

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



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WELCOME BACK! After an absence of ten years, the 101st Signal Battalion was reconstituted back into the Army Force Structure and the New York Army National Guard on 1 September 2004.

BG Michael Swezey, Commander 53rd Troop Command, unfurls the 101st Signal Battalion Colors as the Battalion Commander, LTC Jacqueline Russell watches on.

The historic ceremony was conducted at Camp Smith on 11 Sep 04 with over 300 soldiers on the parade field, and an overflowing crowd at the reviewing stand.

To see more photos of the event go the Liberty Chapter Web site at www.nysignal.org



42nd Rainbow Division Departure Ceremonies

The 42nd Infantry Division will host two departure ceremonies for deploying Soldiers and their families --Oct 8th at 12:00 noon at Fort Drum's Magrath Sports Complex and on 9 Oct 04 10:00 AM at the Trenton NJ Civic Center. Division soldiers have completed their collective & individual training and will don their desert camouflage uniforms for the ceremonies to show they're now part of the Task Force for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3.

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101st Signal Battalion NYARNG Colors 11 Sep 04 at Camp Smith



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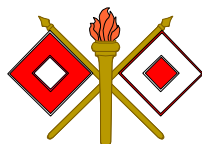


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A Message From The President MG Joseph P. O'Leary (Ret)



The 101st Signal Battalion is back! On a beautiful day at Camp Smith, the 101st re-joined the ranks of U.S. Army Signal Battalions, and at the same time added an important asset to the New York State's emergency response capability. The New York State Guard military band provided superb marching music as the 101st marched onto the parade grounds.

The reviewing stand was filled to overflowing with veterans and their families. The ceremony proceeded flawlessly. The Veterans Corps of Artillery provided an outstanding Saluting battery for the ceremony. The case Battalion Colors were presented to BG Mike Swezey, Army Guard Commander, he held the staff as the 101st CSM Ron Patterson removed the canvas cover, exposing the 101st colors. As the Battalion flag was unfurled it was greeted with a standing ovation from the reviewing stand. It was a moment to cherish, an emotional moment for many of us.

Gen Swezey presented the flag to LTC Jacqueline Russell, Battalion Commander, signifying her assumption of Command. LTC Russell then passed the colors to the senior enlisted soldier in the Battalion, CSM Ron Patterson. He passed the flag to the color bearer in the color guard. I felt the emotion from the assembled guests as the 101st colors were once again carried in a Battalion formation by New York National Guard soldiers.

I have never seen the Battalion look better. As they passed in review they were greeted with sustained applause. The day ended with food and drinks and a chance for the veterans to meet and talk with each other and with the new generation of 101st Sig Bn soldiers. The Battalion Commander & her staff must be commended for their work and plans for a truly memorable and professional ceremony.

Fall 2004

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Thursday
21 Oct 2004
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers, NY**

**Monday
10 Jan 05
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

**Monday
11 Apr 2005
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections &
Food Buffett**

**Monday
11 Jul 2005
1930 Hrs
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Armory**

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President's Message Cont.

Company grade officers, NCO's and their Soldiers executed the the plan to perfection. Thanks for a Great Day. WELCOME HOME 101st.

On 8 Sep 04, nine brave souls from our Military community boarded the Fishing Boat "RIPTIDE", in City Island for a day of fishing and comrade. Despite the heavy rain and rough waters the captain was pressured to take the Boat out. The day turned out to be a pleasant one and many fish were caught.

The biggest fish and winner of the boat pool came out of a pail shared by George DiSimone and Bill Brenner. LTC DiSimone retains his title of "King Fish" for the year 2004. No photos are available because of the inclement weather. It's too bad that no video tape was taken of George's victory dance. It was something to behold.

NGAUS (National Guard Association Of the US) held it's annual convention in Las Vegas 14-17 Sep 04. Featured speakers and various break-out sessions provided much interesting and valuable information. President Bush addressed the convention on tuesday morning, and Senator Kerry spoke on Thursday. Over 300 exhibitors displayed military equipment and systems. The NGAUS convention for 2005 will be held in Hawaii. tentative dates are 16-19 Sep 05. All officers are encouraged to join NGAUS and it's NY state counterpart MANY (Military Association of NY)



Upcoming Events

If you are going to attend the Liberty Chapter Meeting on 21 Oct 04 at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers please notify LTC George DeSimone NLT 18 Oct 04 via e-mail at desimoneg@aol.com so that arrangements can be made for table reservations.

For AUSA Statue of Liberty Chapter upcoming events go to their web site at www.ausanyc.org