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It is with mixed emotions of great sorry and heartfelt pride that the 101st Signal Battalion in Yonkers NY will loose LTC Jacqueline Russell as the Battalion Commander effective 1 October 2006. Under the Command of LTC Russell the battalion has grown in leaps and bounds and consistently excelled in every mission sent her way. Under her tenure the battalion served in missions to support the Republican National Convention in New York City, Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Grecian Firebolt Annual Training Exercises in Fort Devens, MA and numerous Partnership for Peace Overseas Deployment Training exercises in the far reaches of the globe to include Combined Endeavor, Archade Falcon and Med Flag . In the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) the Battalion is number one in the state. G-RAP is a high priority of MG Talluto, the State Adjutant General because recruitment is at the heart of force

structure and especially the 101st Signal Battalion. The Battalion stands ever ready, and has responded to numerous SURG missions required to protect the homeland in the Global War on Terror.

LTC Russell has been asked to take on the challenging role to help re-organize the 369th sustainment Brigade in Harlem, NY. Her new assignment to melt three units with long lineage and honors and great soldiers into one new Sustainment Brigade will be no easy task. Wherever she goes, the 101st Signal Battalion will hold LTC Russell near and dear to our hearts and she will always be from the 101st Signal Battalion to us! The AGR staff held an informal luncheon to honor her on September 29th. The loss to the 101st Signal Battalion will be a tremendous gain to the 369th Sustainment Brigade which became the higher headquarters to the 101st Signal Battalion effective September 1, 2006. She will still be there to watch over our beloved Battalion and we are ever grateful that she is just moving down the road a short distance. Good luck in the challenging road ahead Jackie.

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1SGT Elizabeth Juarez of HHC 101st Signal Battalion received orders and shipped out to Afghanistan to support the 41st ID on 1 Oct 06. 1SGT Jauarez has served in an AGR status with the 101st Sig Bn for over 20 years. She started as a SP4 AGR in the old Company A 101 Sig in Brooklyn, NY and worked her way up to to become the 1SG in the HHC. She also has been a member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA when it first started. We all wish her God's speed and good luck in her new assignment.

COL Fergal Foley retired from military service on 30 Sep 06 after 29 years of military service. During his military career, COL Foley served in a number of staff positions in the 101st Sig Bn and the 187th Signal Brigade. He also held command positions in the Regional Training Institute, the 107th Support Group culminating as Facility Director, Camp Smith training post --all with pride and professionalism. We salute COL Foley for his most productive and meaningful career and wish him, his wife Colleen and son Rory a very healthy and happy retirement.

A retirement Brunch for COL Foley will be held on Sunday 15 Oct 06 at the West Point Club Bldg 603. RSVP no later than 6 Oct 06 to Diane Barton at 914-788-7395 or e-mail to diane.barton@ny.ngb.army.mil if you wish to attend.

The 133rd Maintenance Company located in Peekskill, NY was deactivation as part of the reorganization and stand up Ceremony on Sept 16th of the 369th Sustainment BDE. The 133rd Maintenance Company will become a Signal Network Operations Company and a Detachment of the 369th Sustainment Brigade. It will be authorized 55 people. The 107th CSG, the 369th Support Battalion and the 206th Support Battalion were all deactivated at Camp Smith. They were all reorganized into a new unit named the 369th Sustainment BDE.



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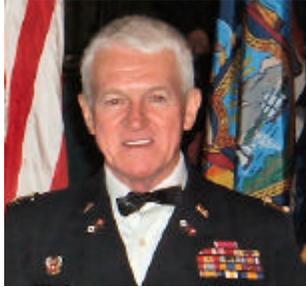


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A Message From The President MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)



Since 1878 National Guard Officers from every state & territory have gathered once a year to share information and establish legislative priorities. The 128th NGAUS General conference and exhibition was conducted in Albuquerque, NM from 15 Sep thru 18 Sep 2006. Officers & families, came from every state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam (Over 4,500 total).

Thirty eight representatives from New York (Including two from the Liberty Chapter) made the trip. The attendees were treated to informative briefings, brought up to date on pressing National Guard issues, and had access to a huge exhibition hall displaying the latest military products and services. LTG Steven Blum, Chief of the National Guard, addressed the conference and praised the Guard for it's activities at home and abroad. He pointed out that the Guard is essential to homeland defense & security, disaster response, and the war fight with the Army & Air Force overseas; and as such the Guard has to be resourced, equipped, and paid entitlement packages they have earned.

LTG Honore, First Army Commander, addressed equipment shortages in National Guard and active duty units and the problems training without full TO&E equipment. Home Land Security secretary Michael Chertoff praised the National Guard for unprecedented accomplishments since 9/11, and noted that the Guard is a key player in our military operations at home and abroad.

Break out sessions for army and air representatives, company grade officers, warrant's and retired personnel were also available. In addition to military matters there was a full plate of social activities capped by the "All States" banquet on the last night of the conference. NGAUS, and it's counter part in NY (MANY) are organizations which keep National Guard needs and concerns in the forefront with federal & state legislators. They deserve our support.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**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**

**Monday
9 Jul 2007
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

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Fall 2006

Upcoming Events

The Military Association of New York (MANY) downstate dinner will be held on 18 Nov 06 at Fort Hamilton, NY

101st Sig Bn Association 2nd Annual Holiday Formal is scheduled for Saturday 2 Dec 06 at the Polish Center in Yonkers, NY The flyer is included in this mailing & is also posted on the www.nysignal.org web site.

The Military Association of New York (MANY) conference will be held at the Sagamore, Lake George, NY on 20 to 22 April 07.

The National Guard association (NGAUS) conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on 24-27 August 07



The Liberty Chapter enjoyed another annual day of Deep Sea Fishing together on the Rip Tide III in Long Island Sound on September 6th and the fish were biting. The weather held out for a great day and this year Jake Young was the winner of the pool with the best fishing record. COL Ferg Foley and LTC George De Simone continued the fisherman rivalry but at the end of the day Jake was the top fisherman with money in his pocket! We will never share the exact count of who caught what that day but needless to say we all look forward to next year as the ongoing saga is expected to continue.



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