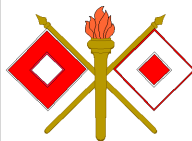




# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The February issue of the National Guard magazine carried two articles detailing important developments concerning the National Guard. The 1st development was a meeting of Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter agreed to recognize defense consultations with the Governors. There will now be a formal process for the council through the Chief Of the National Guard Bureau to exchange information with the Army and Air Force on programming and budgetary matters affecting the Guard.

The second development was the release of the Reserve Forces Policy boards personnel cost study. This study is a ground breaking work which, for the first time, presents a comprehensive cost analysis of Reserve and Active component personnel. The report looked at all costs, from health care, to dependent education, housing, to retirement.

In the civilian sector personnel costs are often the most expensive budget lines on a balance sheet. Cost averages typically range from 25 to 30 percent of gross revenues. The policy board report found that at the Pentagon true cost for "Taking Care Of People" is more than 50 percent of the budget. In all the annual cost to the Federal Government for each active component member is \$384,622.00, more than three times the cost for a reserve component member which is \$123,351.00. The Air National Guard is 35 percent of the Air Force Capability, but only 6 percent of its budget.

The report also points out that the Reserve Components makes up 39 percent of the 2.2 million members of the Force, but receives 17 percent of retirements payouts, 15 percent of military costs, and 21 percent of Defense Health Programming costs.

The Reserve Component advocates in this time of tight budgets and uncertain funding must be that the National Guard and Reserves can provide full military capability at a fraction of the cost of the Active Components.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday  
8 Apr 2013  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Army  
Annual  
Elections

Monday  
8 Jul 2013  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Army

Monday  
7 Oct 2013  
1930 Hrs  
Yonkers  
Army

Monday  
6 Jan 2014  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Army

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## Upcoming events

Our next meeting is scheduled on 8 Apr 2013, 1930 Hours at the Yonkers, NY Armory

As a result of sequestration and the fiscal uncertainties with the Department of Defense, the TAG's 26-27 Apr 2013 Professional Weekend at the Sagamore Hotel has been cancelled.

West Point Boat Ride on the Hudson sponsored by NY Statue Of Liberty Chap AUSA, 42nd Inf Div Assn. and the Liberty Chapter SCRA is scheduled for 8 Jun 2013. A Flyer will be posted to the web site at [www.nysignal.org](http://www.nysignal.org) when finalized.



135th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition September 20-23, 2013 Honolulu, Hawaii  
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.

*Below is a birds eye view of Afghanistan  
Photos provided by CPT Michael Hastings*



**To Promote the Espirit de Corps and Fraternity of the Signal Corps**



101 ESB Enterprise Operations Team

### 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion In Afghanistan

Article provided by COL Dreisbach, Bn Cdr and Photo by CPT Michael Hastings

Your soldiers are doing great work across Afghanistan. We have 101st ESB soldiers across the entire country providing communications support to all different types of units. They are making a difference. We also have an active duty unit from Hawaii assigned to the 101st ESB. I'm tremendously proud of all of them and their hard work. We get so many great comments from the units that we are supporting.

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The time for us is flying by and we will all be home soon. We will not come back as one unit but broken up into different groups. We are currently working the plan as to who is on what flight. Contact your Loved ones sometime in May for additional details. They will go to Fort Bliss for out processing before returning home.

We continue with the LEEP program. This program is called the Lightning Warrior Employment and Education Program (LEEP). This program helps soldiers find employment and educational opportunities for when we redeploy home. Many of our soldiers are taking advantage of the educational and Signal University opportunities to build additional skill sets that will make them more marketable. Soldiers have been very busy with missions and attending college courses. Many have also received IT certifications. They have all taken us up on the challenge of improving themselves over our deployment.

From the 101st ESB Family to yours, thank you for your enduring support, Wishing you a safe and great summer.

Lightning Warriors  
COL Dreisbach

### Senators Introduce Bill to Create 'Cyber Guards' NGAUS Washington Report

(March 26, 2013) Legislation introduced in the Senate last week would create National Guard cyber response teams in every state and territory.

The Cyber Warrior Act of 2013, S. 658, establishes cyber and computer network incident response teams, known as Cyber Guards, significantly expanding the Guard's cyber mission.

The bill was introduced March 22 by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., Sen. David Vitter, R-La., and Sen. Mark Warner, R-Va.

The Cyber Guards would be to cyber attacks what the civil support teams and other homeland response units are to responding to weapons of mass destruction. They would provide a scalable response in support of the governors or the defense secretary, depending on the response needed to a cyber emergency.

Under the legislation, governors could call on team members to help train state and local law enforcement and other cyber responders in a network emergency, and help them develop sound best practices that allow more cohesive interaction with federal agencies.

The teams would include both full-time and part-time personnel, thereby leveraging available private-sector IT expertise and experience.

The bill creates the teams by shifting positions and operations and maintenance funds to the Guard. No new budgetary authority would be created.

NGAUS strongly supports the legislation. The Pentagon opposes it, saying the teams would "drain critical resources from DoD cyber efforts."

## Governor Cuomo Signs Bill Allowing DMV To Mark Veteran Status On Driver's License and Non-Drivers ID's

### Governor Cuomo Signs Bill Allowing DMV To Mark Veteran Status On Driver's License and Non-Drivers ID's

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed legislation allowing the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to place a distinguishing mark on a driver's license, or non-driver ID, to indicate its holder is a veteran. Under this law, a veteran of the United States Armed Forces may request to have this veteran status mark from the DMV. Many local businesses across the state currently provide discounts to veterans. This law will make it more simple and convenient for veterans to show and verify to a business their status as veterans on a driver's license or non-driver ID without having to carry multiple forms of identification. In order to obtain this status from the DMV, applicants will have to submit proof that they were honorably discharged from the armed forces. "These men and women have made invaluable sacrifices for our state and nation, and now that they have returned home, government will work for them," Governor Cuomo said. "We are proud to help distinguish them as veterans." The law takes effect in one year.

In the meantime, DMV will revise its application forms and make other accommodations to handle requests for a status mark. In addition, the review of documents supporting an honorable discharge from the armed forces will be an additional task for DMV staff during the license renewal process, and license renewals for those requesting a mark will be processed manually. Currently, routine renewals are processed automatically.

Senator Greg Ball said, "It is impossible to fully express both my excitement and appreciation for the Governor's support. The biggest problem we face in providing services and benefits to veterans is actually being able to identify them, especially returning veterans. This will now give veterans the option of indicating their service on their driver's licenses. Once identified we can pro-actively communicate with veterans to connect them to the hundreds of services and benefits available. I am proud to be the sponsor of this bill and I thank the Governor for his continued support and leadership on this critical matter."

Assemblyman Bob Sweeney said, "This new law will make it easy for veterans to identify themselves to businesses who choose to offer discounts. The law will provide assistance to veterans and recognize their service. I would like to thank Governor Cuomo for signing this bill into law and Mr. Bill Linder of Copiague, Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy (retired) for suggesting the idea."