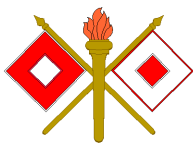




LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The First Muster of Minutemen in the Massachusetts Bay colony took place in 1636. The National Guard in the United States traces its history and lineage to this First Formation. The Guard has been involved in every war and conflict from before the revolutionary war to the present day.

The National Guard, which includes the Army and Air Guard looks back proudly on 379 years of service to the Nation and individual states. The Guard is 140 years older than the Declaration of Independence; 151 years older than the United States Constitution; and it predates the Army, Navy and Marine Corps by 139 years. Today, the active Army relies on the National Guard to assist in meeting its world missions.

For example, the Army may require National Guard Brigade combat teams to join in regular rotations to Europe as part of the European Reassurance Initiative. The Army wants to have continuous rotations of armored brigade combat teams in Europe, but the active components has only nine ABCTS and they are involved with rotations to Kuwait and Korea. As the authorized strength of the Army decreases, I am sure they will look to the National Guard and Reserves to take up the slack..

In addition to its Federal responsibilities the 450,000 volunteers from our 54 states and Territories serving in the National Guard perform homeland security missions, Counter Drug and immigration interdiction, stateside Humanitarian Missions and Law Enforcement. Today's National Guard members and yesterday's Minutemen have a lot in common. Citizens who feel that their military service is necessary to make their Nation and Community a safer and better place.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday
12 Apr 2016
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory
Annual
Elections

Tuesday
12 Jul 2016
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory

Saturday
15 Oct 2016
1300 Hrs
Cabin
Restaurant
White Plains

Tuesday
10 Jan 2017
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory

ANNUAL DUES ARE
\$12.00 E6 & Up
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In Apr 2016 for
Expiration Date



Presidents Message Cont'd

Please join the Military Association of New York (MANY) on Friday evening for our Annual Meeting and Saturday for the Industry Day where leaders from the New York Army and Air National Guard meet with industry partners.

Annual Dues are Due by 30Apr16
Check your Mailing label We can't continue the newsletter and maintain the web site if dues are not paid.

Upcoming events

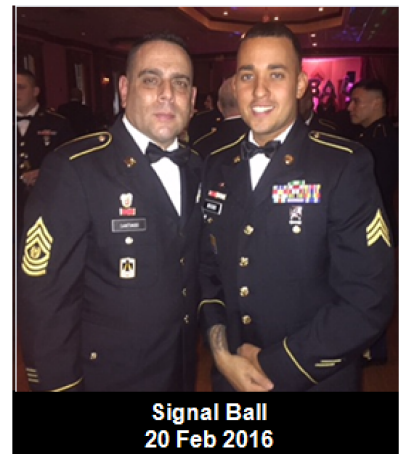
MANY
2016 Annual Meeting - Industry Day
13May16 - 14May16 Location TBD
but will be in Albany, Capital District



West Point Boat Ride On the Hudson
AUSA Liberty Chapter
42nd Infantry Div Assn.
Liberty Chapter SCRA
Week of 4 Jun 2016

138th NGAUS General Conference
& Exhibition

September 9-12, 2016
Baltimore, Maryland



Signal Ball
20 Feb 2016

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

101ESB Quarterly Activities Jan 2016 to Apr 2016

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JAN 2016 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Operations and Training Current: The January IDT weekend consisted mainly of inventories and preparation for March IDT (WIN-T Mini-X and IWQ Make-up) at CSTS, mission analysis and orders preparation for May IDT (WIN-T SIGEX at FDNY), Active Shooter Training, Health of the Force Campaign training, GCSS-Army Registrations (307/470 completed), CSF2 training, ETS counseling, height/weight, NCOER and OER completion, sensitive items inventories, and other administrative tasks.

Active Shooter Training: All companies conducted training for how to respond in an active shooter situation for 326 out of 336 Soldiers on ground. The training consisted of a video, presentation, and discussion.

WIN-T Individual and Crew Training: B Co conducted WIN-T training for 28 Soldiers including the set up of 3 STTs, 1 CPN, and 1 JNN. 2 STTs achieved satellite connectivity, however the other systems had configuration issues.

WIN-T System Software Upgrades: 101ST ESB Information Assurance supported completion of system upgrades for all five A Co CPN systems at the Peekskill Armory to include software updates to the routers, switches, and firewalls for NIPR, SIPR, and Colorless.

