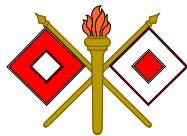




LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



On Friday 13 Nov 09 a retirement party was held in the National Guard Headquarters building in Latham, NY. Honoring COL Dan Travers. He has been a strong supporter of signal operations and training in the NYARNG for many years, and is a long time member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA.

His last assignment was as J6, Joint Task Force Headquarters. In May 2004 COL Travers was mobilized with the 42nd Infantry Division where he served as the division G6. The Division was deployed to Iraq in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom". As G6 COL Travers was responsible for the management and oversight of the communication system serving the 42nd in combat, both internally and connecting them into the world wide network.

He utilized the personnel and equipment of two signal battalions, one National Guard, and one Active Component, and sections from a satellite company and other signal organizations. Using two different vintages of MSE, JNN, and COTs were integrated into the signal system to support the Division. This was the first time that JNN had been deployed in a combat theater and integrated with MSE.

COL Travers was ably assisted in managing this highly successful system by LTC Greg Dreisbach current commander of the 101st Signal Battalion and the Division communications Sergeant Major, SGM Paul J. Higgitt Jr. Col Travers will be sorely missed in the NY National Guard not only for his signal expertise, but for his professional leadership qualities and his ability to motivate soldiers, officers and enlisted, to get the best results. The National Guard in New York is a better organization for his having served in it.

On the next day, Saturday, a retirement party was held at the 42nd ID Headquarters in Troy NY to honor SGM P.J. Higgitt Jr. for his over 30 years of service. SGM Higgitt, a Liberty chapter member, served with COL Travers and LTC Dreisbach in the G6 Section of the 42nd ID in Iraq. The SGM's last assignment was J6 Communications Sergeant Major, Joint Forces Headquarters, Latham, NY. SGM Higgitt received many civilian and military awards, one

Winter 2010

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday
11 Jan 10
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory

Monday
12 Apr 2010
1930 Hrs
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Elections

Monday
12 Jul 2010
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory

Thursday
14 Oct 2010
1930 Hrs
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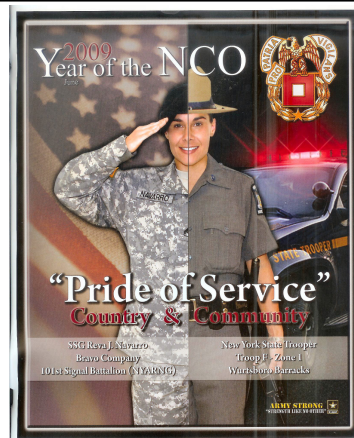
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Presidents Message Cont'd

of which I had the pleasure of presenting. As President of the Liberty Chapter I had the Honor of presenting the "Silver Order of Mercury" to him. Retired SGM Lou Hauf, himself a silver order recipient, assisted me. The Liberty Chapter wishes these two exemplary soldiers, and their families a long, healthy and happy retirement and thank them for their service to the nation state and the Signal Corps.

The 101st Signal Battalion held its 5th annual Christmas party at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers on Saturday 5 Dec 09. Over 250 soldiers, families and retirees were on hand at the beautifully decorated hall. The affair was hosted by the Commander, LTC Greg Dreisbach. The Battalion arranged for military buses to accommodate those travelling from Orangeburg and Poughkeepsie. MAJ Frank Letizia and his party committee are to be commended on their efforts in setting the whole affair up, in securing the hall, arranging transportation, publicity, and publishing the journal. Good work all around.



SSG Reva J. Navarro from Co B 101st Sig Bn was selected NCO of the Year by the Army Communicator Magazine for the 4th Quarter.

Upcoming events

The National Guard Association (NGAUS) will host its next convention in Austin Texas on 21-23 Aug 2010

The Milita Association of New York conference is scheduled 23-25 April 2010 at Saratoga Springs, NY

Obituaries

Joseph F. Vellozzi a retired member from the old Company D 101st Signal Battalion, in Orangeburg, NY passed away on 28 Nov 09.

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

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

Article by LTC Greg Dreisbach, Commander 101st Sig Bn NYARNG

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I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome into the 101st Signal Battalion and Liberty Chapter. The mix between active guard, retirees, and friends of the unit creates a great family.

The future of the Signal Battalion is bright with the transformation from an Inter Theater Signal Battalion (ITSB) to an Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB). With this transformation comes new equipment fieldings and unit formations. These systems are state of the art communication systems that will allow our soldiers a great learning and soldiering platform. With the ESB we also increase our strength and thus we have to find creative ways to grow our force.

Without well trained and disciplined soldiers we will have a hollow force. I have no doubt that the Battalion will achieve all of its requirements during the transformation. We will use this forum as a vehicle to keep you updated on our progress. I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Please feel free to contact me at the following
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LTC Thomas Kilmartin, 42nd ID J6 has been selected to attend the Army War College this coming Spring. Congratulations and good luck Tom.



101st Signal Battalion NYARNG

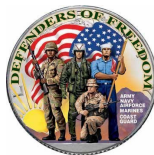
Bravo Company, 101st Signal Battalion invites all former members to our first annual "Alumni Night". If you were assigned to the signal company at Orangeburg (whatever the name might have been: Bravo, Charlie, Delta of the 230th or 101st Signal) then please join us on Saturday, 9 January 2010 at 1800. This will be a great chance to see old friends and to meet the new Soldiers that will take the company into the future. Bring your stories and bring your wallet because the bar will be open!



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