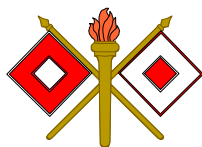
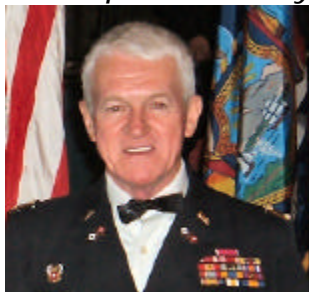




# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard conducted its 23rd annual conference from 6 thru 8 Apr 06 at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY. State CSM Bob Vanpelt, a liberty chapter member, reports that the conference was a big success; with good attendance and timely, informative briefings. Recruiting and retention issues were hot items on the agenda.

SGM Dornbush from the 101st Sig Bn, briefed the liberty chapter on 10 Apr at Camp Smith regarding some new programs to assist in recruiting.

The Military Association of New York (MANY) conducted its 152nd annual conference from 28 thru 30 Apr 06 at the Sagamore Hotel in Lake George. Many Liberty Chapter members joined representatives from the army guard, air guard, naval militia and the state guard and were treated to excellent weather, beautiful scenery and a nice get away for a couple of days. The industry exhibition was interesting, and the Adjutant Generals Professional Day brought together leaders of the Army Guard to discuss a range of topics including homeland security.

The annual boat ride on the Hudson from the south dock at West Point started at 1330 hrs on 10 Jun for a three hour tour of the scenic Hudson river. The event is sponsored by the AUSA, the 42nd ID Association and the Liberty Chapter SCRA. There were about 130 people on board including moms, dads, children, active and retired military. Food and beverages were available as part of the passage. There was also a large birthday cake for the U.S. Army Birthday. A military historian from West Point gave us a running commentary on Points of Interest on the river and the importance of West Point during the revolutionary war. The weather cooperated and all present had a good time.

The election results from the 10 Apr 06 Camp Smith meeting is posted on the other side under the heading of Liberty Chap Officers.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday  
10 Jul 2006  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory**

**Thursday  
26 Oct 2006  
1930 Hrs  
Polish C.C.  
Yonkers, NY**

**Monday  
8 Jan 07  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Armory**

**Monday  
9 Apr 2007  
1930 Hrs  
Camp Smith  
Annual  
Elections &  
Food Buffett**

**ANNUAL DUES  
ARE  
\$12.00 E6 & Up  
\$2.00 E-1 to E-5  
Due in April  
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## Upcoming Events

The National Guard Association will conduct its 128th annual conference in Albuquerque, NM from 15 thru 18 Sep 06. Delegates & reps from all 54 NG organizations will be in attendance for what is always a premier event. You're all invited.

HHC & Co B 101 Sig bn will be having a Family Day on 9 Jul 06 at Tibbetts Brook Park, Co A will have their Family Day in Poughkeepsie, NY and Co C will also be the same day at Round Pond in West Point.



The Liberty Chapter annual fishing trip is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 6 Sep 06. For further information go to our web site at [www.nysignal.org](http://www.nysignal.org) & download the flyer.

101st Sig Bn Association is sponsoring a Golf Outing & Evening BBQ honoring signal retirees on Saturday 9 Sep 06. The Golf Outing will be at 1300 hrs at the West Point Golf Course, and the BBQ at 1800 hrs at the Camp Smith Training Site. The flyer has been posted to the [nysignal.org](http://nysignal.org) web site.

101st Sig Bn Association 2nd Annual Holiday Formal is scheduled for Saturday 2 Dec 06 at the Polish Center in Yonkers, NY



The Annual Boat Ride on the Hudson was a complete success. Our thanks go out to MG Robert Rose who set the whole thing up.

### Annual Membership

Membership dues were due on 30 Apr. Check your mailing label. Red print indicates that your dues were not paid as of 27 Jun 06. Membership forms are posted on the web site.

