior Leaders for the successful execution of our mandatory briefings in January and the annual medical readiness exercise conducted in February and your preparation for implementing our spring training program.

Many of you may be aware that CSM Basilio Colon was mobilized got deployment in December; he will be greatly missed and we wish him well and thank him for his service to the 101st Signal Battalion. We have already completed a busy schedule and much to do for the remainder of the year. Our Satellite Net Fielding Team just returned from a three weeks of training and familiarization of our new equipment that recently arrived at Ft. Drum. This our third consecutive year we will be sending more than 100 signalers and support personnel to the German cities of Kaiserslautern, Mannheim and Grafenwoehr; to the Republic of Croatia; the Republic of Albania; and Switzerland to train and assist various NATO exercises.

Concurrently we have several overseas communications teams in Europe this month and next culminating our support of Operation Combined Endeavor (CE). This annual, United States European Command (USEUCOM)-sponsored exercise is in the spirit of the Partnership for Peace (PfP) C4 Integration and Interoperability Exercise. CE enables interoperability between U.S. and NATO PfP military C4 equipment by documenting and exercising technical and procedural solutions.

The Battalion is still in organization transformation, we just completed MTOE realignments of the 101st Signal Battalion, the 442d Military Police Company and the Standup of the new 222d Chemical Company. There is a great deal of new equipment to receive and new personnel to recruit, train and welcome into our family; we must remain mindful that in today's National Guard there are only two types of Soldiers; those who have deployed and those awaiting deployment. I look forward to seeing our Liberty Chapter friends during our April drill and invite them to meet new the newest NCOs and Officers who have joined the Battalion this year and share with them the many stories we always look forward to hearing.
LTC Thomas J. Kilmartin, Battalion Commander

LTC Jose Torres a Liberty Chapter member presently in Iraq, has provided us with the draft section of the "Iraq Surge" weekly report for the Air force Strategic Communications Branch of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. This is an open sourced and unclassified information derived strictly from the world wide web and internet bloggers.

It is valuable to show the positive developments and trends going on in Iraq and for us to get the word out to your readers, viewers, supporters and listeners. Please pass along to as many contacts as you can. We are trying to do a better job in getting out the "other side" of the Iraq story. It has been posted to our site as Good News "Iraq Surge" and with links provided.

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