



# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



As I write this, I am preparing to travel to the 127th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the US. NGAUS schedules a conference every year, and each year a different state hosts the gathering. This year we will meet in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference attracts between two & three thousand delegates each year. They come from all 54 National Guard organizations --the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. New York will have over thirty delegates attending this year.

Each year invitations are sent out to civil & military leaders inviting them to address the convention. Last year (in Las Vegas) the US president George Bush and Senator Kerry both addressed the assembly. This year invitations were sent to Navy Admiral Timothy Keating, US Northern Command Commander; LTG Steven Blum, NGB chief; and Rear Admiral Sullivan, senior military advisor to the secretary of the department of homeland security, among others.

Breakout sessions, professional development sessions, and Company Grade professional development sessions are also scheduled. The industry exhibitions, where the top names in the Defense Industry display their latest products is always a must see along with the local sights and scenery. At the local level the Military Associations of New York (MANY) schedules a convention in the Spring each year in New York. These two organizations (MANY & NGAUS) are in the vanguard working to improve conditions for the individuals and units in the National Guard.

They deserve our active support. I urge all officers (Active & Retired) to find out more about them and to add their names as members of these professional groups.

For more information on the Militia Assn of New York (MANY) go to their web site at [www.m-a-n-y.org/index.html](http://www.m-a-n-y.org/index.html)  
For the National Guard Association go to [www.ngaus.com](http://www.ngaus.com)

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Thursday**  
**20 Oct 2005**  
**1930 Hrs**  
**Polish C.C.**  
**Yonkers, NY**

**Monday**  
**9 Jan 06**  
**1930 Hrs**  
**Orangeburg**  
**Armory**

**Monday**  
**10 Apr 2006**  
**1930 Hrs**  
**Camp Smith**  
**Annual**  
**Elections &**  
**Food Buffett**

**Monday**  
**10 Jul 2006**  
**1930 Hrs**  
**Yonkers**  
**Armory**

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## Signals From Iraq



SPC Brian A. Foley, attached to the 53rd HQ Det ALT, working at the National Joint Opns Center in Bagdad

LTC Russell & 8 enlisted soldiers from the 101st Sig Bn were headed to Baton Rouge, LA on 28 Sep 05 to provide VTC Interim Satellite Incident Site Communications equipment and services to the hard hit area.

Tricare Problems? Contact Mrs. Iris Medina - Beneficiary and Assistance Coordinator Fort Hamilton, NY 718-630-4602 office next door to ID Card Center)

## National News



Brigadier General Randolph P. Strong replaced MG Janet Hicks as Chief of Signal and Commander, US Army Signal Center, Ft Gordon on 15 Jul 05. MG Hicks retired with over 30 years of service to the signal community.

## Upcoming Events

101st Signal Battalion Holiday Formal scheduled for 10 Dec 05. Details posted on website at [www.nysignal.org](http://www.nysignal.org) RSVP No Later Than 6 November 05 to address listed on the bottom of the flyer.

To Promote the *Espirit de Corps* and *Fraternity* of the Signal Corps

## MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



The Liberty Chapter annual fishing trip attracted eleven people this year. We enjoyed perfect weather, good company, and a few fish. COL DeSimone, without the competition offered by COL Foley and MAJ Brenner, had a 50-50 day. LTC Russell (101 Sig Cmdr) won the ship pool for biggest catch of the day.



After months of preparation and coordination, Company A deployed to Angola, Africa on September 5, 2005 with the 212th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH). The mission was to provide humanitarian assistance to the civilian populace in Angola.

Company A 101 Sig Bn was responsible for setting up all communication and automation assets in theater. Company A led from the front as soon as arriving in country. We setup a tactical satellite for

communication from Angola to the 212th's headquarters in Germany; several HF Radio sets for long-range communication, FM radios, and an entire Switchboard for local telephone support. On the automation side, A Company setup and installed an entire local area network (LAN) to include Server, network printer, and network drops. During the redeployment phases of the operation, Co A setup and installed an Internet Kiosk for Soldier morale.

Being in Angola was an amazing experience. The Soldiers of Company A participated in several MEDCAP and HAPP Missions. These missions are where Medical Teams go out to remote villages and provide medical care for the civilian populace. The HAPP missions provided over \$200,000 of medical equipment for local hospitals and care facilities.

The amazing part of Angola was how much hope the people had. While many of the people still live in old buildings or huts, they all seemed to have a instilled vision of hope after our missions were complete.

During our final day in Ambriz, we went on a Task Force run through the city of Ambriz. The entire town came out to cheer as we passed through their streets; 20-30 children ran beside our formation cheering as well. A Company made the 101st Signal Battalion proud in their execution and professionalism. Signal!

**Article & Photo Provided by LT Chris Spiegel 101st Sig Bn**



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