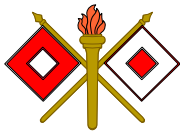




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A Message From The President MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)



The federal government provides about 95% of the funds used to sustain the National Guard in peace time. The federal funds are used for personnel payroll, operations and maintenance and military construction in the Army and Air Guard in each state, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. The federal funds allocated to New York for fiscal year 2012 (the most recent year the data is available) was 687 million dollars. California received the highest amount 987 million, and the Virgin Islands the least - 46 million dollars. The annual negotiations to complete the Defense Authorization and Appropriation legislation has begun in Washington. The National Guard magazine reports that scores of army officers solicited contacts with congressional staff to sell the army plan to cut the Army Guard to preserve a large active component. The 54 TAG's speaking through the Adjutant General Association of the US have stated that the future of the Army National Guard is now in the hands of congress, where a fair hearing should result in an outcome beneficial to the Nation and the Guard. The A.G. association points out that 50 Governors signed a February 28 letter to President Barack Obama opposing the Army plan; they also made their displeasure known in a letter to Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel.

The TAG's support the idea of a commission to study the proper structure of the army. A commission recently did this for the Air Force and it issued a report that said greater reliance on the Guard was in the best interest of the Air Force. This must be a difficult period for our elected officials as they sort through an information overload to arrive at solutions which will affect not just our military but the safety of our Nation as well.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday
7 Jul 2014
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory

Saturday
11 Oct 2014
1300 Hrs
Cabin
Restaurant
White Plains

Monday
5 Jan 2015
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory

Monday
6 Apr 2014
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory
Annual
Elections

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Summer 2014

Presidents Message Cont'd

The Annual boat trip to no-where from West Point went off as scheduled on 7 June 14. Sponsored by the Liberty Chapter SCRA, the 42nd ID Assn, and the AUSA offered a beautiful day, great scenery and pleasant company.



Upcoming events

136th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition August 22-25, 2014 Chicago, Illinois

A NGAUS tradition, the annual conference allows members to gather and vote on the top legislative priorities for NGAUS, share information and celebrate the camaraderie of being National Guard and NGAUS members.



The Liberty Chapter annual fishing trip is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 10 Sep 14. For further information go to our web site at www.nysignal.org and download the flyer.

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Members of the Signal Corps Regimental Association,

Many of you may have heard the sad news that LTG Robert Donahue, USA, Ret, passed away on May 24th 2014. What you may not realize is he had served as the National SCRA president for the past 16 years. LTG Donahue had an exemplary career while on active duty serving in positions of extreme importance to both our Army and our Regiment. After retirement, the Association was indeed fortunate to be able to have LTG Donahue as our chief advocate and cheerleader. He served as a visionary for the Association and a personal mentor to so many of us.

We will miss him immensely.

Please keep LTG Donahue's family in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Bill Lasher, Interim President, SCRA



A retirement ceremony, at Battery Weed Park, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island was held for LTC Deidre Raver having completed her military service as Chief of the Public Education Team for the 353rd Civil Affairs Command Functional Specialty Cell. LTC Raver had more than 23 years of military service, including a deployment to Afghanistan as a Civil Information Management (CIM) Chief. Prior to her service in the Army Reserve she was a communications staff officer for the 187th Signal Brigade, NYARNG. She is also a member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA.



Old retired soldiers formally of the 101st Sig Bn, and 187th Signal Brigade and the Liberty Chapter SCRA get together for Breakfast at the Eveready Diner, Brewster, NY on Monday, June 9th. In the very unlikely event you do not recognize everyone, they are, Left to right:

Dewey Martin, Paul Chacho, Rod Quinn, Bruce Kliester, Steve Wadelton, Jim Rogan. No special occasion. They just get together usually for lunch a few times a year. This time it just happened to be a breakfast meeting.

Signal Center changes to Cyber Center

The U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence became the Cyber Center of Excellence during a ceremony before a crowd of local military and community leaders at Fort Gordon's Gate 1 on 28 March.

