

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



LTC Bill Demakakos recently returned from a pre deployment site survey (PDSS) to where his unit will be deploying to in Baghdad (HQ 353 Civil Affairs Command, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, NY) He is the G6 COMMO Chief for the unit, and the deploying taskforce.

They are expected to deploy in September, and continue supporting both MNF-I, and MNC-I activities. They will provide Civil Military Operations support to the 42nd Inf Division Hq once it arrives in theater some time early next winter. He has enclosed a photo taken on his PDSS to Iraq. He is second from the left. MSG Quinones, to his left, is the 350CA Command COMMO Chief, and an ex NY'er and a former member of the 99th Signal Battalion once located in Brooklyn.



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WELCOME HOME! LTC Jacqueline Russell has been selected to Command the 101st Signal Battalion, effective 1 August 2004. LTC Russell returns to Command the organization she served in as a brand new second lieutenant. We wish her the best.

CONGRATULATION'S to LTC Jose Torres, he was promoted to LTC last month in the 77th Readiness Command at FT Wadsworth. LTC Torres was a former member in the 101st Sig Bn and 187th Sig Bde. Good luck Jose in your new assignment.

**GRECIAN FIREBOLT
 (Annual Training)**

Photos provided by 2LT Jamie Delco



Co C 101 Sig Bn "Cable Dogs"; Pvt Karol, SPC Valencia, SPC Rivera, SGT Kernizant & SPC Blancorubi pose below their Cable A Frame.



Co C 101 Sig Bn (Orangeburg) AN/TRC-173 Sending Signal Shots out from FT Devens, MA

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C Company's SGT Kernizant & A Company's SPC Blancorubi, fortifying the Single Shelter Switch and TOC site with concertina wire.

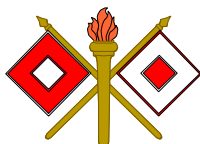


SFC Cooper entering the Tactical Operations Center at FT Devens, MA

The Liberty Chapter newsletter will be published 4 times a year prior to each scheduled meeting. Contributions, comments and suggestions should be e-mailed to: psuchanyc@yahoo.com or to nysignal@nysignal.org VIA US mail to: Paul Suchanyc 82 Clove Ave., Haverstraw, NY 10927 All address corrections should also be forwarded to the above address.



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



On 20 Aug 94 the inactivation ceremony for the 101st Signal Battalion was conducted on the parade grounds at Camp Smith, BG Beniamino was the Bn Commander, and LTC Quinn was the Commander of Troops, and CSM Williams was the Bn Sergeant Major. After 108 years of Honorable service to the State and Nation the 101st was de-activated, it's colors furled and cased. Many fine units; National Guard, Active, and Reserve were retired during this period as the Armed Forces were restructured to reflect the reduced threat from the soviet bloc. But the casing of the 101st colors affected many of us personally.

On 12 Sep 04 there will be a re-activation ceremony on the parade grounds at Camp Smith, the colors of the 101st Signal Bn NYARNG, will be unfurled and once again be carried in a Battalion formation. It's a day we've looked forward to for 10 years I would like to publicly recognize and thank COL Fergal Foley for his activities during the past 10 years aimed at re-activating the 101st Signal Battalion.

The Bn TO&E lists a HHD and 3 line Co's with a combined strength of 485 soldiers. The equipment, all Humvee mounted, is the newest in the army inventory; the capabilities are far superior to the old 101st with 4 line Co's and almost 800 personnel.

The Bn was written up in the Jan-Feb "Guard Times". The article concerned the conversion of members of the 156th FA who have been transferred to the 101st. As their unit 1st Bn 156FA was retired.

I visited with the 101st during weekend training this past May and met and talked to many unit members, including the former members of the 156th FA. The officers & Enlisted personnel I met and talked to were impressive--well trained and professional. I can report to the membership
----The Battalion is in Good Hands!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
12 Jul 2004
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

**Thursday
21 Oct 2004
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers,NY**

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

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

**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**



Upcoming Events

The 56th New York State Guard will be holding it annual picnic at Round Pond (West Point) on Sunday 18 Jul 04. All 101st Sig Bn Members, past & present to include all members of the Liberty Chapter are invited to attend. For further info contact Steve Wadelton via email at swadelton@aol.com

The Liberty Chapter annual fishing trip is tentatively scheduled for 8 Sep 04. As further information is obtained, it will be posted on our web site at www.nysignal.org

The National Guard Association of the US annual convention will be conducted 13-16 Sep 04 in Las Vegas, NV

[The 101st Signal Battalion NYARNG re-activation ceremony at Camp Smith on 12 Sep 04](#)



Boat Ride on the Hudson



The AUSA & the Liberty chapter Boat Ride on 19 Jun 04 was a complete success, celebrating the Army's 229 Birthday. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all. For more photos of the event go to our web site.

Grecian Firebolt

The reserve component's largest signal exercise Grecian Firebolt was conducted in Jun 04, it supported a homeland defense initiative to build the capability among federal, military & civilian partners to tactically communicate across a range of divergent technologies. The 311th USAR Signal command was the network hub from its location at FT Meade MD, monitoring network traffic and in effect, playing the role of an internet service provider to units in the field. The HHD & 2 line Companies from the 101st Sig Bn participated in the exercise