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

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

The National Guard magazine of Oct 2013 reports that three Army National Guard Soldiers and one Air National Guard Airman lost their lives in September while supporting operations in Afghanistan. The Airman was a member of the NY Air National Guard’s 105th Security Forces Squadron from Stewart Air NG Base, and was killed when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire near Bagram Airfield.

Seven hundred seventy five guardsmen have now made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terrorism since the attacks of 11 Sep 2001, according to records compiled by the National Guard educational foundation. All of their names are on the memorial wall in the 9/11 era gallery of the NG Memorial museum in Washington. The Memorial building, opened in 1991 stands at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street, and serves as both the NGUS Headquarters and a monument to generations of citizen soldiers.

The building now belongs to NGAUS free and clear after the NGAUS board of directors approved paying off the mortgage in August. At the 135th general conference of NGAUS in Honolulu in September, MG Steve Danner chairman of the board, put the building’s mortgage into a shredder and said “the NG Memorial now belongs to you, the members of NGAUS. You now own the a building valued at 75 million dollars.” NGAUS belongs to all of us in the National Guard and the association deserves our support as they work on our behalf in Washington in both the military and political arenas. We support NGAUS by becoming members and adding our voices to those who protect our drill pay, retirement benefits, Tricare, and who also work to ensure the National Guard is funded and equipped to perform its mission. I urge you to join the NG association of the US and to visit our building and Washington.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Presidents Message Cont’d

On 16 November a change of command ceremony for the 101st Signal Battalion was held in the old Yonkers Armory. COL Greg Dreisbach, the outgoing commander passed the Command to LTC Diane Armbruster in a moving and professional ceremony. The 101st also has a new Command Sergeant Major. CSM James Kent.

Our next meeting will be a luncheon affair on Saturday 4 Jan 2014 at 1300 hrs at the Cabin Restaurant in White Plains, NY bring spouse or friend

Upcoming events

Due to the 101st ESB recent return from deployment, they have decided to reschedule the December signal ball to 22 Feb 2014.

The 188th Annual Old Guard Ball Saturday Evening, January Eighteenth Two Thousand and Fourteen Seven to Eleven-Thirty in the Evening Three West Club Three West Fifty-First Street, New York City

TAG Professional Day and MANY Weekend will take place Thursday, 22 March - 29 March 2014 at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, New York.

135th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition August 22-25, 2014 Chicago, Illinois

Special Notice

All military retired soldiers will be losing their AKO (us.army.mil) e-Mail address box effective 31 December 2013 due to army budget cuts. So please all retirees provide us with your new e-mail address ASAP.

There has also been a change in AKO for active military personnel from us.army.mil to ( Example: john.doe.mil@mail.mil

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July 2014
**New Commander for the 101st Signal Battalion**

LTC Diane M. Armbruster began her military career with the 42d Infantry Division in 1993 as a Cable Systems Installer with C Co, 250th Signal Battalion, NJARNG. She graduated from the New Jersey Army National Guard Officer Candidate School Program in 1995. LTC Diane M. Armbruster remained in positions of significant responsibility within the 42d Infantry Division until her assumption of Command of the 101 Expeditionary Signal Battalion in September of 2013. Her key assignments include: Company Commander, B, Co, 250th Signal BN; Operations Officer, G1, 42d ID; Company Commander, Division Signal Company, 42d ID; S6, 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team and G6, 42d Infantry Division.

LTC Diane M. Armbruster deployed with the 42d ID to Tikrit, Iraq in 2005 as part of Task Force Liberty supporting approximately 23,000 Soldiers. She also deployed to Camp Buehring, Kuwait in 2012 as part of the 27th Military Engagement Team. LTC Diane M. Armbruster’s awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and several other federal and state military awards.

LTC Diane M. Armbruster is a graduate of Rutgers University with dual degrees in Journalism and Administration of Justice. She is a Detective First Grade with the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office and is experienced in Narcotics, Sex Crimes, Arson, Major Crimes and Confidential Investigations. She lives in Bergen County, New Jersey.

The outgoing Commander, COL Greg Dreisbach has remained on active duty and is currently assigned the G-3 for the Army Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

James Anderson American Legion Post 1199 hosted a Christmas Party on 7 Dec 2013 for Company B 101st Signal Corp and their families at the Orangeburg armory who just returned from Afghanistan.

The Bob Hope Division donated soda, Kearsing Edwards Post 1600 donated ice cream and the Marine Corp League donated 100 bags of candy for the event.
Next Liberty Chapter Meeting on Saturday 4 Jan 2014 at 1300 Hrs at the Cabin

1. From the Tappan Zee Bridge take the Interstate 87 South/NY Thruway S ramp on the left to Interstate 287 East/NY City
2. Merge onto I-287 East
3. Take Exit 4 for New York 100A toward Hartsdale
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