## GRECIAN FIREBOLT-06



Greacian Firebolt 06 (GF-06) Annual Training Exercises provided the 101st Signal Battalion (-) a real opportunity to deliver telecommunications services to the 154th Quartermaster Battalion QLLEX customers. From 10-24 June 2006 the 101st Signal Battalion conducted annual training exercises at Devens RFTA in MA.

The 154th QM Bn out of Pittsburgh PA was undergoing an ARTEP evaluation on fuel and petroleum delivery services. The support provided to QLLEX customers included OPFOR insurgent probing led by 1LT Chad Payne who is the 101st Signal Battalion S-2.

GF-06 was noted for many significant achievements by the Battalion and it's staff, not the least of which is the ability of CPT Matt Bayless to deploy the C Company AN/TTC 56 SSS Switch to Fort McCoy Wisconsin in support of the Patriot Warrior Exercises. The Patriot Warrior exercise was focused on interoperability and Homeland Security. 1SG Vautrin of C Co and SPC Scott of A Company accompanied the SSS to Wisconsin and the equipment supported the Commanding General of the 88th RRC who is MG Robert A Pollman.

As a result of exceptional equipment maintenance, training rehearsals, contingency planning and team work, the 101st Signal Battalion exceeded minimum expectations of customer service to the 154th QM Bn at Devens RFTA. A significant milestone for the data team was establishing the promina data package in loop back in preparation to provide NIPRNET service for the QLLEX exercises. The promina data package was fielded by NGB in the summer of 2005. Though the TAC/SAT provided by the 311th fell short of expectations, the data team worked tirelessly to overcome their learning curve on the new equipment in the data package.

Co A 101st Sig Bn transitioned from Field Artillery in 2003 and at GF-06 the AN/TTC Switch Operator came from the A Company ranks. SGT Drayer successfully provided a DCO drop into the SSS to provide commercial telecommunications access to QLLEX customers in the field as well as DNVT and DSVT tactical phone services. In addition, the 25F team successfully programmed the SSS to allow conference-calling capability between key staff of the 101st Signal Battalion and the 154th Quartermaster Battalion. 1LT Darren Ketchum, A Company Commander served as the Battle Captain in the Battalion control element (BATCON). In addition, A Company provided 25Q's to supplement staff on the B Company LOS team. GF-06 fully demonstrated how far A Company has come in its transition from Field Artillery to Signal.

Co B 101st Sig Bn provided the Mission Commander and the 25Q Line of Sight Radio team to extend services from the Devens RFTA Contollment area to the QLLEX field site. 1LT Peter Villahos lead his team with unparalleled professionalism. It was his first shot in a command role and he folded together soldiers from all units in the Battalion into a real communications team. B Company also provided Driver training and HHC coordinated a Combat Lifesaver Course which certified 29 soldiers as Combat Lifesavers. This meets the 10% requirement of the Battalions strength to be certified Combat Lifesavers.

Greacian Firebolt 06 is behind the Battalion but the year ahead promises continued excitement and growth as we plan the transition from an Echelon Above Corps (EAC) Signal Battalion to an Integrated Theatre Signal Battalion (ITSB). Watch for future details on the transition in later editions of the Liberty Chapter newsletter.

As a result of the exceptional service provided to the 154th QM Bn at Devens RFTA, LTC Buggy presented LTC Russell a Liberty Bell trophy at the conclusion of the GF-06 and QLLEX annual training exercises. Please help to extend your congratulations to LTC Russell and her staff for the many significant achievements that have been accomplished since the Battalion stood up in September of 2004. If the first two years is any indication of what is to come, we can only continue to expect great things from the Battalion as it stands ready to respond on a moments notice to any event which requires its service. *Article provided by MAJ Kim Farrier S-3 101 Sig Bn*

### MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

MAJ Thomas Kilmartin, XO for the 101st Sig Bn has been selected for promotion to LTC, and will be transferred to the Selective Service Detachment in Troy, NY. effective 1 Aug 06. Congratulations and good luck to you Tom in your new assignment.

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