

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



Father Donald Licata Retires

On June 26, 2002, Father (Chaplain) Donald P. Licata was honored at a retirement dinner culminating 25 years of service in the NYS Department of Corrections. During his career with the prison system, Father served as Associate Chaplain and then Chaplain at the Fishkill, Down State, and Beacon Correctional Facilities.

Father Licata also was New York's "Signal Corps" Chaplain. His military career spans over 27 years. He was a member of the USAR from 1961 to 1964. In 1965 he joined the 101st Signal Battalion, where he served as Battalion Chaplain until 1978. From 1979 to 1986 he was the Chaplain for the

187th Signal Group. In 1986, Father was assigned to the 42nd Infantry Division as Assistant Division Chaplain. He retired from military service in 1989 with the rank of Colonel. Among Father Licata's military awards are: Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Award for Humanitarian Service (2 awards), the Honorable Order of St. Barbara, and the New York State Twenty Year Long and Faithful Service Medal.

Farther Licata holds a B.A. and an M..A. degree from the Archdiocese of New York. (St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers). He also earned his M.E. Degree from Fordham University. The "Signal Community" wishes Father Licata a long, healthy, and enjoyable retirement.

(Story and photo contributed by BG (ret) Anthony R. Pasqua)



BG (Ret) Joseph J. Maher, 62, of Greensboro, NC, and a former officer in the 101st Sig Bn died Thursday, March 27, 2003 at his home after a long and courageous battle with leukemia. Burial with Military Honors will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

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SIGNALS FROM THE FRONT



A CH-47 Chinook helicopter with the 101st Airborne Division takes off from Camp New Jersey in Kuwait 2003, carrying communications equipment to be flown into Iraq for the division's Assault Command Post.



Capt. Matthew Grosz, commanding officer of India Co., 3rd Bn. 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, speaks on a radio near Az Bayr, Iraq.

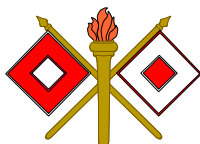


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A Message From The President MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)



I have been encouraged by the attendance at our last three meetings. It is good to see so many old friends, and new faces too. We schedule meetings at four locations during the year and that seems to work well, to give most of our members an opportunity to attend at least one or two meetings a year.

On 14 April we will gather at Camp Smith for our "Annual Meeting". In accordance with our by-laws we must have an annual meeting for the purpose of electing Chapter Officers. There will also be a food buffet at this meeting.

An organization such as ours depends upon individuals who willingly take on responsibility and energetically discharge their duties. We are always looking for members to become officers of the chapter; and volunteers are usually motivated than those who are just voted in.

I invite you to volunteer for service as an officer of the Liberty Chapter. I am particularly concerned with the offices of V.P. Awards and V.P. Membership. We must attract new members because they bring strength and new ideas to the organization and hopefully to get more signal people, active and retired involved and interfacing.

We must also be an important part of the system that identifies & recognizes those in the signal community who are providing or have provided distinguished service to the Corps. The Signal Corps Regimental Association (SCRA) awards the order of mercury to these deserving individuals as requested by the local chapters, like the Liberty Chapter.

We have not requested an order of mercury for over two years. We need to do better. The V.P. Awards is a vital part of this system.

Spring 2003

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
14 Apr 2003
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections &
Food Buffett**

**Monday
14 Jul 2003
1930 Hrs
Yonkers Armory**

**Thursday
23 Oct 2003
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

**Monday
12 Jan 2004
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

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ARE
\$12.00 E6 & Up
\$2.00 E-1 to E-5
Due in April
Each Year
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Mailing Label
For Your
Expiration Date**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Greater NY Statue of Liberty Chapter, Association of the United States Army Program Announcement

APRIL- April 16, 2003
General Membership Dinner Meeting 6:30 PM at the 7th Regiment Armory, 643 Park Avenue, New York, NY
Parking is available in Armory. Cost is \$20.00 Guest Speaker MG Franklin Hagenbeck, 10th Mountain Division Commander. Reservations & info E-mail: robert.r.rose@us.army.mil

April 25, 2003
Enlisted & NCO Awards and Recognition Ceremony National Guard, Army Reserve and Active Components honored. 7 PM at the Fort Hamilton Community Club, Fort Hamilton, NY. Cost \$35 Guest Speaker Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley. Reservations & info E-mail: d.r.farkas@worldnet.att.net

JUNE-June 3, 2003
Golf Outing at South Shore Country Club, Staten Island, NY. Shotgun Start 9 AM. Cost \$125 Single, \$485 Foursome Door & golf Prizes, Proceeds to programs supporting Soldiers and their Families
Resv & Info E-mail: bgrpa@aol.com

June 21, 2003
West Point Boat on the Hudson Celebrating US Army Birthday and Family Day SEE ENCLOSED FLYER

June 26, 2001
Distinguished Service Award Banquet. Recipient is New York State Governor George E. Pataki. Banquet will be held at the Union League Club, 38 East 37th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016
Cost \$ TBA. Reservations and Info: dmorelli@capcoverage.com

The Militia Assn of New York (MANY) will hold its Annual Conference at the Crown Plaza in Albany on 30-31 May & 1 Jun 03. MANY is 150 years old this year.

The Enlisted Assn, National Guard of the US will conduct National Convention in Toledo, Ohio 16 thru 20 Aug 30.

National Guard Assn annual National Conference in Biloxi, Miss 13 thru 17 Sep 03.