



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

As you can see above, a retirement ceremony was conducted at Fort Meyer, VA in April to honor the 38 years of service of Chaplain (COL) Jacob Z. Goldstein. The Chaplain began his Military career with the 101st Signal Battalion and was probably the first soldier in the modern U.S. Army to wear a beard while in uniform. It took some getting used to--both for the 101st and for the Army, as I am sure the MP's at Fort Bragg will attest. "Jake" proved himself to be a true soldiers Chaplain. He took easily to the field exercises and was constantly involved in soldier welfare--whether it involved getting a priest of minister for services or for providing a few 50 passenger buses to take Soldiers to ball games. He made things happen and it was always accomplished in good humor and for the good of the service.

He served in the invasion force which went into Panama during President Regan's term in office. In time he was assigned as Chief of Chaplains in New York. While assigned in Latham, NY Chaplain Goldstein recruited many chaplains into the National Guard to fill slots in units throughout the state. When the Chaplain left the National Guard, he transferred to the Army Reserves, and was assigned as Command Chaplain, 1st Support Command, Fort Buchanon in Puerto Rico where he drilled until he retired. The Support Command consists of many subordinate commands with unique responsibilities world-wide. Soldiers and units are deployed on a fairily regular basis. All this activity also put him on the road as he visited and ministered to soldiers. Chaplain Goldstein served in Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Guantanamo, and countless exercises throughout the U.S.selfless service by a part time soldier - something we can all appreciate. Chaplain Goldstein enjoyed a long, successful, and meaningful career. From the Liberty Chapter "Thank You and Good Luck" "Jake" is a member of the Liberty Chapter and the National Signal Corps Regmental Association.

# SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday 6 Jul 2015 1930 Hrs Yonkers Armory

Saturday 17 Oct 2015 1300 Hrs Cabin Restaurant White Plains

Monday 11 Jan 2016 1930 Hrs Orangeburg Armory

Monday 11 Apr 2016 1930 Hrs Yonkers Armory Annual Elections

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# 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion Recent Activities Apr-Jun 2015

#### **APRIL 2015**

The IDT weekend was very successful for the organization. Battalion conducted WIN-T training and exercised the Initial Response Force (IRF) in preparation to support future Domestic Operations missions. Battalion staff participated in MDMP Staff Training with the Mission Command Training Support Team. Additionally, unit conducted a CSM Change of Responsibility ceremony for CSM Kent (outgoing) CSM Santiago (incoming).







WIN-T Systems Setup at Yonkers Armory 19April 2015



#### **MAY 2015**



15 May 2015



B Co employs WIN-T equipment during Mini-Signal Exercise 15 May 2015

LTC Armbruster promotes MSG Peeler to SGM 15 May 2015

May IDT Training Highlights

The battalion conducted a successful tour at Fort Drum, NY including a WIN-T Exercise which employed about half of the battalion's equipment. During the WIN-T exercise, Soldiers secured signal sites for continuous 24-hour operations. Battalion Staff and Command Group participated in MDMP training to include Mission Analysis, COA Development, and COA Analysis and associated briefs on a notional signal support exercise with instructors from the Mission Command Support Training Program. LTC Armbruster promoted MSG Peeler to SGM making him one of the newest SGMs in the Army and the new BN S3 Operations SGM.

#### **JUNE 2015**

The IDT weekend was successful for the organization. The battalion conducted mandatory training events and packing/inventory for the upcoming Annual Training in August.



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# NGAUS Legislative Alert #15-9

June 22, 2015

**The Issue:** Support House NDAA FY16 language securing Veterans' Status for members of the Guard and Reserve

Immediate Action Required: Contact your representatives and senators immediately to support the language in the House National Defense Authorization Act for FY16 that provides veterans' status to members of the National Guard and Reserve

**More Information:** NGAUS strongly supports the House language in the FY16 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that provides veterans' status to all members of National Guard and Reserve that have served 20 years, regardless of status.

Currently, the Veterans Code, Title 38, excludes from the definition of "veteran" career reservists who have not served on Title 10 active duty for other than training purposes. Title 32 drill training, annual training, vital day-to-day support operations, and emergency response to terrorism and natural disasters under Chapter 502(f) are currently not considered qualifying service for Veteran status.

