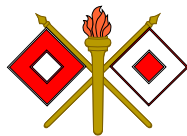
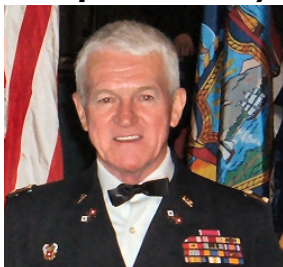




LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The Military Association of New York (MANY) hosted its 155th annual convention on 24 thru 26 Apr 2009 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Many Liberty Chapter members attended, including the Company and Battalion Commanders of the 101st Sig Bn. Timely and informative briefings were presented to the attendees which included members from the Army, Air, Naval Militia, Marines, and State Guard. In addition, time was allotted for a representative from each branch to brief their respective organizations, missions, strength, capabilities, and current activities. These briefings brought home to us that we are part of a much larger organization.

The Division of Military & Naval Affairs (DMNA) with over twenty thousand military personnel, with diverse capabilities and dedicated, professional individuals stands ready to perform military missions in support of State or National Objectives.

There was ample time for attendees to mingle and share experiences including a formal banquet on Saturday night. The New York State Military Museum is located on Lake Avenue in Saratoga Springs and is worth a visit. MANY also arranged programs for spouses and children while the military business was being conducted. The Association exists to support the uniformed services in New York and deserves the support of all of us. We support MANY by becoming members and adding our voices to those of our comrades.

The annual boat ride on the Hudson river departed from the south dock at West Point at 1330 hrs on Saturday 13 June, as planned. There were about eighty passengers on board, including members of the Liberty Chapter, the 42ID Association and the AUSA. Many children also enjoyed the trip as there was plenty of food, cake, and drinks. We proceeded north, passed Bannerman island with its distinctive castle, to just south of the Newburg-Beacon bridge where we turned and headed south again.

We note with great sadness that CSM Vasilius (Bill) Telegadis passed away on Sunday 24 May 2009. He enlisted in 1958, and was promoted to 1SG in 1970. In 1978 he was promoted to Command Sergeant Major. He served as CSM of the 42nd Infantry Division from 1983 until 1986. In 1986 he was assigned as CSM of the 187th Signal Brigade. He quickly acclimated himself to our signal training and mission and made himself a true Signaleer. We remember him as a professional NCO and a good friend. Rest in Peace.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Monday
13 Jul 2009
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory**

**Thursday
15 Oct 2009
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

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

**Monday
12 Apr 2010
1930 Hrs
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Armory
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Upcoming Events

The National Guard Association (NGAUS) will host its next convention in Nashville, TN on 11-13 Sep 09



The Liberty Chapter Fishing Trip from City Island is tentatively schedule for Wednesday 2 Sep 2009. Everyone is invited. See our flyer on the web site.

Photo provided by Jake Young



The 187th Sig Gp/Bde reunion was held on 17 May 09 at the Fort Hamilton Community Club. Approximately 25 members were in attendance. It was nice seeing the old gang again and all had a good time. More photos have been posted to the web site.

Photo provided by Jake Young



The Annual Boat Ride on the Hudson was a big success on 13 June 09. We had about 80 people on the boat. All in all a most enjoyable day sight-seeing and in the company of good friends.

Obituaries

It is my sad duty to report the death of CSM Vasilius E. Telegadis, a member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA & the former CSM of the 42ID and CSM of the 187th Signal Brigade. CSM Telegadis suffered from heart failure and entered into eternal rest on 24 May 2009.

101st Signal Battalion - "Lighting Warriors" - Get the Message Through

Article by: LTC Tom Kilmartin, Commander 101st Sig Bn NYARNG



Returning from Ft. Drum, New York for only our second Battalion level field exercise, the 101st Signal Battalion is reinvigorated by the receipt of new equipment and the seemingly unlimited future potential awaiting us. Only last year I reported that we successfully transformed from an Echelon Above Corp (EAC) Signal Battalion into an Integrated Theater Signal Battalion, (ITSB) hoping to field new Satellite and Line of Site Shelters and get the message through.

Fewer than three months earlier all three line companies received three dozen newly reset AN/TRC-190's which we tested at Ft. Dix, New Jersey and again during our annual training in a standard network configuration. The capstone to this fielding was the fielding of eight newly reset AN/TSC-85 and 93's tactical satellites systems at Ft. Drum. Imagine, newly trained and recently transferred satellite operators (31S's) arriving at Ft. Drum to inventory and open shelters this battalion had no experience with. Add to the mix a well trained staff, new to satellite operations, with no experience requesting or implementing a successful satellite shot. I had no doubt that our staff's ability to plan, implement and executed both the fielding and successful implementation of our new satellites into a battalion training network.

The mission exceeded my expectation and successfully executed on schedule by day four, as planned. The culminating event was the green light from Ft. Bragg to enter the Defense Services Network (DSN) that same day we established the satellite communications link. It was sheer joy expressed by all signalers involved from the 31S's to the 31F's, Operations and Engineering Staff, Warrants, NCO's and enlisted Soldiers when a tactical call was placed to the New York State Joint Forces Headquarters by myself to announce our success. We traveled to Ft. Drum, hopeful, but unsure of what the challenges ahead might prevent us from accomplishing our mission. Fully trained, well educated and demonstrating significant determination all aided us in achieving this signal milestone.

Of course, once in the network, we were capable and successfully spoke with colleagues in the 146th Signal Battalion (Florida, ARNG) currently on duty in Iraq. In addition we spoke with former 101st Signalers currently stationed in Afghanistan as well as reporting to both FORSCOM and National Guard Bureau (NGB). The Battalion Staff, Officers, NCO's and Enlisted Soldiers at every level accomplished their annual training goals and they are all to be commended for their successful accomplishment at every level of communication. Having now returned to home station, we are again poised to change our MTOE again in November of this year. We are readying ourselves to be fielded the latest technology available to the United States Military, as we transform once again into an Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB). Our future is bright with unlimited potential and the bright light of success is once again shining on our "Lighting Warriors".

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