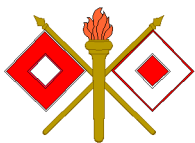




LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



An article in the National Guard magazine of Feb 2015 reports that the 2016 pentagon budget proposal, released on 2Feb15 by the White House would shrink the Army NG by 8,200 soldiers, the Air Guard would gain 500 members. The budget request would reduce the Army Guard to 342,000 troops, the lowest authorized level in 60 years. Included in the cut are 614 AGR positions and 494 military technicians.

The proposal also shrinks the size of the Active component from 490,000 to 415,000 personnel. The Army Reserve would remain steady at 198,000 troops. Despite the drop in end strength the proposal increases the overall Army Guard base budget for pay and allowances by nearly 300 million dollars over fiscal year 2015.

The request also asks for more base money for Army Guard operations and maintenance, and military construction. As always the budget proposal is just that - a proposal. Congress has the final say and the fiscal 2016 budget process figures to be especially volatile with the overall Pentagon request of 534.3 billion dollars coming in about 35 billion over the spending caps in the budget control act of 2011.

The Governors of the 54 states and territories who command the National Guard in peace time and the National Guard Association of the US (NGAUS) are in the fore-front of the budget battles affecting the National Guard. NGAUS is on duty on a daily basis voicing the concerns for proper training, equipment, and quality of life for the Guard.

The President of NGAUS, MG (Ret) Gus Hargett, remarked recently that membership in NGAUS remains stable and that we seem to be attracting more young Company Grade officers as members. A very positive sign. They probably understand that adding their voice to the association chorus makes NGAUS even more effective on capitol hill.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday
6 Apr 2015
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Army
Annual
Elections

Monday
6 Jul 2015
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Army

Saturday
17 Oct 2015
1300 Hrs
Cabin
Restaurant
White Plains

Monday
11 Jan 2016
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Army

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 2015 for Expiration Date



Presidents Message Cont'd

General Hargett summed it up "Our Number One Priority remains the same as it has for nearly 140 years - To Represent Guardsmen, Guard Retirees and Guard Families on Capitol Hill." NGAUS deserves all our support. **Make note of our new chapter mailing address. Its indicated on the next page.**

Upcoming events

Our Annual West Point Boat Ride on the Hudson has been cancelled for this year due to scheduling problems.

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

Annual Dues are Due by 30Apr15 Check your Mailing label We can't continue newsletter and web site if dues are not paid.



101st ESB Signal Ball Photos/captions provided by MAJ Evertt Roberts BN XO



Signaleers fill the dance floor to good music at the 11th Annual Signall Ball 21 Feb 2015



BG Swezey awards MSM to 1SG (R) Gerald Cautrin L to R - BG Swezey, 1SG(R) Vautrin, COL Martinez, LTC Armbruster 21 Feb 2015

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS "Signals From The Past"

by LTC (Ret) Duane Martin

I think I have told most of you this story about my plane crash in Vietnam in 1970. When I wrote an editorial about my best friend being killed by friendly fire 3 years ago, the editor of the college paper said they were doing a Vietnam special in the NU Record and asked if had any letters that I wanted to share? Don't think she realized our main means of correspondence was tapes not letters. I had tapes but no letters then she asked about any stories. My story is on the front page of the Norwichrecord and alumni magazine.

NORWICHRECORD

THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE OF NORWICH UNIVERSITY

Duane "Dewey" Martin '1967 A Crash In - Country

LTC (Ret) Duane "Dewey" Martin a former Company Commander in the 101st Sig Bn and former staff officer with the 187th Signal Brigade is retired from the Army, but he has never retired from service. He presently sits on Norwich University's Board of Fellows and has launched a mentorship program that matches NU students with alumni mentors for the purpose of career counseling. For more information on how you can get involved in this effort, contact Dewey directly at dnmartin@optonline.net. (Photo Courtesy of Duane Martin '67.)

When I first joined the 1st Cav, we were required to be forward observers first before we did anything else. Because they had an overflow of forward observers at the time, they asked if I wanted to be an aerial observer. And that was a neat job because you weren't in the field and you'd come back to your hooch every night and you had a clean place to stay. One day, I was picked up out of Quan Loi, South Vietnam, by a great pilot. He was a Cobra pilot and a fixed-wing pilot. And, we took off. We were registering batteries. He ... he was crazy. We saw a few North Vietnamese on the ground and he was shooting at them with his pistol in between registering these batteries, and I think he forgot how many hours we were in the air.

Registering took time. Sometimes it would take me 15 to 20 minutes to register one. So, three and a half, four hours went by very quickly in this birddog we were in. And the engine stopped. And the pilot looked at me and said, "Duane, we're in trouble. You better look around for an area we can land in." I picked out a road about 10 miles away. He replied, "I don't think we can make it."