- Veterans status legislation would be cost neutral by not awarding any other veterans benefit
- · Reserve component members who served twenty years standing ready to be sent anywhere in the world, but through no fault of their own were never deployed could refer to themselves as veterans
- · Requiring Title 10 active duty for other than training purposes service to acquire veteran status disrespects and ignores often dangerous Title 32 active duty service in support of the homeland
- · A double standard should not exist that denies veterans status to the reserve component for 20 years of honorable domestic service, but awards veterans status and full benefits to active duty soldiers who serve shorter term Title 10 active duty tours
- · Authorizing veteran status for career RC service would boost the morale of the RC members and their families

Please contact your representatives and Senators and urge them to support the House language in the NDAA conference

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# **Take Action**

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# **Army Cyber Command Innovation program aims to harvest creativity**

By Bill Roche Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Thomas Edison once said that, "We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything."

Whether Edison is right or not, we probably don't share everything we know. That's why U.S. Army Cyber Command wants to pick your brain. Actually, everyone's brains.

Where's the story? 1 Points Mentioned

Maj. Chris Cline is leading that effort at the helm of ARCYBER's Innovation program.

Cline is the program's project officer. He said Innovation is the result of ARCYBER leadership's desire to construct a process to tap into the wealth of individual and collective knowledge in the minds of members of the command and its affiliated organizations, to root out and share good ideas and bring them to life.

The program capitalizes on the collaborative, flexible and dynamic nature of the cyber profession, he said, to encourage an organizational mind-set and culture that supports creativity, innovation and experimentation. The ultimate goal, of course, is to capitalize on expertise and ideas that might otherwise have gone unnoticed, to create new capabilities and practices for ARCYBER.

The notion is not a new one. In 2013 Lt. Gen. Edward Cardon, ARCYBER commander, told Army Technology Magazine that "Given the dynamic nature of cyberspace, predicting future technologies, developing innovative approaches and solutions, and aligning limited resources with the most fruitful long-term investments is both an extraordinary challenge and enormous opportunity."

But as cyber has grown and become more vital and its challenges more complex, building structures to spark and capture innovative ways of approaching those challenges have moved closer to the military's front lines.

In April, on the heels of his announcement of a new Defense Department cyber strategy, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter unveiled an experimental DoDSilicon Valley partnership called Defense Innovation Unit-X that is designed to build relationships that will enhance the military's ability to discover and capitalize on emerging and breakthrough technologies.

The hearts of ARCYBER's program are an innovation team, an online collaboration portal, and a four-phase incubation process.

The team's mission is to act as a catalyst to discover and encourage creativity and help to make good ideas reality. They support the "Idea Champions", as the program calls them, through the process of sharing, developing and – hopefully – seeing their ideas made real. They encourage people to visit the program's intranet sites and share their thoughts and support for ideas in progress, or add their own brainstorms. They arrange presentations by innovators and entrepreneurs who share their success stories and outline their strategies and tactics. And they seek out new concepts and collaboration from colleagues such as the Army Cyber Institute, the Cyber Center of Excellence, industry and academic partners, and other affiliated communities of interest – pretty much everyone, Cline said.

The first two unclassified ideas accepted to move ahead – the program has secure portals to take in classified suggestions as well – are moving through the incubation process now.

They started at Phase 0, where they were submitted and socialized, discussed, voted on by site visitors and evaluated to determine whether they should continue through the process. At Phase 0 idea champions can campaign for support and votes, though Cline said it's analysis and discussion – not just votes – that determines what goes on to Phase 1 or beyond.

Anyone can, and should be encouraged to submit their ideas, the major said. "There's nothing wrong with people sharing their ideas and seeing if they can be adopted," he said.

And there's nothing wrong with failing, he added. That's actually one of the program's central messages – that failure is OK, that ideas that fail initially can be rebooked and tried again, and that sometimes failure simply shows that ideas should take different directions or offer pathways to other, more viable ideas.

As Edison put it: "Just because something doesn't do what you planned it to do doesn't mean it's useless."

Or, as Ronald Pontius, deputy to the ARCYBER commander, put it during a recent discussion of the program: "If we're having all successes, we're not pushing the envelope."

"That's a part of this culture – to know that it's OK to fail, and you can come back from that failure. A lot of successful entrepreneurs have learned from failure," Cline said.

Another key event at Phase 0 is the assignment of mentors to help guide idea champions through the phases, helping to package ideas that get the nod to move ahead for pitching to a resource investment panel and to prepare working prototypes of innovations that are ultimately accepted for full development.

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