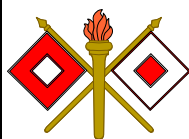




# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



Our newsletter reports the deaths of two NCO's from the Old 101st Signal Battalion. At one point in their careers Pete Vaillancourt and Rich Cleary served in Delta Company which was then stationed in Orangeburg. SGT Vaillancourt was the First Sergeant and SGT Cleary was Platoon SGT 2nd Platoon. SGT Cleary was later 1SG of Charlie Company in Yonkers. Delta was a Radio Relay company at that time and if I remember right, had a TO&E of 319 soldiers. I think we had about 300 enlisted at that time. When we talk about the NCO being the Back-Bone of the Army we are speaking about NCO's like 1SG Vaillancourt and 1SG Cleary. Their performance of duty, competence loyalty to the unit and to unit members was exemplary. I knew both of them very well and admired them. They were good friends and I am saddened by their passing.

The National Guard magazine ran an article "In Memoriam", It reported that 772 members of the National Guard have made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting overseas operations since Sep 11, 2001. Another 8 died in the attacks on NY and the Pentagon on that day. All the name are on the memorial wall of the National Guard Museum in Washington, DC

The National Guard magazine carries up to date reports affecting the Guard, Washington reports, State information, and information affecting Guard members. It is the publication of NGAUS and is mailed to all NGAUS members. The National Guard Association of the US is the nations oldest military association.

Militia officers formed the association in 1878 to obtain better equipment and training by educating congress on militia requirements. Today, with membership of almost 45,000 army and air NG officers, NGAUS continues that mission in support of 460,000 current Guard men and women, their families, their employers and Guard retirees. Membership is open to all those who hold or who have ever held a commission in the Guard.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Saturday  
24 Oct 2015  
1300 Hrs  
Cabin  
Restaurant  
White Plains

Tuesday  
12 Jan 2016  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Armory

Tuesday  
12 Apr 2016  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory  
Annual  
Elections

Tuesday  
12 Jul 2016  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory

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Each Year  
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Expiration Date



## Presidents Message Cont'd

If you ever held a Warrant or Commission in the Guard, you belong in NGAUS. Professional people belong to professional organizations.

It was brought up at the last meeting that we can't have our Liberty meetings on Monday, anymore because the State doesn't want any meetings going on in the Armories on Mondays. So the Liberty meetings will be on a Tuesday.

## Upcoming events

101st Signal Battalion Annual Signal Ball, 20Feb16, place to be announced later:

138th General Conference & Exhibition  
September 9-12, 2016  
Baltimore, Maryland



## Obituaries

MSG Peter Vaillancourt, 75, full time Personnel NCO in the old HDD 101st Sig Bn Yonkers, NY passed away on 2 Aug 2015 in San Juan, PR

1SG Richard T. Cleary, 72, 1SG in the old Co C 101st Sig Bn, Yonkers, NY passed away August 15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida.

MSG Edward John Cardinale 76, an NCO in the old Delta Company, Orangeburg passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on August 13, 2015. He was also the American Legion Rockland County Commander.

SFC James A. Fleischhauer 35, a Full time Training & Readiness NCO (AGR) in Co B 101 ESB, Orangeburg, NY passed away on August 16, 2015 at home. A memorial Service was conducted on 25 Aug 15 at the Main Post Chapel, Ft Drum, NY during the BN's annual training tour.



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## 101ESB Quarterly Activities Aug 2015 to Sep 2015

Provided by MAJ Roberts Bn XO

### "Sound of Liberty"



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### Annual Training Highlights

The 101ST ESB conducted a highly successful Annual Training from 13-27 AUG 15. Primary focus was placed on conducting Expeditionary Signal Battalion Operations and Mission Command Tasks. Specific training included were CECOM Information Technology/Cyber Defense Certifications, Phoenix Satellite New Equipment Fielding Training, Staff Military Decision Making Process (MDMP) Training, 5 Day Field Training Exercise, and Weapons Qualification. There were no safety incidents and the Battalion successfully culminated the training year by significantly increasing WIN-T crew and individual proficiency through targeted training events, validated major components of the Battalion Tactical and Technical SOP, and identified areas needing focus during TY-16. The Battalion experienced significant adversity with the death of SFC Fleischhauer, but persevered to complete the mission while performing at a very high level.

### SEP 2015 – IDT WEEKEND

#### September IDT Training Highlights

The IDT weekend was successful for the organization. The weekend consisted primarily of administrative operations, Annual Training (AT) recovery, and Initial Reaction Force (IRF) readiness testing. Units recovered all remaining WIN-T assets from CSTS to HS that had been delivered from Fort Drum by the 1569TH Transportation Company. The command group conducted battlefield circulation to Peekskill and Orangeburg armories. The VA and Vet Center provided grief counselors who were available all weekend for interested Soldiers in light of the recent tragedy experienced by the Battalion. Additionally, A Co, B Co, and C Co conducted successful tests of their high axle and standard IRFs including an IRF 2.0 configuration, which adds a CPN capability to the package. The units verified IRF equipment and personnel readiness for future CSO requirements. Administratively, units conducted APFTs, retention counseling, CEI, GAT, CSF, OCIE showdowns, equipment inventories, consolidated maintenance, other mandatory training, and planning and preparation for October IWQ at Fort Dix, NJ.

