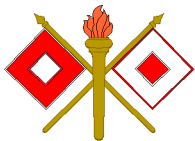




# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



For the second year, the National Guard Assn of the United States, (NGAUS) will sponsor two Company grade or Warrant officers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the US Virginia Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam for a visit to the National capital. This professional development program is designed to expose younger officers to the legislative process, and the role of NGAUS, and provide an inside look at the Defense Department. The program is open to all officers through the rank of CPT and Chief Warrant Officer 2 in the Army and Air National Guard.

BG Roy Robinson, the NGAUS President pointed out-- "this is an excellent opportunity for young officers to broaden their perspective to the next National Level. They are the future of the National Guard and it is our duty to ensure that they have the tools that will prepare them for the challenges to come as they progress in their military careers.

Two separate visits, which will include two nights in a hotel, are required to accomodate everyone. The visits are set for August 6 to 8 and Aug 13 to 15. NGAUS will cover the cost of transportation, lodging, and meals. Participants will visit the National Guard Memorial, which is the NGAUS Headquarters, for a tour of the Museum and briefing on associations efforts on capitol hill.

They will also tour the Capitol and Pentagon, meet congressional staffers, and defense Department officials and have a barbecue dinner at the residence of GEN Joseph Lengyel, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Applications must be made through state and Territory Guard Associations. Information is available at [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org). NGAUS point of contact is Craig Jones at [craigjones@ngaus.org](mailto:craigjones@ngaus.org) or at Tel 202-454-5308.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday  
11 Jul 2017  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory

Saturday  
14 Oct 2017  
1300 Hrs  
Cabin  
Restaurant  
White Plains

Tuesday  
9 Jan 2018  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Armory

Tuesday  
10 Apr 2018  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Armory  
Annual  
Elections

**ANNUAL DUES ARE**  
\$12.00 E6 & Up  
\$2.00 E-1 to E-5  
Due in April  
Each Year  
Check Your  
Mailing Label  
In Apr 2017 for  
Expiration Date



Spring 2017

## Upcoming events

139th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition September 7-10, 2017  
Louisville, Kentucky



Remember July 2012 Afghanistan  
5 Years Ago  
WOW How time Flies.



101 ESB Enterprise Operations Team

Just 5 years Ago today  
Below is a birds eye view of Afghanistan  
Photos provided by CPT Michael Hastings



Aerial view of the future museum grounds on Fort Belvoir, Va.  
Aerial view of grounds for the future US Army Museum to be built at Fort Belvoir, VA

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

## 101st ESB Quarterly Activities Apr 2017 to Jun 2017

Provided by MAJ Bernie A. Novoa, BN XO

### 8 - 9 April 2017 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

#### “Sound of Liberty”



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#### APR IDT Highlights

Operations and Current Training: The 101ST ESB conducted WIN-T training at HS armories with focus on CPN, JNN, STT, Phoenix, and Beyond Line of Sight (TROPO) system operations and crew level proficiency improvement. Finally, units conducted standard readiness management processed to include ETS counseling, APFT, height/weight, evaluations, and other administrative tasks.

WIN-T crew training: 101ST ESB conducted Company level WIN-T crew and section training at Peekskill, Camp Smith Training Site, Orangeburg, and Yonkers Armory.

Companies worked to established and operated WIN-T network nodes to include 2 CPN, 1 SSS, 2 TROPOS. SNAP (SIPR NIPR Access Point) satellite terminals were added to 101st ESB inventory giving the battalion a compact and quickly deployable satellite capability.

Battalion Change of Command: 101st ESB conducted Battalion Change of Command on Sunday 9 APR 2017 at the Police Athletic Center across the street from the Yonkers Armory. After three and a half years of solid leadership to the battalion, LTC Diane Armbruster step down as the Command. MAJ Ian J. Seagriff assumed the reigns as Commander of the 101st ESB effective 1 APR 2017.



SNAP (SIPR NIPR Access Point) FIELDING  
Peekskill Armory



101st ESB Change Of Command Ceremony  
PAL Center, Yonkers, NY  
Congratulations to MAJ Seagriff and best wishes to LTC Armbruster

# 19-21 MAY 2017

## MAY IDT Training Highlights

Operations and Current Training: The 101ST ESB May IDT consisted of a battalion consolidated Drill at Sea Girt, NJ with a focus on crew-level training and team integration and familiarization. Concurrently, staff conducted Annual Training, SRP and PMT planning. Additionally, the 101ST ESB conducted ETS counselings, APFT, height/weight, NCOER and OER completion, change of command inventory for C Co, and sensitive items inventories and other administrative tasks.

