



LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The Military Association of New York (MANY) hosted its 158th Annual Convention in Saratoga Springs on 23-25 Apr 2010. The theme of the gathering was "Communications". A very apt choice for those of us in the Signal Corps Regiment. The Attendees were treated to a series of timely, interesting, and informative briefings concerning communications in the Defense establishment. One especially good brief concerned the lack of security for computer systems; not just for military systems but for personal information as well.

The Adjutant General of New York BG Patrick Murphy, directed the leaders of the army and Air National Guard to attend a professional development day in conjunction with the MANY conference. The Commander of the 101st Signal Battalion and the Company Cdr's were present, as well. As representatives from the Army and Air National Guard, the Naval Militia, the State Guard, and retired service members. The attendees ranged in rank from 2LT to MG. A Banquet was held on Saturday evening. Service members and their spouses enjoyed a wonderful meal, a minimum of speeches, and a good time in a relaxed atmosphere. On Sunday morning the MANY members conducted their annual business meeting, which this year included election of officers. Retired Air Guard MG Bob Knoff was elected president for a term of 2 years.

The New York State Military Museum is located in Saratoga and is worth a visit. Many artifacts, some dating to the civil war, with a New York History are on display there. In May, myself and SGM(Ret) Carl Dornbush attended the final formation for B Company 101st Sig Bn in Orangeburg. We witnessed the reading of orders promoting SFC Dave Peeler to 1SG. We are all very proud of this soldier and congratulate him on this well deserved promotion. We wish him well. Also at this formation the Commander and 1SG recognized SFC Gary Scank as He retires from the NYARNG and the Company. SFC Scank's wife and family were present as the entire company wished him well.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Tuesday
27 Jul 2010
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
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Annual
Elections**

**Thursday
14 Oct 2010
1930 Hrs
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The Annual boat ride on the Hudson from West Point celebrating the birthday of the US Army was held on 19 June 10. We had a beautiful day as we sailed south to the Bear Mountain bridge, turned back past West Point and finally docked again around 1600 hours. A History professor from West Point narrated our travels with tales of the Battles around West Point during the Revolutionary war, pointing out the actual locations. A Good trip.

Upcoming events

The National Guard Association (NGAUS) will host its next convention in Austin Texas on 21-23 Aug 2010

A retirement Luncheon honoring COL Jacqueline Russell 33 years of service will be held at the Dutchess Manor Route 9D, Beacon, NY on 15 Jul 10. A Flyer has been posted to the Web site at www.nysignal.org.

COL Russell was commissioned as a 2LT on Jun 1981 into the 101st Sig Bn and rose thru the ranks in the Bn and other units to Command the 101st Sig Bn in Oct 2004. In 2007 she was assigned as Chief Of Staff HQ Troop Command. She served over 22 years of her military career in the AGR program of the NYARNG.

Our Annual Fishing Trip from City island is scheduled for 8 Sep 10, any conflicts with this date should be voiced at the 27 Jul 2010 meeting.

One order of business for our July meeting in Yonkers, is the election of Chapter officers. We need some of our members to step up and volunteer to serve on the Board of Officers and assist in running our Chapter. We are in sore need of a recording secretary..

We need input for our newsletter. Anything you feel would interest our audience will be welcomed. Think ----write, send it to our e-mail address nysignal@nysignal.org.

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

Article & Photos by MAJ Kim Farrier, Tactical Signal Support Branch Chief, JFHQ-NY-J6



SFC Charles Moore (JFHQ-NY-J6) provides training to SSG Patrick Reilly of the 104th MPs and the incoming CERF-P Communications NCOIC on the capability of the MERC system.

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On July 1, 2010 members of the 104th Military Police Battalion, 222 Chemical Company, 1156 Engineer Company, members of the Air National Guard medical units and members of New York Guard units participated in a CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) transfer of authority and validation exercise. The mission of the CERF-P unit is the emergency response and de-contamination for any Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) incident in New York or the surrounding states. During the train up and evaluation a new signal system called the Mobile Emergency Response Center (MERC) was deployed to support the communications requirements of the Command and Control cell of the CERF-P ExEval mission.

The MERC has the capability to provide a Satellite link for Voice over Internet (VOIP) telephone service as well as local area network (LAN) access to reach back to the DMNA computer network. The MERC proved to be a valuable resource which enabled the Command and Control cell and the down trace units to reduce radio traffic on an already stressed network of radio communications. The highly mobile unit was able to move in and set up operational support in less than 30 minutes to provide emergency communications. The MERC team of WO2 Chris Lightner and SFC Charles Moore from JFHQ-NY-J6 provided training to the CERF-P Communications team of CPT Matthew Schaffer and SSG Patrick Reilly of the 104th MP unit on how to deploy and manage the MERC equipment. JFHQ-NY owns two MERC systems which have been used to support training exercises for Joint Task Force Empire Shield as well as at the JFHQ in Latham, NY.



CPT Matthew Schaffer, S-6 of the f104th MPs and incoming CERF-P C2 cell. He is preparing his Communications Support Plan with the use of the new MERC equipment that was provided by JFHQ-NY-J6 to support the training event.



The MERC (Mobile Emergency Response Center) which was deployed to support the CERFP Transfer of Authority and Exercise Validation Training Event at Camp Smith Training Site from 25 June - 1 July, 2010. WO2 Christopher Lightner and SFC Charles Moore from JFHQ-NY-J6 are pictured as they deploy the MERC for operational support to the training event.

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