Luckily, we had fuel for about 30 more seconds. We managed to get close enough, and we didn't see anything on the road as we were approaching it. But lo and behold, there was concertina wire, layers of it, all over the road. And as the plane came in for a landing, the landing gear picked up the barbwire. The plane started twisting and it flipped, took both wings off. The tail section of the thing clipped off, too. I remember him saying, "Put your head between your legs. You're going to be fine, all right? Don't look up." I'm thinking, This might not be good. I figured I'd kiss my ass good-bye.

We woke up about ten seconds later and he yelled back to me, "You all right?" I said, "I'm fine. " We'd ended up in a field. Both of us hadn't taken a leak in four and half hours so that was the first priority. I was still strapped in. I said, "I gotta go, man." We took our knives and cut ourselves out of our safety harnesses. He'd called in a Mayday. We had no idea where we were. I think I had three or four clips of ammo-we weren't supposed to be out in the field without seven. I never thought I would go down-I was a smart-ass lieutenant at the time. I was thinking, Maybe I'm going to have to use this ammo after all.

The pilot and I were picked up within a half hour. We actually landed near a small fire base that we couldn't see from the air. That was the reason for all the wire in the road. After that, I was considered bad luck in the air and they sent me to the field as a forward observer.



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101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion

Recent Activities Jan-Mar 2015

“Sound of Liberty”



LTC Diane M. Armbruster

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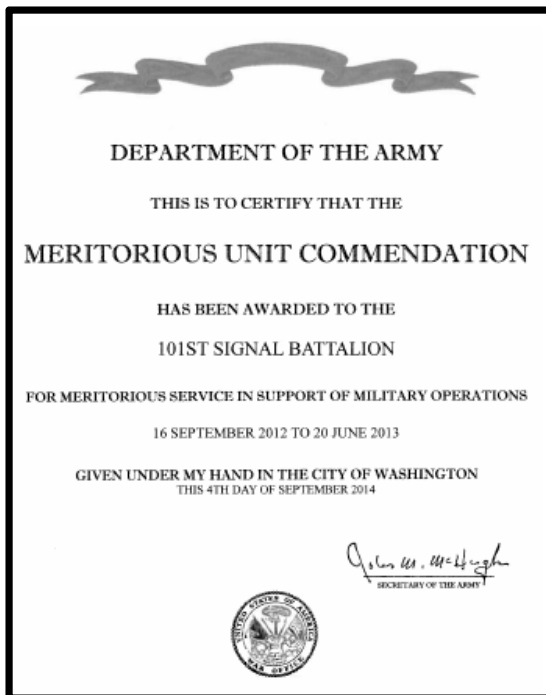
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JAN 2015

January IDT Training Highlights

The IDT weekend was very successful for the organization. The battalion conducted mandatory training and events including 100% inventory of vehicles, WIN-T and other equipment at Fort Drum, NY, conduct of OCIE showdown inspection and clothing record signature, iPERMS record validation, consolidated maintenance 10-20 level at CSTS, conduct of Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness (CSF2), OPD/NCOPD, administration of remaining flu shots, APFT, HT/WT, Suicide Prevention, and other UTG requirements..



101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC)

In January 2015, the 101st ESB received the MUC for wartime service in support of OEF. Citation is listed below.

Award: Meritorious Unit Commendation

Period of service: 16 September 2012 to 20 June 2013

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-15

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious service. During the period 16 September 2012 to 20 June 2013, 101st Signal Battalion displayed exceptionally meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The unit's ability to innovate and accomplish tactical and strategic signal missions throughout the Combined Joint Operations Area enhanced the Warfighters ability to effectively communicate and operate in a dynamic combat environment. These actions were achieved by ensuring that the Combined Joint Operations Area in Afghanistan was able to communicate through both voice and data networks. 101st Signal Battalions outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest of traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the 160th Signal Brigade and the United States Army.

Format: 320



FEB 2015

11th Annual Signal Ball
101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion



21 February 2015

**The Regency Banquet and Conference Center
Nanuet, New York**

**Signal Ball Flyer
21 Feb 2015**



**11th Annual Signal Ball – Head Table
21 Feb 2015**

**Attendance at the head table includes:
BG Michael & Ann Swezey, COL
David & Paula Martinez, COL(R)
Thomas and Lisa Kilmartin, LTC Diane
Armbruster, SGM David Santiago, and
CH Anthony Stephens**



**11th Annual Signal Ball
BG Swezey addresses the
audience
21 Feb 2015**

11th Annual Signal Ball – 21 February 2015

The 101st Expeditionary Signal Battalion held it's 11th Annual Signal Ball which was a great event this year. We had 135 Soldiers, guests, and family members attend. This event celebrated the achievements of our Soldiers and families over the last year and set the stage for many good things to come over the next 12 months.



MAR 2015

March IDT Training Highlights

The IDT weekend was successful for the organization. The battalion conducted mandatory training and events including conduct of Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness, OPSEC and Anti-Terrorism, MDMP Staff Training with Mission Control Training Support Program, iPERMs reviews, a WIN-T Mini-X, and other UTG requirements. Additionally the unit received an Organizational Readiness Assessment and Assistance Team (ORAAT) inspection with positive results and VIP visits from BG Swezey and BG Shields

Last Quarter's publication we discussed how the 42 ID G6 completed their proof of concept testing for Armory as a Docking Station (AaaS) between JFHQs in Latham and the Troy, Glenmore Road Armory.

