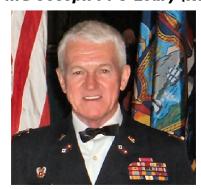
A Message From The President MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)

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An article in the "Military Officer" magazine of February 2018 headlined "Recrujiting Woes". It went on to explaine 7 out of 10 young people are not fit to join the military hindering th search for eligible new service members. After years of downsizing the services are adding thousands more troops back to the force, but finding the next crop of fit and willing warfighters is not an easy task

The 2018 National Defense Authorization act, which President Donald Trump signed in 2017 authorized another 20,000 troops to be added to the force. The Army will add 7,500 soldiers the Navy 4,000 sailors, the Marine Corps 1,000, the Air Force 4,100 and the reserve componments will increase 3,400 personnel. At the same time we find fewer young people fit to serve. The economy improves attracting recruiting prospects to civilian persuits. The recruiter will have a most difficult mission. The shrinking pool of eligible prospects has led some services to alter their recruiting standards. More tattoos, past drug use, and certrain medical conditions no longer bar some young people from serving.

More than 70 percent of 17 to 24 year olds are ineligible for military service according to DOD data. Nearly a third of these young are over the weight limit to qualify, Criminal records, past drug abuse and failure to meet educational requirements are other top disqualifers. The military services are also fighting their own battle with obesity. In 2015 nearly a fifth of soldiers were classified as obese according to the 2016 health of the Force report the Air Force was next followed by the Navy and the Marine Corps.

Annual Dues are Due by 30Apr18. Everyone is overdue except 11 Current members who are paid up. No Mailing lables are available. The 9 individuals names that are not overdue are listed at the end of this newsletter. Please pay up we can't continue the newsletter or pay for our website.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday
10 Apr 2018
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory
Annual
Elections

Tuesday 10 Jul 2018 1930 Hrs Yonkers Armory

Saturday 13 Oct 2018 1300 Hrs Cabin Restaurant White Plains

Tuesday 8 Jan 2019 1930 Hrs Orangeburg Armory

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Upcoming events

West Point Boat Ride on the Hudson celebrating birthday of the US Army and Family Day is again scheduled for June 2018. A flyer will be posted to the web site when all the details are finalized.

140th General Conference & Exhibition August 24 - 27 2018
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Nick Biancoroso exp 2020 Debra Chapton exp 2023 Vinny Donahue exp 2020 Joe Gusman exp 2021 Dan Murphy exp 2026 Pat Murphy exp 2020 exp 2045 Joe O'Leary Rod Quinn exp 2020 exp 2019 Mike Reiss Everyone else expired on 30Apr18



101st ESB at Departure Ceremony at Stewart Air National Guard Base 17 March 2018



NEWBURGH -

Soldiers gathered at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, NY Saturday 17Mar18 before heading overseas to Afghanistan for a yearlong deployment. The hanger at the airport was full of support for the 101st Signal Battalion of the New York Army National Guard. The 300 troops left Stewart Air National Guard Base for Fort Hood, Texas, and then to the Middle East.

The battalion will conduct post-moblization training at Fort Hood before going overseas.

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. lan Seagriff, Commander of the 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, speaks with reporters during the unit's farewell ceremony at Stewart Air National Guard Base on March 17, 2018. The approximately 300 members of the battalion departed for further mobilization training at Fort Hood, Texas, before heading overseas in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. They are expected to return to the Hudson Valley in the spring of 2019. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Jeremy Bratt)

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Johnny Nieves, 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, spends time with his family during the unit's farewell ceremony at Stewart Air National Guard Base on March 17, 2018. (photo also by SGT Jeremy Bratt)











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