



LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



The National Guard Association of the US (NGAUS) Conducted its 130th general conference in Baltimore From 20 thru 22 Sep 08. Approximately 4,000 Members of the National Guard (Including 47 from New York) and their families attended. They came From the 54 states, the District of Columbia, PR, The Virgin Island, and Guam for a full schedule of Professional briefings, Army and Air break-out Sessions, and social activities. The speakers included Senator John McCain, Senator Joseph Biden, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Army Chief of Staff, GEN George Casey, Air Force Chief Gen Norton Schwartz, and the Commander, US Northern Command, GEN Victor Renuart.

The President of the Enlisted Association, (EANGUS) CSM Frank Lever also addressed the convention. In addition, the commanders of three NG units which had been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan spoke of their mobilization, and the missions, problems, and successes their units had experienced while activated. Many company grade officers from both Army and Air were in attendance and had ample time to get to know each other and share mutual concerns.

The convention ended on Monday evening with a huge "All States Banquet", with the delegates and their spouses wearing, Mess Dress and Gowns enjoyed fine food and good company. NGAUS speaks for us at the National Level of Government. briefing senators and representatives on National Guard Issues and needs, including concerns of medical support, equipment, deployments, retirements, etc. The EANGUS also adds its voice with NGAUS to ensure our story is told in Washington.

The Military Association of New York (MANY) and The enlisted Association of NY perform the same mission on the state level, as do the military associations of other states. The more members the organizations have the bigger the impact they have when talking to elected officials. There are many voices in Washington and Albany vying for public support and funding. NGAUS, EANGUS, MANY and the Enlisted Association of NY deserve our support. Membership is open to all of us. NGAUS will host its next convention in Nashville TN, on 11-13 Sep 09. You're invited - plan on being there.

Fall 2008

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Thursday
16 Oct 2008
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY

Monday
5 Jan 09
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory

Saturday
11 Apr 2009
1730 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections

Monday
13 Jul 2009
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory

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\$2.00 E-1 to E-5
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Each Year
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In Apr 08 for
Expiration Date



President's Message Cont'd

At 0800 hrs on 10 Sep 08, ten brave souls boarded the Riptide II in City Island for a day of fishing.. The weather was perfect, the fish were biting and the company excellent. MAJ Bill Pepper won the boat pool for biggest fish caught on board. BG Foley caught his limit and COL Disimone was a no-show (duty first) to defend his kingfisher title. Wait till next year.

Upcoming Events

The Military Association of New York (MANY) conference will be held at the Sagamore, Lake George, NY on 17 to 19 April 09.

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

101st Signal Battalion Holiday Ball 13 December 2008

See Flyer posted on web site at www.nysignal.org



Article provided by: LTC Reale, SCRA Member
Nassau County Assessor Office is now accepting application for the Cold War Tax Exemption. Anyone who served in the military from 1 January 1946 to 31 July 1991 and was not in a combat zone is eligible. This includes Active, Guard, and Reserve.

The following message is from BG Jeffrey Foley, Commander, Ft. Gordon on 30 Jul 2008

FT Gordons newest tactical training base that will have a monumental and lasting impact on our Army! "Forward Operating Base (FOB) RNCOA" will provide a more realistic training environment for over 3500 Noncommissioned Officers annually during the Capstone Exercise for students in the Advanced and Basic NCO courses.

Students will learn current tactics for predeployment, deployment, and redeployment operations that incorporate lessons learned from OIF/OEF. Students will install operate and maintain a tactical communications network providing Voice Over IP services for a Brigade Tactical Operations Center and Battalion Command Post utilizing WIN-T Inc 1 equipment. In the future, officers, warrant officers, and enlisted Soldiers will train side by side in a realistic TOC environment.

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

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED FOR SGM CARL DORN BUSH



After 39 years in the 101st Signal Battalion, Sergeant Major Carl Dornbush retired on September 30th. Over those years he held many different positions ranging from KP to Food Service Sergeant and Private to Sergeant Major. The various assignments brought with them different challenges. One of SGM Dornbush's greatest accomplishments, and fondest memory was having his mess section win the Connely Award in 1987. Hard work and good training lead to the Delta Company Mess section being recognized as having the best field mess operation in New York State. This award still resides in the Orangeburg Armory. "The opportunity to work as a team involved the entire Company" said Dornbush. "Probably the biggest challenge was getting SSG Kolar to cook the army way and not "Rudy's Way." Since entering the Guard in 1969, Sergeant Major Dornbush has seen many changes ranging from uniforms such as the "OD" fatigues that required "Breaking Starch" to the current ACUs. Signal equipment also changed from "Fly Swatter" antennas for the crystal controlled 4 channel TRC 1s to today's satellites and JNNs.

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Military positions included: Radio Carrier Operator and Maintainer, Patch Panel Operator, Platoon Sergeant (Multi Channel System), First Sergeant and Finally Senior Signal NCO in the Battalion S3 shop. SGM Dornbush has deployed on numerous State Active Duty missions including: 1969 State Prison Guard Strike, 1999 North Country ice storm, 2001 World Trade Center 911 terrorist attack, 2004 Republican National Convention Task Force, 2007 International Airport anti-terrorism TF and the 2007 Nor-easter floods.

Sergeant Major Dornbush's military education includes: Radio Carrier-Maintainer, Fort Gordon (Honor Graduate), Basic and Advanced NCO courses, Primary Leadership Course and several food service courses. He is also a graduate of the Non Resident Course, Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss.

SGM Dornbush's military awards include: the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Noncommissioned Officer Ribbon (Four), Humanitarian Service Medal and numerous State awards.

"It's been a good run." said SGM Dornbush. "I've learned a lot from the National Guard, not the least of which is loyalty. I was always proud to have the opportunity to wear the uniform and serve." All the members of the Liberty Chapter SCRA wish you a happy retirement, you earned it Carl.



Effective 1 Oct 08 BG Fergal Foley assumes command from Major General Michael Van Patten, who served as commander of the New York Guard since September 2006. BG Foley is an active member of the Liberty Chapter SCRA and former member of the 101st Signal Battalion, NYARNG. Congratulations and good luck on your new assignment.

The 261st Signal Brigade DEARNG, deployed to FT Bliss TX on 1 Oct 08 for several weeks of training prior to being assigned to Baghdad Iraq.

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