

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



A farewell party was held at the Orangeburg Armory for COL (Ret) Bill Orosz, former commander of Co D 101 Sig Bn in Orangeburg. Bill poses with his original staff at his old desk. Bill will be leaving the New York area for the warmer climate of FL.

LTC Jacqueline Russell, commander of the 101st Signal Battalion has been selected by the DA selection board for promotion to colonel.

MAJ Thomas Kilmartin, XO of the 101st Signal Battalion has also been selected by the same board for promotion to lieutenant colonel.



NOTES FROM THE SIGNAL SYMPOSIUM

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FORT GORDON, Georgia -- The United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon hosted the 32nd Signal Regimental Symposium from November 29 to December 3.

Major Kim Farrier, BN S3, SM Karl Dornbush, S3 Operations NCO and I represented the 101st Signal Battalion during this five-day educational event giving our battalion the opportunity to meet and share information with Active, Reserve and National Guard peers - learning first hand what the future holds for Army National Guard Signalers. During the five days we met with top military and civilian experts, focusing on timely topics arising out of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

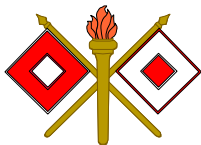
We reviewed lessons learned directly from the 3rd Infantry G6 about equipment fielding, future force structure and new educational requirements affecting both enlisted and officer personnel. There were more than two hundred fifty exhibitors presenting the ultimate display of current and future cutting edge communications equipment, support services and combat solutions within sixty thousand square feet of exhibit space.

The key to understanding our future lies within the theme for this year's symposium "LandWarNet" - Networking the Force in the Joint Fight. The Army Transformation is quickly preparing for the battlefield of the future. Where the soldier must see first, understand first and act first to finish decisively. This future is where the soldiers must assimilate vast amounts of information (voice, data and video conferencing), take what's relevant and use it to our advantage. And to give the soldier that advantage is LandWarNet.

LandWarNet is the new designation that represents the single embodiment for any and all of the systems and applications that will enable the future Networked Force. LandWarNet is similar to the Navy's Force Net initiative and Air Force's Command and Control Constellation. LandWarNet will bring together existing capabilities to include: Civilian Agencies, Commercial Networks, Homeland Defense, Host Nation Agencies, Joint Allied Coalition, Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Global Information Grid Services, Special Operations, Home Station Operations Center and future capabilities to integrate the ground component into the Joint Operational Framework, ensuring seamless connectivity with the Joint Force right down to the soldier on the front lines. LandWarNet will enable the army to collaboratively plan and rapidly share an accurate picture of the battle space with the Joint Force Commander. LandWarNet will both feed and draw from this joint common picture. It will result in greater levels of situational awareness and it will generate increased combat power by better synchronization of joint efforts in the battle space achieving greater speed of command and increasing lethality, survivability and responsiveness. The network can also provide critical feedback to accurately determine mission effectiveness. LandWarNet will also improve and promote collaboration between commanders and staff, and it will support and facilitate connectivity to the home station and sustaining base. On the battlefield of the future the army is committed to providing soldiers with the best capabilities to receive process and transmit information. LandWarNet unifies the army's current networking efforts into a single strategy with its focus directly on the soldier, the centerpiece for which the army will build its future network. LandWarNet will increase the Army's war fighting capability - paving the way to the future. *Continued on next page*



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



On 8 Oct 04 two members of the Liberty Chapter (Myself & SGM Lou Hauf) traveled to Fort Drum to attend a ceremony honoring members of the 42ID as they prepare to be deployed to Iraq. A member of the Liberty Chapter, COL Dan Travers, was among the soldiers being recognized. COL Travers served as State Signal Officer a number of years ago and was a good friend and supporter of the signal community, including the 101st Sig Bn and the 187th Sig Bde. He presently serves as G6 of the 42ID.

Governor Pataki, the TAG, MG McGuire, the 42ID Commander, MG Joe Taluto, and the Division Sergeant Major CSM Fearnside addressed the assembled soldiers and their families.

The 250th Sig Bn from NJ (Division Sig Bn) will be deployed with the division. The ceremony on 8 October was moving and appropriate. I'm sure we all know friends and comrades who are serving on active duty. They deserve our thanks and our support.

On 11 December the Liberty Chapter was represented at West Point at the Christmas party hosted by the New York Guard & the NY Naval Militia. This annual affair never disappoints. This year, performers from the USO entertained the over 200 attendees.

The New York Guard, unpaid volunteers, is a professional, uniformed organization whose members bring many disciplines to the militia table. The Guard has army, air, and naval divisions and is always looking for new members. The State Guard is a force multiplier available to the Governor. Their members have served, and are still serving, honorably and efficiently on various state missions.

The Naval militia in New York is the only active, federally recognized naval militia with continuous, unbroken service to the state and country. It is presently composed of approximately 4,500 Naval, Marine Corps, & Coast Guard reservists and volunteers.

Winter 2005

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
10 Jan 05
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

**Monday
11 Apr 2005
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections &
Food Buffett**

**Monday
11 Jul 2005
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

**Thursday
20 Oct 2005
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONT'D

The Naval Militia has answered the call of the Governor on many occasions for missions on land and on the water. In 2001, NY State established the NY State Emergency Boat Service (NYSMEBS) fulfilling a long overdue emergency response need. NYSMEBS was authorized and funded by the state to provide security patrols, support for counter-terrorism activities, deterrence & surveillance activities and emergency rescue capabilities. As an integral part of the military forces of the state, it provides vital waterborne assets to the Army, Air Guard, and State Guard as needed. It is part of the safety net of all New York State's security needs.

Upcoming Events

101st Signal Battalion first golf outing at West Point scheduled for 6 Jun 05

101st Signal Battalion Formal Dinner scheduled for 10 Sep 05. Details when finalized will be published at a later date.



Notes From Signal Symposium :(Cont'd)

LandWarNet will be installed, operated and maintained by signalers like you.

The Army Transformation plan is also moving quickly to change the current four levels of Command and Control. We are moving from: Brigade, Division, Corps and Army Service Component Command and transforming to a smaller more efficient modular structure consisting of three levels of Command and Control - Brigade Combat Teams (BCT), UEx and UEy. Units of Employment (UE) have yet to be titled with official military designation. The Battalion Staff will be tracking these changes and will write about this in the near future. Any Signaler interested in learning more about the Signal Symposium can access additional information through your AKO account.

Obituaries

CW4 Edward A. Rogalewicz, a retired member from the 187th Signal Brigade passed away on 15 Dec 04 after a lingering illness.