

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



The pentagons2017 spending plans which was described by the Secretay of Defense as creating a smaller, more ready force has been sent to congress. The overall spending plan request is 582.7 Billion dollars. The proposed budget increases by less than half a percent over last years spending.

The Army & Air Guard budgets are part of the request. The Air Guard is slated to receive 10.4 Billion and increase strength by 200 personnel. The Army Guard will receive 15.1 Billion and cut strength by 7,000. The planned army guard troop cuts parallel an even larger force reduction in the Active Component Army where 15,000 soldiers would be struck from the rolls, Shrinking the force from 475,000 to 460,000 in 2017.

An article in the National Guard magazine read US "Army seeks hike in Guard deployments". The Army must make greater use of the National Guard and Reserve component to take pressure off the Active Component congress was told. Gen Daniel Allyn stated where the stress starting to press down on Active Duty uits in meeting emerging requirements. The call up of Guard and Reserve units would releive some pressure and bring stability to the Force. GEN Allyn said Guard & Reserve Forces would be used in all six



# OF MEETINGS

Tuesday 12 Jul 2016 1930 Hrs Yonkers Armory

Saturday 29 Oct 2016 1300 Hrs Cabin Restaurant White Plains

Tuesday 10 Jan 2017 1930 Hrs Orangeburg Armory

Tuesday
11 Apr 2017
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
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Annual
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# SCHEDULE Presidents Message Cont'd

of the Defense Departments geographic combatant commands, including hunting for terrorists in South America and training African Troops.



About 15 members of the Liberty Chapter SCRA, held a supprise birthday for CSM (Ret) Ed D'anna at the Colonial resturant in Peekskill on 22 April 2016.



CSM Ed D'anna suprise 91st Birthday party on 22Apr16 at Colonial Resturant in Peekskill.



# **Upcoming events**

138th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition

September 9-12, 2016 Baltimore, Maryland

#### **Obituaries**

Major General Robert R. Rose former Commander of the NYARNG, and 187th Signal Brigade, and a active member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA, passed away on 3 April 2016. Interment for MG Rose will be in Arlington National Cemetery and is scheduled on 19 August 2016 at 12:45

MSG John Thomas Quinn, Sr, 68 of Poughkeepsie passed away on May 2, 2016.

Over the years with the 101 Signal Battalion, John served as the Delta Co. Motor Sergeant, Charlie Co. First Sergeant and S-3 Operations Sergeant. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Buddy.



# 101ESB Quarterly Activities Apr 2016 to Juli 2016

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#### **APR 2016 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS**

Operations and Training Current: During April IDT, the 101ST ESB performed inventories, reviewed load plans, finalized preparations for May IDT (12-15 May 16 at Fort Drum, NY), and completed orders production for AT Annual Training scheduled 9-23 July 2016 at Fort Drum, NY. Additionally, 101ST ESB conducted WIN-T crew level training, performed WIN-T system security / information assurance updates.

WIN-T Mini-X and System Updates: Units performed signal maintenance to include set up and system updates on five (5) CPNs, recruiting equipment display of one (1) JNN with STT, and training set up of an additional one (1) JNN, one (1) SSS, and one (1) CPN.

Yonkers Armory GuardEx: HHC and C Co participated in a recruiting event at Yonkers Avenue Armory to include 5 NCOs, 1 STT, 1 JNN, and 1 CPN stack. Full-time recruiters were on hand to host the event which brought in over 100 recruiting leads.

GuardEX 15 Apr 2016



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#### **MAY 2016 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS**

Operations and Current Training: During May IDT at Fort Drum, the 101ST ESB performed a WIN-T Signal Exercise (SIGEX) on Division Hill IOT validate MTOE crews and enable platoon-level training. Concurrently, equipment inventories were conducted at MATES IOT posture the Battalion for Annual Training in July. Additionally, 101ST ESB performed WIN-T system security / information assurance updates.

WIN-T SIGEX and System Updates: Units performed SIGEX to include signal maintenance, 100% inventories and signal system validation on WIN-T systems that will be utilized for Annual Training 2016. Companies validated signal crews per MTOE as well as functionality of signal equipment.

TAG Match: The Battalion identified four (4) volunteers and one (1) alternate currently for the TAG Match scheduled for 3-5 June 2016 at CSTS.

Annual Training Preparation: Units performed preparation activities to include site recons of FTX training areas at Fort Drum, inventorying of MATES equipment and validation of signal assets.

# 101ESB Quarterly Activities Apr 2016 to Jun 2016 (Cont'd)

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#### **JUNE 2016 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS**

Operations and Current Training: During JUN home station IDT, 101ST ESB performed Annual Training preparation, provided mission brief to 12 Soldiers supporting 27TH IBCT JRTC rotation 16-08, Comprehensive Soldier Fitness (CSF) 2.0, BC Top 10 (+), and held a Family Readiness Group (FRG) event.

Annual Training Preparation: Units performed AT preparation activities to include PCCs/PCIs of Soldier equipment, inventories, ADVON vehicle loadout, rehearsals, and FTX planning.

JRTC Personnel and Signal System Support: The Battalion provided three (3) CPNs with associated STTs including spares, cables and generators to the 27TH IBCT in support of JRTC rotation. In addition, the 101ST ESB is providing 12 Soldiers from 10 July – 2 August 2016 to support JRTC rotation.

FRG Event: All Companies held a family day event on Sunday 26 June 2016 IOT build FRG readiness, welcome new families and Soldiers into the unit and build comradery.





