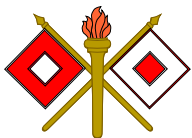




LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



Please note that the location of our April meeting on Monday 13 Apr at 1930 hrs has been changed from Camp Smith to the Yonkers Armory.

We have, in addition to our usual round-table discussion, two major items on our agenda. First we have to elect the Liberty Chapter Officers. The sitting officers and their titles are listed on the back side of this newsletter. Any member whose dues are paid is eligible to serve as an officer in the chapter. I invite you to serve. New people bring new ideas and new enthusiasm to the organization.

Any group like ours can usually point to a few individuals who have a major impact on operations. Two of those in the Liberty Chapter are BG Paul Suchanyc and SFC Carlos Rodriguez. Carlos is our long time treasurer. He manages all the monetary affairs for the chapter, including collecting the dues all bank transactions, paying the bills and balancing the books and doing it all with a quiet competence. In addition he maintained current rosters of all Liberty Chapter members, including the National SCRA. SFC Rodriguez should also be recognized for the many non-financial affairs he takes care of for the Chapter.

BG Paul Suchanyc edits and publishes our quarterly newsletter (and mails it out to people who do not have e-mail access. He is constantly soliciting input for the newsletter. The winter 2009 edition carried an excellent informative article by CPT Alexander Martin commander of Company A 101st Signal Battalion. BG Suchanyc also maintains contact with scores of former signaleers from around the country. He also established and maintains or web site www.nysignal.org.

The second subject I think we need to discuss is our meetings---schedules, times, places. The current system of quarterly meetings, each at a different location has been in effect for over five years. We originally chose Monday nights so as not to interfere with unit Headquarters nights. We chose different locations to accommodate the members who lived close to the meetings places. We need to discuss all aspects of our meeting strategy to see if it still serves us. I hope to see you all at our next meeting in Yonkers.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
13 Apr 2009
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory
Annual
Elections**

**Monday
13 Jul 2009
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

**Thursday
15 Oct 2009
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers,NY**

**Monday
11 Jan 10
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

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Upcoming Events

The Military Association of New York (MANY) conference will be held in Saratoga Springs, NY 24-26 Apr 09

The National Guard Association (NGAUS) will host its next convention in Nashville, TN on 11-13 Sep 09



West Point Boat Ride on the Hudson Birthday of US Army & Family Day Saturday 13 Jun 2009 See the enclosed Flyer. Its also posted on the SCRA Website at www.nysignal.org



The Liberty Chapter Fishing Trip from City Island is tentatively schedule for Wednesday 2 Sep 2009.



The 101st Signal Battalions Annual Training will be conducted 6-21 June at Fort Drum, NY. They will be attempting a full field problem with multiple sites and for the first time organic satellite communications. They will also be attempting to pull services from a step site and push DSN to the field and DATA to the TOC.

MG (Ret) Robert Rose is trying to organize a 187th Signal Group/Brigade reunion at the Fort Hamilton community Club on 17 May 2009. It will be a brunch from 1100 to 1400 hrs. It would be limited to only those who served in the 187th & their spouses. If enough people are interested a flyer will be posted to the SCRA web site. If you are interested please contact LTC George DeSimone at 347-330-2978 or MG Rose at 973-875-6550 NLT 4 Apr 09 or e-mail RoseRobertR@aol.com

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



This Months Newsletter is dedicated to Edward F. Liebespach 25 Dec 1930 - 11 Feb 2009

Photo at left is CSM (Ret) Ed Liebespach presenting the original cased colors of the 101st Signal Battalion During the Stand Up Ceremony and Federal Recognition of the Battalion on 11 Sep 2004

Edward F. Liebespach, "Big Ed", of Yorktown Heights, NY, formerly of Yonkers, passed away on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. He was 78 years old. Edward was born December 25, 1930, son of the late Edward and Josephine (Nowaskowski) Liebespach in Yonkers, NY. He attended St. Casimir's School, Commerce High School, graduated with a B.A. degree from Iona College in 1955 and completed graduate studies at Manhattan College and New York University. In August 1956, he married Esther Carlini at Holy Eucharist Church, she survives. He also leaves to cherish his memory, a daughter Cheryl Ann Martin, two beautiful granddaughters, Jaclyn & Caroline Martin, a sister, MaryAnn Tuers, and nieces & nephews. He was predeceased by a son, Edward Jr. and sister, Florence Mohan.

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In 1964, he was appointed a Teacher of Social Studies in the Yonkers Public Schools. In 1972, he was appointed Administrative Assistant at Gorton High School, and also served in the same capacity at Commerce High School and Fermi Middle School. In 1977, Edward was appointed Assistant Principal at Roosevelt High School and then as Principal at P.S. 18 in 1986. In 1989, he was re-assigned as Principal on Special Assignment at Roosevelt High School, from which he retired in June 1991. While at Gorton High School, Edward also served as JV Football Coach and Golf coach. In 1968, he was given the job of Varsity Basketball Coach. During that tenure, he won 2 New York State Section 1 Basketball Championships and 3 Yonkers City Championships. During his career in the Yonkers Schools (1974-1991), he also served as Principal of Adult Education Programs at both Roosevelt High School and Saunders Trade School.

In 1949, Edward joined the 101st Signal Battalion in Yonkers. In August 1950, he was called to serve in the Korean War. Returning in 1952, he once again enlisted in the 101st Signal Battalion and while continuing to serve with them, he rose thru the ranks to become Command Sargeant Major of the Battalion. In September 1961 he was recalled to serve in the Berlin Crisis where he was selected by the Department of the Army to participate in Operation "Look See", an on the ground observation of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain, in Germany. In 1979, he was appointed as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to Major General Castellano, the commander of all military forces in the State of New York. In 1985, he was assigned as operations Sgt. Major at Camp Smith, Peekskill, NY, a position he retired from after completing a total of 41 years of Military Service.

During his military career, Sgt. Major Liebespach was awarded numerous decorations among which were The Medal for Meritorious Service with/2 oak leaf clusters, Korean Service Medal with/4 battle stars, United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation, NY State Medal for Conspicuous Service, Army Commendation Medal, NY State Medal for Valor, the National Defense Service Medal with/2 oak leaf clusters and the Japanese Occupation Medal. Family will receive friends TODAY, Thursday, at 107 Yonkers Ave., from 2-4 PM and 7-9 PM Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, February 13th, at St. Casimir's Church at 10a.m. Interment will be private. Donations in Edward's memory may be made to St. Casimir's Church or St. Casimir's School.

MAJ Dede Raver (Formely 187th Sig Bde) has graduated from the Civil Affairs Mobilization Qualification Course at Fort Bragg, and is currently commanding a Company in the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion in Danbury CT. They are expected to deploy in 2010.

COL (CH) Thomas Blessin: Suffering from Kidney disease and receiving thrice weekly dialysis (on Tues-Thurs-Sat) at (Fordham University Rehabilitation Center, Murray Weigel Building, 515 E. Fordham Rd, BX, NY 10458; 1-718-430-4976).

CSM William Telegadis: (Formely 187th Sig Bde) is back in the L.I. Veterans Rehab Ctr in Stony Brook, NY. He can be reached on his cell: 1-917-209-9544. He is recovering from congestive heart failure. (HOR: 42-29 158th St. Flushing, NY 11358, 1-718-359-7918.)