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

Our newsletter reports the deaths of two NCO’s from the Old 101st Signal Battalion. At one point in their careers Pete Vaillancourt and Rich Cleary served in Delta Company which was then stationed in Orangeburg. SGT Vaillancourt was the First Sergeant and SGT Cleary was Platoon Sergeant. SGT Cleary was later 1SG of Charlie Company in Yonkers. Delta was a Radio Relay company at that time and if I remember right, had a TO&E of 319 soldiers. I think we had about 300 enlisted at that time. When we talk about the NCO being the Backbone of the Army we are speaking about NCO’s like 1SG Vaillancourt and 1SG Cleary. Their performance of duty, competence, loyalty to the unit and to unit members was exemplary. I knew both of them very well and admired them. They were good friends and I am saddened by their passing.

The National Guard magazine ran an article "In Memoriam", It reported that 772 members of the National Guard have made the ultimate sacrifice while supporting overseas operations since Sep 11, 2001. Another 8 died in the attacks on NY and the Pentagon on that day. All the name are on the memorial wall of the National Guard Museum in Washington, DC

The National Guard magazine carries up to date reports affecting the Guard, Washington reports, State information, and information affecting Guard members. It is the publication of NGAUS and is mailed to all NGAUS members. The National Guard Association of the US is the nation’s oldest military association.

Militia officers formed the association in 1878 to obtain better equipment and training by educating congress on militia requirements. Today, with membership of almost 45,000 army and air NG officers, NGAUS continues that mission in support of 460,000 current Guard men and women, their families, their employers and Guard retirees. Membership is open to all those who hold or who have ever held a commission in the Guard.

ANNUAL DUES ARE $12.00 E6 & Up $2.00 E-1 to E-5 Due in April Each Year Check Your Mailing Label In Apr 2015 for Expiration Date

To Promote the Espirit de Corps and Fraternity of the Signal Corps
101ESB Quarterly Activities Aug 2015 to Sep 2015
Provided by MAJ Roberts Bn XO

Annual Training Highlights
The 101ST ESB conducted a highly successful Annual Training from 13-27 AUG 15. Primary focus was placed on conducting Expeditionary Signal Battalion Operations and Mission Command Tasks. Specific training included were CECOM Information Technology/Cyber Defense Certifications, Phoenix Satellite New Equipment Fielding Training, Staff Military Decision Making Process (MDMP) Training, 5 Day Field Training Exercise, and Weapons Qualification. There were no safety incidents and the Battalion successfully culminated the training year by significantly increasing WIN-T crew and individual proficiency through targeted training events, validated major components of the Battalion Tactical and Technical SOP, and identified areas needing focus during TY-16. The Battalion experienced significant adversity with the death of SFC Fleischhauer, but persevered to complete the mission while performing at a very high level.

SEP 2015 – IDT WEEKEND
September IDT Training Highlights
The IDT weekend was successful for the organization. The weekend consisted primarily of administrative operations, Annual Training (AT) recovery, and Initial Reaction Force (IRF) readiness testing. Units recovered all remaining WIN-T assets from CSTS to HS that had been delivered from Fort Drum by the 1569TH Transportation Company. The command group conducted battlefield circulation to Peekskill and Orangeburg armories. The VA and Vet Center provided grief counselors who were available all weekend for interested Soldiers in light of the recent tragedy experienced by the Battalion. Additionally, A Co, B Co, and C Co conducted successful tests of their high axle and standard IRFs including an IRF 2.0 configuration, which adds a CPN capability to the package. The units verified IRF equipment and personnel readiness for future CSO requirements. Administratively, units conducted APFTs, retention counseling, CEI, GAT, CSF, OCIE showdows, equipment inventories, consolidated maintenance, other mandatory training, and planning and preparation for October IWQ at Fort Dix, NJ.

NGAUS Legislative Alert #15-18
October 8, 2015
The Issue: Providing flexibility to military members and their families during times of deployment and relocation.

Immediate Action Required: Ask your senators to support S. 2137, the Military Family Stability Act, a bill sponsored by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-MO.

More Information: NGAUS strongly supports S. 2137, the Military Family Stability act, a bill that provides flexibility to military members and their families during times of deployment and relocation.

In an era of persistent military conflict and multiple deployments, and with more military spouses also working, there are many destabilizing factors affecting today's military families. Provisions in this bill will provide service members, their spouses and their children a broader range of options when adapting to these stressful times.

Military families are what keep our military strong. This bill requires the U.S. Comptroller General to propose recommendations to alleviate disruptive regulations affecting military families during deployments. The bill focuses on spouse employment, school children and housing allowance flexibility.

Please contact your Senators and urge them to support this bill.
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