During March Drill, the 42 ID G6 expanded the unclassified point to point testing and successfully connected from the 42 ID HQs in Troy, to the 42 ID TAC in the Staten Island Armory. This is a huge achievement because it proved the units will be able to train together while remaining at their Armories, significantly reducing travel times & training costs, with no degradation to overall training value.

In addition, the Staten Island unit was able to connect to the Battle Command Common Services (BCCS) servers (see definition below), located in Troy, allowing them access to systems and services the normally would during real world missions or exercises.

New York is one of only a few states to have attempted and achieved success in AaaS. Kudos to CW3 Collins, MSG Myers, and SFC Tremblay for taking the lead on the engineering and testing of this initiative.

Future *milestones* for this project are:

- 1) Connecting Armories over the secure network
- 2) Point to multi point connections between Armories throughout the State
- 3) Connecting to other state military facilities
- 4) Utilize Mission Training Complex (MTC) locations, via AaaS connections, to push simulation traffic back to the Maneuver Control Systems (MCS) computers located at each Armory during training exercises.

Concepts of current systems for staff functions at multiple echelons:

ABCS: a collection of information systems that provides commanders and staffs with situational awareness & understanding & the capability to exchange necessary information across echelons and warfighting functions during full spectrum operations.

BCCS: a collection of server hardware and software application that provides the core Army Battle Command Systems (ABCS) interoperability services and the infrastructure necessary to employ enterprise-class services. It provides Tactical Operation Center's (TOCs) / Command Posts (CPs) at multiple echelons a localized network directory, access control and other services (collaboration servers, databases, file servers, websites, email, etc.) and networks that are operated either in a standalone configuration or part of the Global Information Grid (GIG)

MCS: allows commanders and staffs to visualize the operational environment and synchronize the elements of combat power for successful execution of combat operation. It is also the primary system to integrate and manage data from supporting ABCS systems onto a single map display to create a user-defined Common Operating Picture (COP).

MTC: a unit/facility that hosts and leads computer simulated combat environments that are "realistic, dynamic and challenging". The ABCS/MCS/BCCS are all utilized to conduct simulated exercises.

Information Technology Update

STATEWIDE NETWORK DEVICE UPGRADE

COMPLETED INSTALLATIONS

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Binghamton | New Windsor |
| Bronx | Niagara Falls |
| Buffalo – Connecticut | Olean |
| Buffalo – Masten Ave | Orangeburg |
| Camp Smith | Park Ave |
| Dunkirk | Peekskill |
| Farmingdale | Queens - Jamaica |
| Geneseo | Queensbury |
| Geneva | Rochester |
| Glenville | Ronkonkoma |
| Gloversville | Saratoga |
| Hornell | Staten Island |
| Horseheads | Stratton ANG |
| Ithaca | Syracuse |
| Jamestown | Troy - Glenmore |
| JFK | Troy – South Lake |
| Kingston | Utica |
| Leeds | Walton |
| Lexington Ave | Whitestone |
| Lockport | Yonkers |



WHAT IS IT?

Replacement of critical components and devices that support the DMNA Wide Area Network (WAN), enabling all sites to communicate.

To date the CIO/G6 Network Infrastructure team has completed the installation of 250 devices at 40 Armories, and plans to complete the remaining sites by end of March, adding an additional 100 devices installed. All this will have been accomplished in an astonishing 4 month time frame.

HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU?

Each site experiences a total Facility outage on Voice and Data for a few hours, depending on size and complexity of the Facility.

Each piece of equipment replaced increases the Network security posture for DMNA, and extends the life of our infrastructure equipment.

UPCOMING INSTALLATIONS

Auburn
Fort Drum
Fort Hamilton
Latham
Morrisonville
Ogdensburg
Saranac Lake
Watervliet Arsenal

Feedback on this and future publications welcomed!



Information Technology Update

NYARNG CIO / G6 (formerly MNAS)

INCREASED SECURITY

Increased network security to reduce potential network threats & vulnerabilities

LASTEST EQUIPMENT

Replacement of all Network devices to increase compliance and stay current on emerging technology requirements

INCREASED SPEED

Faster speeds, significantly increased throughput – as much as 10x more – and the flexibility for increased capability during domestic operations

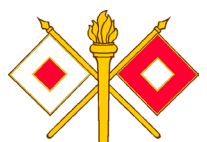


HOW DOES IT AFFECT YOU!?!

The G6 is taking significant steps in FY-15 to increase our organization security posture, update the network infrastructure, implement substantial improvement on network speed and flexibility to the Armories, all while reducing costs and increasing capability.

These initiatives are positioning the Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) with the technology and capabilities to deal with the latest emerging threats!

Look to the Latham Lowdown & the DMNA social media outlets for more information on how we are making improvements to ensure robust, secure, and reliable technology solutions that are available to support the organization.



Feedback on this and future publications welcomed!