WIN-T Crew Training: 101ST ESB conducted company level WIN-T exercise at Sea Girt, New Jersey. Simultaneously, Unit representatives conducted a Signal Training Exercise utilizing TROPO (Beyond line of Sight) at Camp Smith, NJ. HHC, Alpha, and Bravo successfully deployed newly fielded SNAP (SIPR NIPR Access Point) satellite terminals.

*WIN-T Training  
A Co / C Co  
Seagirt, NJ*



*NJ Boy scouts Camporee  
Co-located near 01 AO  
Seagirt, NJ*



*WIN-T Training  
B Co / C Co  
Seagirt, NJ*



*SSG Mercado  
Promotion  
Yonkers, NY*

## Military seeks civilians with high-tech skills to counter IS



WASHINGTON (AP) - A decade ago, he was a young Army soldier training Iraqi troops when he noticed their primitive filing system: handwritten notes threaded with different colors of yarn, stacked in piles. For organization's sake, he built them a simple computer database.

Now an Army reservist, the major is taking a break from his civilian high-tech job to help America's technological fight against Islamic State group. He's part of a growing force of experts the Pentagon has assembled to defeat the extremists.

"The ability to participate in some way in a real mission, that is actually something that's rare, that you can't find in private sector," said the 38-year-old Nebraska native who is working at U.S. Cyber Command at Fort Meade, Maryland.

"You're part of a larger team putting your skills to use, not just optimizing clicks for a digital ad, but optimizing the ability to counter ISIS or contribute to the security of our nation." Last year, then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter expressed frustration that the United States was losing the cyberwar against the militants. He pushed the Cyber Command to be more aggressive. In response, the Pentagon undertook an effort to incorporate cyber technology into its daily military fight, including new ways to disrupt the enemy's communications, recruiting, fundraising and propaganda. To speak with someone at the front lines of this campaign, The Associated Press agreed to withhold the major's name. The military says he could be threatened or targeted by the militants if he is identified publicly. The major and other officials wouldn't provide precise details on the highly classified work he is doing.

He "has the ability to bring an analytic focus of what the threat is doing, coupled with a really deep understanding of how networks run," Nakasone said, describing such contributions as "really helpful for us." He outlined a key question for the military: "How do you impact an adversary that's using cyberspace against us?"

The military is looking for new ways to bring in more civilians with high-tech skills who can help against IS and prepare for the new range of technological threats the nation will face. Nakasone said that means getting Guard and Reserve members with technical expertise in digital forensics, math crypto-analysis and writing computer code. The challenge is how to find them. "I would like to say it's this great database that we have, that we've been able to plug in and say, 'Show me the best tool developers and analysts that you have out there,'" Nakasone said. "We don't have that yet. We are going to have one, though, by June." The Army Reserve is starting a pilot program cataloging soldiers' talents. Among 190,000 Army reservists, Nakasone said there might be up to 15,000 with some type of cyber-related skills. But there are legal and privacy hurdles, and any database hinges on reservists voluntarily and accurately providing information on their capabilities. Normally, Nakasone said a reservist's record includes background, training, assignments and schools attended. "I would like to know every single person that has been trained as a certified ethical hacker," he said.

The Army has been steadily building cyber mission teams, as part of a broader Defense Department undertaking. Of the 41 Army teams, just over half come from the Army National Guard and Army Reserve. Nakasone said officials were still working out costs. "The money will come," he said, because building a ready cyber force is necessary.

The Army major said others in the civilian high-tech industry are interested in helping. Many would like to participate "in something bigger than themselves, something that has intrinsic value for the nation," he said. The major said he has signed up for a second one-year tour in his cyber job. He is looking at options for staying longer. "I find what I'm doing very satisfying, because I have an opportunity to implement things, to get things done and see them work and see tangible results," he said. "I'm not making as much as I was on the civilian side. But the satisfaction is that strong, and is that valuable, that it's worth it."

*[Associated Press]*

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*Associated Press April 15, 2017*