Rockland Community College GuardEx: A Co participated in a car show recruiting event at Rockland Community College to include 3 NCOs, 1 HMMWV, and 2 SINCGAR radios.

FEB 2016 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Operations and Training Current: The February IDT weekend consisted mainly of inventories and preparation for March IDT (WIN-T Mini-X and IWQ Make-up) at CSTS, orders production for May IDT (WIN-T SIGEX at FDNY), Active Shooter Training Exercise, CSF2 training, NCOER and OER completion, sensitive items inventories, and other administrative tasks. Out of 466 Soldiers assigned, the Battalion currently has 347 Soldiers registered for GCSS-Army.

Active Shooter Training: All companies conducted an active shooter drill, during which Soldiers trained running, hiding, or fighting in response to the announcement of an active shooter situation. Observer controllers and local law enforcement monitored the reactions of Soldiers and conducted an AAR after the conclusion of the drill. Going forward, all companies will conduct active shooter training once a quarter, and a drill semi-annually.

Signal Ball: 101ST ESB is conducting its 12th Annual Signal Ball tonight at the Portuguese-American Community Center in Yonkers. In preparation, companies conducted ASU inspections and DA Photos for 36 Soldiers.



**Signal Ball
20 Feb 2015**

101ESB Quarterly Activities Jan 2016 to Mar 2016 (Cont'd)

Provided by MAJ Roberts Bn XO

MARCH 2016 IDT TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Operations and Training Current: During the March IDT, the 101ST ESB conducted a WIN-T Mini-X to validate crew teams. The battalion oversaw the companies setup CPs and execute STX lanes at various training areas throughout CSTS. An IRF drill, IWQ make-up, APFT make-up, Comprehensive Soldier Fitness, BC Top 10 (+) (Cyber Awareness, AT Level I, Law of War, Information Security, Information Awareness), and height/weight were also conducted, along with administrative tasks (OER/NCOERS, awards).

WIN-T Mini-X: The companies validated their teams during STX lanes at CSTS. All together 101ST ESB conducted STX lanes for 7 CPN teams, 1 JNN team, and 1 SSS team. The STX lanes included scenarios such as deploying a CPN to a grid location and setting up SINCGARS Retransmission sites. Crews were validated by checklists developed by Company Commanders and verified by Battalion NETOPS.

Initial Reaction Force Drills: All companies conducted a test of their IRF 2.0 vehicles (A CO: 5 HMMWV, 3 STT, 2 10K generators and 10 personnel), (BCO: 5 HMMWV, 3 STT, 2 10K generators and 10 personnel) (CCO: 1 LMTV, 3 HMMWV, 1 SSS and 12 personnel). All IRF teams conducted a convoy from their home station armory and were certified upon arrival to CSTS.

IWQ Makeup: A CO conducted the M16/M4 ALT C zero and qualification on Range 2 at CSTS. 48 personnel attended and qualified at the range.



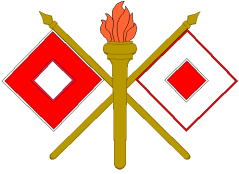
Cyber Protection Team (CPT) Information & Career Opportunities

Recently the New York National Guard, in partnership with New Jersey National Guard, received approval for an M-Day Cyber Protection Team (CPT). Cyber Protection Teams will help to defend Army Cyberspace and take actions against adversaries to ensure commanders' freedom of maneuver in the cyber domain. They are on the electronic front lines, protecting Army networks and systems from attacks in cyberspace and offensive operations to disrupt and degrade our adversaries' abilities to use the cyber domain to their advantage. See the U.S. Army Cyber Command video at <http://www.arcyber.army.mil/>

Cyber is the Army's newest Branch & the only one that is currently growing. The Cyber Center of Excellence (CCoE) at Fort Gordon is working to develop school training for Officer, Warrant and Enlisted. This will be the start of the 17 series Branch / MOS.

NY & NJ will be recruiting to fill 39 positions between the two states to include officer, warrant and enlisted positions. We are looking for highly skilled technical experts who will provide crucial intelligence and network support that safeguard the cyber domain.

Do you currently have a passion for or work in the Cyber Security field and want to join this elite team? Contact MAJ Paul Mulligan at paul.a.mulligan2.mil@mail.mil with your name, rank, phone number, any cyber security experience or certifications & brief description of why you would be a good fit for the team.



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Due 30 April 2016

Name & Rank: _____

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