



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



On 14 Apr 07 the Liberty Chapter was present at The 129th Annual National Guard Association (NGAUS) was conducted in San Juan, Puerto Rico from 24 thru 27 Aug 07. Over 4,000 service members from Army & Air National Guard, Retirees, and many family members were in attendance. The New York Delegation of 25 also counted members of the Naval Militia and the State Guard in it's numbers. The hospitality mat was out for the National Guard, and our accommodations were first class, and the weather was excellent.

The Delegates were welcomed by the mayor of san Juan, and by the Governor of Puerto Rico; and over the course of the next few days were treated to a variety of timely briefings and a mind boggling display of military hardware and software in the exhibition hall.

Senator John Glenn, and the Chief of Staff of the Army, GEN George Casey, were among those who addressed the convention. All the National Guard company grade officers in attendance spent two hours with GEN Casey in a private give and take session.

LTG Steven Blum, NGB Chief, indicated during his talk that the National Guard is 460,00 strong and over 300,000 of them have served in a warzone, and that 495 of them have been killed in action.

There was plenty of time for social activities, too. The Governor's reception (a feature of every convention) was held in a huge park in San Juan, food, music, and an opportunity to meet members of the National Guard hailing from every state in the union, from Guam, Puerto Rico, Washington and the Virgin Islands.

The dress is civilian clothes, and the atmosphere relaxed. Many states host a hospitality suite in their hotel and invite any an all to visit. The social calendar is capped on the last night of the convention with the "All States Banquet". The pageantry of the state flags on parade and officers from all National Guard organizations is impressive.

The Liberty Chapter fishing trip out of City Island, occurred on 5 Sep 07. Seven hearty souls set sail on the Riptide into the wilds of the Long Island sound. Former King-Fisher LTC George DiSimone was unable to attend due to military duties at FT Hamilton. BG Ferg Foley had his photo taken with a huge fish which could crown a new King-Fisher.

**SCHEDULE
OF
MEETINGS**

**Thursday
18 Oct 2007
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

**Monday
7 Jan 08
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

**Saturday
14 Apr 2008
1830 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections**

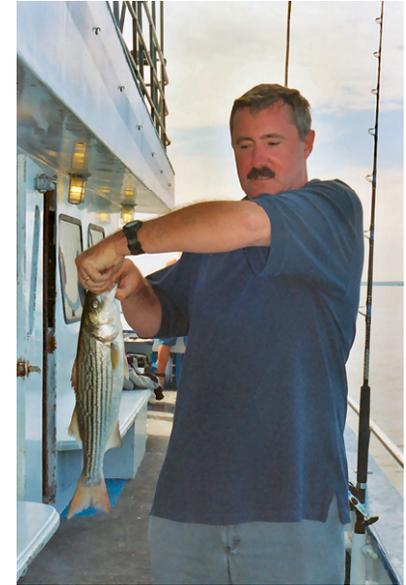
**Monday
7 Jul 2008
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

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Upcoming Events

101st Sig Bn Association 3rd Annual Holiday Formal is scheduled for Saturday 1 Dec 07 at the Polish Center in Yonkers, NY. Flyer is posted on the web site at www.nysignal.org.

The National Guard association (NGAUS) conference will be held in Baltimore, MD on 18-22 Sep 08



Ferg Foley the new "KING FISHER"



The Seven Hardy Fishing Mates sailing on the "Riptide" somewhere out in the Atlantic Ocean on 5 Sep 07
Photos provided by Kim Farrier

Obituaries

1SG Bill Browne (Ret) passed away on 3 Oct 07. 1SG Browne served over 30 years in the 101st Sig Bn and after his military retirement became an armory employee in the Yonkers armory for many more years.



LIBERTY CHAPTER



MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



**101st Signal Battalion NYARNG, during Annual Training 07 at Fort Drum, NY
Article Provided By: LTC Thomas Kilmartin**

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The 101st Signal Battalion conducted annual training at Ft. Drum, New York in August. The training was rigorous, and designed to prepare Soldiers for deployment, the highlight of our two weeks was an unprecedented visit from the Adjutant General, MG. Joseph J. Taluto and the newly appointed Director, Joint Staff, COL Patrick Murphy. They toured the field and spoke with Soldiers about the quality of their equipment, the intensity of their training and their commitment to serving during a time of war. MG Taluto remarked to leaders present that, "We re a nation threatened by terrorism and extremists in the midst of a long war that has become increasingly difficult. At the same time those of us who wear our country s uniform continue to answer our State and Nations call ."

I was particularly impressed by the motivation, skill and leadership of the Soldiers, NCO s and Junior Officer s during this training cycle, we have certainly come a long way from our standup on 01 September 2004. I am equally happy to report that in the area of my greatest concern increasing our strength, we made our mission goal for FY 2007 and the outlook for the future is very bright.

I thank you for what you are doing for our state and nation and doing it at a critical time in our country s history. It is a significant sacrifice that is being made and you are doing it, you are stepping up, you are the best of what we have to offer. You make me extremely proud to Command this historic unit.



COL Fergal Foley (Ret) has been promoted by the State of New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs to the rank of Brigadier General, on the State Retired List. This comes in recognition of a selfless career dedicated to duty and professionalism. Our congratulations and best wishes to you, General Foley.

LTC Jackie Rusell has been assigned as Chief Of Staff, Headquarters Troop Command. She brings years of experience and knowledge to this important position. She replaces COL Mike Breshnahan who has been assigned to the State Headquarters in Latham, NY. We wish both of these exceptional officers (Both of whom served many years in the Signal community) the Best of Luck in their new assignments.

We offer our congratulations to MAJ Frank Letizia on his promotion, and wish him well as he helps guide the 101st Signal Battalion as operations Officer (S3). Good luck Major.

MAJ Craig Maceri, XO of the 101st Signal Battalion, has deployed forward with the 104th Military Police Battalion, Iraq. Good luck in your new temporary assignment.

Congratulations to newly promoted CPT John Reynolds as Commander of A Company 101st Sig Bn, Poughkeepsie, NY