

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



MG (Ret) Joseph O'leary presented the Silver Order Of Mercury to COL Bill Orosz at his retirement party on 1 November 2003 at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers, NY. COL Orosz had over 35 years of military service. He served in various assignments in the 101st Signal Battalion, the 187th Signal Brigade, and the 42nd Infantry Division. He then transferred to the 77th ARCOM and assumed command of the 99th Sig Bn. He retired from the ARCOM as Assistant Chief of Staff G3, 353rd Civil Affairs Command, Fort Wadsworth, New York. We all wish you good luck in your retirement Bill.



As efforts continue to Stand-up the 101st Signal Battalion NYARNG in September 2004, the Battalion Commander LTC Mike Breshnahan has announced the assignment of MAJ Tom Kilmartin as Executive Officer and MAJ Kim Farrier as Battalion S-3 (Operations Officer). Congratulations and Good Luck!

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MAJ Keyrouse & CSM Keeler from the Troop Command presented the Strength Maintenance Award for FY02 during a staff visit to Company C 230th Signal Battalion. The commander CPT Frank Litiza accepted the award for his unit.

Special Note

The Liberty Chapter has temporarily changed the return address from Camp Smith to the Yonkers Armory.

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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 jatemail@aol.com 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)



Our last meeting held at the Polish Community Center on 23 Oct, attracted 16 members of the Liberty Chapter. The company was excellent, the food good, and the conversation lively. One of the things we discussed, as might be expected, was the present conflict and the call-up of Guard & Reserve units to augment the active duty forces. Many NYARNG units have been activated and are now serving in combat areas. All military personnel and units, active and reserve, must train & plan to execute their mission effectively when called upon to do so. At home station training takes on a new urgency.

Leaders at all levels must concentrate their efforts to ensure their units are trained to standard in their TO&E missions, and in survival skills. Weapons training is a priority. Soldiers should be trained in weapons operations, immediate action, field stripping, cleaning, etc.

Family support activities should be in place & exercised. Leaders must ensure that the chain of command is firmly established in their units. Rumors usually proliferate in times like this & allowed to circulate unchecked can cause havoc. A strong, active, chain of command and timely briefings by commanders can control the situation. One of the principles of leadership "Keep Your Soldiers Informed" - applies here. Impress upon soldiers that any official information will be announced through the Chain of Command and anything else is useless information. We must ensure our soldiers are mentally & physically ready to perform their mission. My experience with New York Army National Guard soldiers indicates to me that we will not be disappointed. Our next meeting will be held at the Orangeburg Armory on 12 Jan 04. I hope to see you there. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Winter 2004

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Monday
12 Jan 04
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory

Monday
12 Apr 2004
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections &
Food Buffett

Monday
12 Jul 2004
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory

Thursday
21 Oct 2004
1930 Hrs
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Unknown Old Soldiers



Can anyone identify the two unknown old soldiers above? I found this photo among the many Liberty Chapter photos that were sent for publication into this quarters newsletter.



NATIONAL NEWS

The 31st Signal Symposium Welcome Ceremonies Videos, that was conducted on 1 December 03 are available from:

www.gordon.army.mil/symposium/2003/

After reaching the URL click on:

["The Welcoming Ceremony is available for download"](#)

All video streams are in a Windows Media format. You will need Windows Media Player or an application that will play Windows Media Files to view the streaming videos. Downloadable files are also in zipped format. You will need an unzipping application, such as WinZip, to open the file.

LTG Goutelle & MG Bryan's briefing slides are also available in .pdf format. There is a lot of excellent information pertaining to the coming changes to the Signal Corps support of the Warfighters in these slides.

Anyone who does not have access to the internet but have a DVD player and would like to view the briefings please call Paul Suchanyc at 845-942-5684. He has down loaded the files and converted them to a DVD disc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Militia Association of NY 2004 Downstate Regional Dinner at the 7th Regiment Armory, on Park Avenue NYC to be held on 31 January 2004. Coctails (Open Bar) at 1830 Hrs