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NGAUS Legislative Alert #15-18

October 8, 2015

The Issue: Providing flexibility to military members and their families during times of deployment and relocation.

Immediate Action Required: Ask your senators to support S. 2137, the Military Family Stability Act, a bill sponsored by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-MO.

More Information: NGAUS strongly supports S. 2137, the Military Family Stability act, a bill that provides flexibility to military members and their families during times of deployment and relocation.

In an era of persistent military conflict and multiple deployments, and with more military spouses also working, there are many destabilizing factors affecting today's military families. Provisions in this bill will provide service members, their spouses and their children a broader range of options when adapting to these stressful times.

Military families are what keep our military strong. This bill requires the U.S. Comptroller General to propose recommendations to alleviate disruptive regulations affecting military families during deployments. The bill focuses on spouse employment, school children and housing allowance flexibility.

Please contact your Senators and urge them to support this bill.

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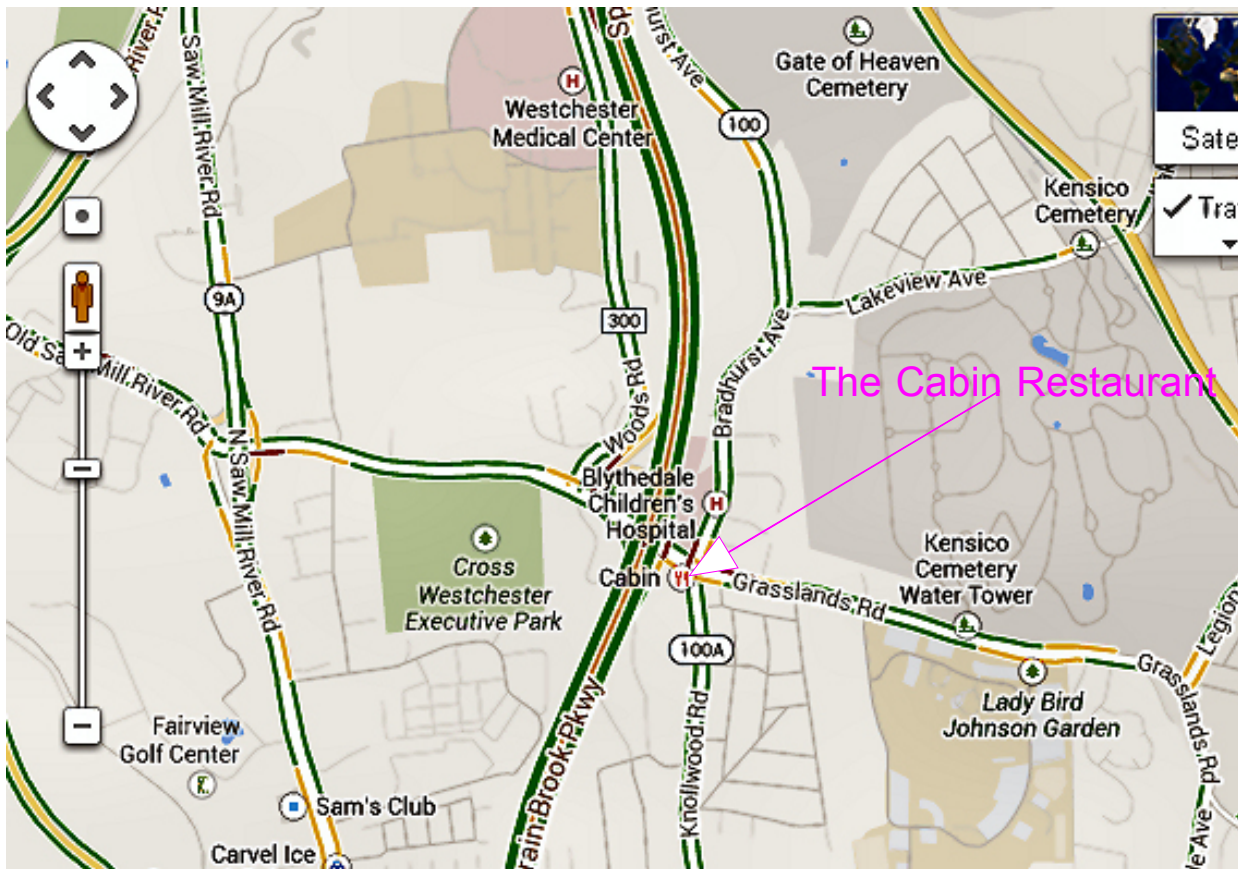
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- 4. Merge onto I-287 E
- 5. Take exit 4 for New York 100A toward Hartsdale
- 6. Turn left onto New York 100A N/W Hartsdale Ave/Knollwood Rd  
Continue to follow New York 100A N/Knollwood Rd  
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