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

Every month the National Guard Association of the US mailed out a very informative magazine to its members. It publishes legislative up-dates and other events in Washington affecting the National Guard and its individual members. It also contains a section “States Roundup” which highlights information on the Guard from various states at home and at war. The National Guard has proven its indispensable worth over the past decade with superior performance in the war on terror, showing that citizen soldiers and airmen are up to the challenge of combat. Last month citizens of several states were reminded of the National Guards other Mission--To respond to disasters at home.

Swollen rivers in Kentucky, Indiana, Minnesota and MO, ND and TN; drought fueled wildfires in Texas & killer tornadoes in AL, AK, and MS prompted the call-up of thousands of Guard personnel to assist their neighbors. The magazine cited scores of individual rescues and other life and property saving acts in the various states. An article detailed the Texas Army National Guard Agri Business development team coordinating the planting of more than 28,000 trees throughout Ghazni province in Afghanistan in Late march.

The trees included Plum, Apple, apricot and almond trees. The effort will help invigorate the local agricultural industry as well as reforest some barren areas. Another short article citing the DOD reporting “75% of young adults nationwide are unfit for the military due to educational, legal or physical issues.

NGUS is the Voice of the National Guard in Washington. With the constant battle for funds in the defense department among the services we do need a strong voice there. The association makes sure our elected officials and military leaders are aware of our needs in respect to pay, medical support, family support, retirement, equipment needs -- in short all those issues which affect the individual guard member. The National Guard Association merits our support. If you are not already a member, I urge you to join your

Upcoming events

A tree dedication and placing of Memorial Stones for MG Vincent Lanna and MG Joseph Healey will be on 9 Jul 2011 at Camp Smith in front of the New Armory at 12:00 noon. A lunch will follow. Please RSVP to roserobtr@aol.com if you will be in attendance in order to provide security access and arrange for lunch.

133rd NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition at Frontier Airlines Center August 27-29, 2011 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Liberty Chapter Annual fishing trip aboard the "Riptide III" is scheduled for Wednesday September 7, 2011.

MAJ Dedera Raver (a member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA ) and General Petraeus in Kandahar, Afghanistan.
MEMBER’S NEWS ITEMS

Article and Photos provided by MAJ (Ret) Jim Rogan, former member of 101SigBn and 187th Sig Bde

Former members of the 187th Signal Brigade, MG Bob Rose, Jim Rogan and Bruce Kleister visited Chaplin (Colonel) Tom Blessin (ret.) on Monday, May 9th. The colonel served as the unit Chaplin from 1986 until his retirement in 1994. He is receiving dialysis treatments at the Jesuit infirmary located at Murray-Weigel Hall on the campus of Fordham University. The Chaplin who is over 80 and in failing health sends his best regards to all. If you would like to reach out to him please email Jim Rogan: jprogan@verizon.net

Article and Photos provided by LTC Kim Farrier Tactical Signal Support Branch Chief, JFHQ-NY-J6

BG Renwick Payne, JFHQ-NY=Director of the Joint Staff of NY Military Forces and Outgoing NGB J6 COL Scott Moser addressed participants of the 1st Annual NY Joint Communications Workshop in Latham, NY on June 21st, 2011. The workshop was hosted by the JFHQ-NY-J6 and Military and Naval Administrative Services (MNAS). Participants included representatives of NGB, Fort Gordon Georgia and Signal leaders from NY Army National Guard, Air Guard, Naval Militia, and New York Guard units across the state.

COL Kevin McKiernan the JFHQ-NY-J6 will be deploying with the Security Partner Team (SYPT) along with several other Signal Leaders from New York to include LTC Frederick Woll, LTC Tom Kilmartin and MAJ Frank Letizia. Upon his return from Iraq, COL Michael Breshnehan has been named as the incoming JFHQ-NY-J6. LTC Kim Farrier will serve as the interim J6 until COL Bresnahan returns.
Come and enjoy a great day visiting with friends and fishing for blues!!!

Where: City Island (Off the Hutch)
When: 7 September 2011
Boat: The Rip Tide III
Cost: $65.00 ( $60.00 Seniors)
Time: 0700 (boat sails around 0800)

Bring your own food and drink. The ship has limited food available

Everyone welcome: Please pass this along

FROM WESTCHESTER: Take 684/287 to Hutchison Parkway South all the way to exit 6 to City Island/Orchard Beach, follow signs for City Island, go over the City Island Bridge then make the first left onto Bridge Street, follow road to stop sign, make left onto Minnieford Avenue, go a short distance to the Riptide's parking lot.
Announcing a Tree Dedication
and placing of Memorial Stones
For Two Great Military Heroes

Major General Vincent W. Lanna
Major General Joseph A. Healey

Date: 9 July, 2011
Place: CAMP SMITH, in front of new armory
Time: 12:00 NOON
Lunch to follow

RSVP is required by 27 June, 2011 in order to provide security access and arrange for lunch
RSVP: Maj. Gen.(R) Robert R. Rose
   E-mail: roserobtr@aol.com preferred method
   Home: 973-875-6550
   Mobil: 917-842-2802
Address: 27 Panorama Drive, Sussex, N.J. 07461

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