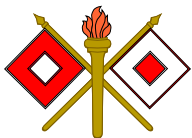




LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



On 26 Aug 2010, MG Vincent W. Lanna died at St Johns Hospital in Yonkers, NY. He was a soldier, and a leader, and a good friend. In October 1961 President Kennedy ordered thousands of Reserve & National Guard troops to active duty in response to the Berlin Crisis. The 101st Sig Bn was activated and assigned to Ft Devens, MA to undergo overseas deployment training in preparation for deployment to Europe. The Commander of Headquarters Company was CPT Vincent W. Lanna. I served as a Staff Sergeant in that Company and as might be expected got to know CPT Lanna well. My association with him continued for the rest of my military career.

I left the Company in Fort Devens to attend OCS at Fort Benning, GA. Later I served as a Company Commander under LTC Lanna when he Commanded the 101st Sig Bn. Still later when COL Lanna commanded the 187th Sig Group, I served under him as Commander of the 101st Sig Bn NYARNG. He was assigned as Commander Troop Command in New York, a General Officer Position. His final assignment in the National Guard was as Commander 42nd Infantry Division. When he reached mandatory retirement age he was asked to command the New York State Guard. He accepted and thoroughly enjoyed working with the New Yorks volunteers.

He was asked, when he was an LTC, To Command the NCO Battalion at the Empire State Military Academy (ESMA), as an additional duty. He accepted, and was the ideal Commander for the Student Battalion. He overhauled the conduct of training and relationships between cadre members and students. He was a mentor to junior officers and an innovator in training and operations. He opened doors for the signal community in New York coordinating training with the Signal Brigade at Fort Bragg for NY reserve and National Guard signal battalions. He sincerely cared for the enlisted soldiers in his command, constantly looking for their welfare. The NCO corps received his special attention as he advanced from CPT to MG as

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Thursday
14 Oct 2010
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY
Spouses are
Invited

Monday
10 Jan 11
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory

Monday
11 Apr 2011
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
Armory
Annual
Elections

Monday
11 Jul 2011
1930 Hrs
Yonkers
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Presidents Message Cont'd



he preached the Corps as the backbone of the Army. He loved the Military and military functions and attended as many as he could through out the year.. He attended many Liberty Chapter SCRA meetings where his guidance was often given and always accepted. I am glad I met him, glad I served with him and I will miss him.

Upcoming events

Our next meeting is scheduled on 14Oct at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers, NY at 1930 hrs. A reminder that spouses/friends are invited

Buffet Dinner (Optional) is Available:
Soup - Salad Bar

Carving Station - Hot Entrees
Coffee/Tea Service --\$16.95

In order to set up for us, the management of the center requests a head count. If you plan to attend, please let me know by Monday, Oct 11
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133rd NGAUS General Conference
Milwaukee, Wis.
Aug. 27-29, 2011

The 101st Signal Battalion Association 6th Annual Holiday Formal will be held on 4 Dec 2010 at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers, NY. A flyer for the event is on the www.nysignal.org web site. Please note that there also is a flyer to purchase an ad in the Battalion association journal.

Obituaries

MG (Ret) Vincent W. Lanna, former 101st Sig Bn Commander, 187th Sig Group Commander and 42nd Infantry Div Commander passed away on 26 Aug 2010. He was a life member of the National and Liberty Chapter SCRA. He will surely be missed by all

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

Article & Photos by SGM (Ret) Carl Dornbush



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I just returned from the 10 day relief mission to Haiti. The damage from the January earthquake is much more wide spread than I expected. The Rockland Haiti Relief Organization that I worked with delivered clothing, food and school supplies to people in Great Goave, a city about an hour and a half outside Port Au Prince. We also conducted a 3 day training program on Home Inspection and Building Codes. We hope to continue to assist with rebuilding a better Haiti. Currently it appears that most of the work in Great Goave is being done without much more than shovels and 5 gal plastic buckets. It is going to be a long slow process, however the work has begun. The situation in Port Au Prince is not as good since so many people are displaced in tent cities. With little in the way of garbage collection or working sewers, disease is taking it's toll and with the on set of hurricane season the situation is very bad and probably will get worse. Attached are some of the photos from the trip.

Carl Dornbush

At our Last meeting on 27 Jun 2010, the 101st Signal Battalion Commander LTC Greg Driesbach gave the assembled members a comprehensive briefing on the status of the Battalion and its new TO&E. We thank LTC Driesbach and the officers and NCO's who also attended.

Officer elections were also held at the last meeting and the positions are listed in the column on the left.



SGT Kevin Grabowski and SSG David Colliton JFHQ-NY-J6 as they are preparing to erect the antenna for the Voice Interoperability Modulal (VIM). The antenna supports the VIM which is used to scan and identify emergency responder frequencies broadcasted in a disaster area.



the JFHQ-NY-J6 Tactical Communications Team training on the rack of radios in the Voice Interoperability Modulal (VIM). The VIM can program the frequencies used by first responders across all spectrums into the JISCC radio network for full interoperability to support Command Control Communications and Computers (C4) at an incident site.

Photos & Captions provided by Maj Kim Farrier Tactical Signal Support Branch Chief, JFHQ-NY-J6

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