MG LaWarren V. Patterson, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon commanding general, and Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver, unveiled a new sign that marks the installation as home to the Army's cyber warriors.

MG Patterson will command the Cyber Center of Excellence, which will oversee both signal and cyber training. The Cyber Center will concentrate on doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership, personnel and facilities for signal and cyber Soldiers.

Prior to the unveiling, Copenhaver addressed the crowd by saying, "To Fort Gordon and to our military I want to say thank you for making this exciting day possible. I know that we'll see growth in the future but I want to say - more so than anything - thank you and I have a proclamation deliver."

Following Copenhaver's comments and delivery of the proclamation Patterson addressed the crowd.

"Today is a day that has been long in coming," said MG Patterson. "It is with great pleasure and pride



Photo by Bill Bengtson/Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

MG LaWarren Patterson, U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon commanding general, responds to media questions after the unveiling of a new welcome sign at Gate 1.

that I welcome you all to the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon.

"March is a month that has special significance to the Signal Corps," he said. "One hundred and fifty one years ago this month President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation authorizing the creation of a permanent Signal Corps."

The initial corps was no more than a colonel assisted by two clerks but as MG Patterson shared with the crowd, the corps has grown significantly since that time.

"Our information age has witnessed an exponential increase in the capabilities of our networks," said MG

Patterson. "This has led to a surge in the number of attempts to exploit that network infrastructure upon which our global community so heavily depends and with our increasing data-reliant Army it is clear that protecting cyber space is vital to the basic Signal mission of providing reliable networks to enable mission command. Transformation of the Signal Center of Excellence to the Cyber Center of excellence is a crucial step in recognizing this new reality. It demonstrates our affirmation that cyber space is a domain which we can seize and utilize as an element of strategic land power."



Photo by Jocelyn Broussard / Army Cyber Command

Lt. Gen. Edward C. Cardon, commanding general, Army Cyber Command and 2nd Army, and Maj. Gen. Judd H. Lyons, acting director, Army National Guard, sign a memorandum of understanding June 5 at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, that integrates an Army National Guard cyber protection team with Army Cyber Command.

Army Cyber Command, Army Guard sign memo to integrate cyber protection team

By Mike Milord
Army Cyber Command

Army Cyber Command, 2nd Army and the Army National Guard signed a memorandum of understanding June 5 that provides for an ARNG cyber protection team to align with Army Cyber Command and 2nd Army.

The agreement is designed to integrate ARNG cyber, cyber enabling capabilities and capacity into full spectrum operations.

“We welcome the addition of Army National Guard capabilities to Army Cyber Command and 2nd Army,” said Lt. Gen. Edward C.

Cardon, commanding general, ARCYBER and 2nd Army.” With a strong tie to the communities where they live and their civilian occupations, guardsmen and women have special capabilities that directly enhance the Army’s ability to conduct cyberspace operations.”

“The Army National Guard provides key surge capacity to the nation’s and the states’ governors’ cyber operations,” said Maj. Gen. Judd H. Lyons, acting director, Army National Guard. “Including the National Guard can only improve our nation’s capacity to respond. And in the cyber realm, we

must act with urgency to develop these relationships and continue to test them.”

Under the provisions, the ARNG will provide one cyber protection team, or CPT, in an active duty, Title 10 status, in support of ARCYBER and Second Army.

The team, already serving since Oct. 1, 2013, will be provisionally designated the 1636th Cyber Protection Team and initially stationed in Laurel, Maryland.

The 1636th CPT will conduct one or a combination of the following missions: defensive cyberspace operations, cyber command readiness

inspections, vulnerability assessments, cyber operational forces support to emulate threats, critical infrastructure assessments, theater security cooperation and Federal Emergency Management Agency support.

The ARNG is building additional cyber force structure that will begin in Fiscal Year 2016. The locations of those units have yet to be determined.

Members of ARNG cyber units may provide support to ARCYBER and 2nd Army in the following statuses: voluntary federal active duty, state active duty and involuntary active duty.