

## MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



Fifteen (15) Soldiers from the 101st Signal BN spent 20 days on Overseas Deployment Training in Constanta, Romania at Mihail Kogalniceanu airbase (MK airbase) in Support of Combined Endeavor 2005 (CE05). Combined Endeavor is a European Command (EUCOM) sponsored exercise, which allows NATO countries and Partnership for Peace countries to test the interoperability of their equipment, and just as importantly the interoperability of their Soldiers. CE05 was the 11th annual command, control, communications, computers, and interoperability (C4I) exercise, and it included over 40 participating countries. The Main Operating Site (MOS) was located in Lauger Aulenbach (Baumholder), Germany and the Forward Operating Site was located in Constanta (MK airbase), Romania. The Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) from Fort Huachuca, Arizona

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was responsible for overseeing and documenting the specific tests and associated parameters for each test. Our Soldiers were split between two duties; Site Support, who ensured that all life support needs of the exercise were met, and JITC Augmentees, who ensured that all tests were observed and accurately documented. Photo on the left is the team that ensured the overall success of CE05 at the FOS:

CPT Letizia, HHC, Deputy Site Director	SSG Rivera, B Co, JITC Augmentee/Asst G1
SFC Herasme, HHC, JITC Augmentee	PFC Torres, B Co, JITC Augmentee
SFC Kushner, HHC, G4	1LT Bayless, C Co, JITC Liaison
SFC Santiago, HHC, Senior Operations NCO	SSG Pahucki, C Co, JITC Augmentee
SPC Aldrich, JITC Augmentee	SSG Williams, C Co, JITC Augmentee
SSG Guadalupe, B Co, JITC Augmentee	SGT Colon, C Co, JITC Augmentee
SSG Ramos, B Co, G1	SGT Ng-Lambo, C Co, Asst G4
	SGT Quinn, C Co, JITC Augmentee

*Article & Photo Provided by 1LT Matt Bayless*

COL Ferg Foley has been assigned to Camp Smith as the "Facilities Manager". All of us in the Liberty Chapter recognize COL Foley and his singular achievements and wish him well in this new challenge.

LTC George DiSimone, Deputy Commander Troop Command, has been seen practicing his fishing moves in preparation for the September Fishing Trip, getting a jump on the competition.

MAJ Bill Brenner, assistant G3, Troop Command, recently returned from Fort Dix and the Command & General Staff College. Keep going Bill, it's worth the effort.

1SG Elizabeth Juarez has been re-assigned to HHC 101st Sig Bn. Good Luck in your new assignment Betty.



**Have you ever thought about a career as an Army National Guard Recruiter, Or know of someone who has what it takes? The NYARNG Recruiting and Retention Command is looking for high speed NCOs and Specialists to join the ranks of The AGR Recruiting Force. Opportunities are available Statewide for Soldiers who qualify for entry into the full time force.**

**For more Information, contact MAJ George P. Wilcha of the Recruiting Command at office number 914-784-8270, cell number 914-382-9525, or stop by the office located with the 53rd Troop Command in Valhalla. Are you up to the challenge?**

*"If you have a Signal MOS and would like to travel the US, Europe, Eastern Europe and Africa, the newly formed 101st Signal Battalion, with some very high tech communications equipment, is your ticket to success in the NYARNG. The Battalion needs your help. We have many signal MOS's in the 31R, 31L, 31F, 31W & 35E career fields open." -----LTC Jackie Russell, Battalion Commander*



# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



Recently, two Liberty Chapters members paid their membership dues by mail ----from Iraq. COL Dan Travers assigned as G6 for the 42 Infantry Division at FOB Danger, and LTC John Flanagan also assigned to the 42nd ID (He writes "I'm an LNO at Anaconda, not doing signal work") you would think they have enough to keep them occupied over there, but they took the time to write to the Chapter and renew their membership. Dan and John would be members of this chapter whether they paid dues or not, but the fact that they did says a lot about them and who they are and a lot about the importance of an organization like the Liberty Chapter, SCRA.

The chapter is home for our signal comrades serving overseas, serving at home, and the retired (but still interested) individuals and I believe its relevant and certainly worth working for and strengthening.

I had the pleasure of serving with COL Travers a number of years ago when I was assigned to the State Hq's in Latham, NY I recall working with him and being impressed with his integrity, dedication, and wisdom.

The passage of time has sustained my original opinion - He is a gifted officer and I learned much from him.

I also have pleasant memories of serving with LTC John Flanagan, when we were both assigned to the 187th Signal Brigade. It was a time of turmoil in the military as units were being de-commissioned and good officers & NCO's were looking for TO&E slots. He was from the 242nd Signal Battalion and handled himself with poise and good humor during his tour with the 187th. He always took care of business and executed assigned missions with pride & professionalism.

I, and I'm sure all the Chapter members wish these fine officers and their comrades serving overseas "God Speed and a Safe Return Home".

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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

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

**Monday  
9 Jan 06  
1930 Hrs  
Orangeburg  
Armory**

**Monday  
10 Apr 2006  
1930 Hrs  
Camp Smith  
Annual  
Elections &  
Food Buffett**

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## Signals From Iraq



*SPC Farewell from Co C 101st Sig Bn manning the radio at FOB Echo in Iraq.*



*SPC Farewell & SPC Smalls from Co C 101st Sig Bn attached to the 145 Maint Co at FOB Echo in Iraq.*

## Upcoming Events

Enlisted Association NG of US (EANGUS) 21-24 Aug 05  
Orlando, FL

National Guard Association (NGAUS) 16-19 Sep 05, Honolulu, Hawaii

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



The Liberty Chapter annual fishing trip is tentatively scheduled for 14 Sep 05. As further information is obtained, it will be posted on our web site at [www.nysignal.org](http://www.nysignal.org)

## Obituaries

SFC William Maccabee, a retired member from Co D 101 Sig Bn (Orangeburg) passed away in May 2005 after a lingering illness.