

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



The 101st Sig Bn Veterans Association held their semi-annual reunion on 12 Oct 02 at the Polish Center in Yonkers, NY. Over 100 members and former members of the Signal Battalion were there. It was nice to see familiar faces and talk about old times.

Shown on left photo is the NYARNG State Chaplain COL Jacob

Goldstein also a former Chaplain of the 101st Sig Bn with MAJ Kim Farrier, former Commander of Co C 230th Sig Bn.

And who could forget (Photo Below) CW4 Bob Taggart & SGM George Sweetman who kept everyone in the Battalion walking a straight line.



Past Commanders of the 101st Sig Bn

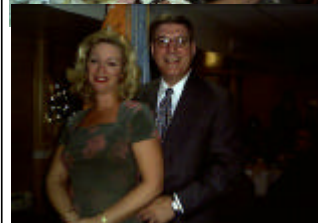
MG Vincent Lanna and wife Florence

BG Edwin Carlson and wife Pat



BG Lou Beniamino and wife Debbi

BG Paul Suchanyc and wife Mary (Photo Not Shown)



were in attendance at the reunion.

Also the NYARNG State Command Sergeant Major CSM Robert Vanpelt and wife Debbi attended the reunion.



A never ending supply of food and drinks made this a grand event.

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*A Message From
The President
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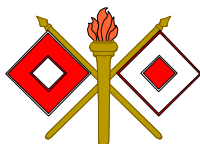
Best wishes of this holiday season to you all. We look forward to 2003 for the start up of New Yorks' own Signal Battalion (To Be Designated 101st). The Signal Battalion will provide a major and needed force enhancer to the National Guard emergency planners, and will be an important part of Federal war planning. For one year, starting in Sep 2003, the Battalion will look to fill its TO&E strength requirements, organize it's subordinate units and sections, field new equipment, and train up to standards. What an exciting and challenging time for those chosen to be part of it!

In September 2004 the Battalion will be officially activated, probably at Camp Smith, so mark your calendar. We'll be there. With all the good feelings this brings I have one item that worries me. Strength Maintenance. First, to bring the Battalion to full strength and then to keep it there. It is a continuing problem for most military units. It will be harder in the Signal Battalion because of the high scores required for most signal MOS's.

We, in the Liberty Chapter, can help by becoming recruiters. We need to talk up this Battalion like the great opportunity it is for all our soldiers. We have to talk to the young people we know, our friends, and co-workers, telling them about the National Guard and the benefits of membership. We have to talk to our signal soldiers in exile throughout the state, serving in other units--Come Home.

This will not be a one time fix, it will be a continuing area of concern for the Signal Commander. Through it all I expect that we, in the Signal Community, active and retired, will do whatever we can to insure the success of this Battalion. I hope to see you all at the Orangeburg, NY Armory on Monday 13 Jan 03 and to hear your ideas and comments.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
13 Jan 2003
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

**Monday
14 Apr 2003
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections**

**Monday
14 Jul 2003
1930 Hrs
Yonkers Armory**

**Thursday
23 Oct 2003
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

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ARE
\$12.00 E6 & Up
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New Yorks' own Signal Battalion is scheduled to start up in Sept 2003. The unit will have one year to recruit to its authorized strength, organize, and issue equipment. Official activation is scheduled for September 2004. LTC Mike Bresnahan has been selected to command the new Battalion. Mike had served in the 242 Signal Battalion and the 187th Signal Bde before transferring to the state Headquarters in Latham, NY. He is presently the Assistant Director of Personnel. We're happy for Mike, wish him well in his new assignment, and offer him any assistance we may be able to provide.



Our October Meeting, at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers, NY was attended by 17 members, an unexpected number for that location. In the future we may need to know who intends to come to the dinner meeting so we can make reservations in advance.

NATIONAL NEWS

MG Janet E. Hicks became the new commanding general of the United States Army Signal Center & Fort Gordon. She replaced MG Pat Cavanaugh in a change of command Ceremony on 7 Sep 02.

Liberty Chapter Fishing Trip

