

MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS



PROMOTION

BG Stephan Seiter, pins Eagles on LTC Fergal Foley who was promoted to COL on 20 Sep 03 at the 7th Regiment Armory. COL Foley is the Commander of the 107th Corps Support Group, He had previously served in the 101st Sig Bn, the 187th Sig Bde and the Regional Training Institute (RTI).

ANNUAL TRAINING & NEW EQUIPMENT FIELDING

Article Provided by 2LT Bayless

From early May 2003 until late September 2003, the NYARNG signal companies have been involved with the various aspects

of fielding their new equipment. The biggest change was going from a 5-ton chassis to a HMMWV chassis. The First phase was the HMDA (High Mobility DGM Assemblage) fielding. The HMDA vans are radio vans that can be connected by cable or by line of sight radio. They essentially replaced each 5-ton vehicle with two brand new HMMWV's including new generators. One HMMWV is dedicated to the signal equipment (radios, multiplexers, etc), while the other shelter is dedicated to the antenna systems (masts, cables & antenna) The second phase was the SSS (Single Shelter Switch) fielding, which consisted of moving from 2ea 5-ton vehicles to 3 new HMMWV's, including new generators. The SSS is the brains of the communication's network. Without it, communication between different parts of the network would be impossible. The final phase was the SEN (Small Extension Node) retrofit, which consisted of upgrading the small switches with CISCO routers. SENs are used to provide access to the network for a fairly small number of subscribers. These fieldings took place during the Annual Training at FT Drum portion of this project. The soldiers put all of the accessories on the new HMMWV's, such as the bows, tarps, and cargo accessories. They then removed all of the equipment

2LT Bayless & SPC Ferussi survey the new radio vans used in the 31R MOS training



and accessories out of the existing 5-ton shelter and transferred it to the new HMMWV shelter. Technical support was provided by civilian personnel from General Dynamics, Titan, Laguna, Tobyhanna and FT Drum MATES, each providing specific areas of support. The equipment was tested approximately 3 times during the fielding process and the new shelters were inventoried during this time.

Primary MOS training completed was 31F, 31R and 52D. They also completed training in SINGARS, driver training and various common tasks. LTC Mike Bresnahan commander of the new signal battalion was very pleased with the AT period conducted by Co B & Co C (230th Sig Bn). He looks forward to organizing his Headquarters and Alpha Company during the coming year and needs your help in recruiting new members. Sep 2004 is the target date for the activation of the 101st Signal Battalion NYARNG.



*SPC Roman & SPC Blyden
inside of AN/TRC-173B*



*SGT Burgos and SGT Jussino
at Co B 230th Sig Annual Picnic*

B Company 230th Sig Bn celebrated "Family Day" at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers on 2 Aug 03. As in previous years many family members, as well as unit members were present. There was plenty of food, music and good company. 1SG Joe Moody has been selected to be the company First Sergeant. CPT Henry Wong will be assuming command from CPT Rodney Scott, as soon as the inventory is completed. Congratulations go out to CPT Wong and 1SG Moody.

Article & Photos Provided by Elaine Lahey



*1SG Joe Moody & SSG Duan Martin
at Co B 230th Sig Annual Picnic*



LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



I have just returned from the NGAUS (National Guard Association of the United States) convention, held in Biloxi, Miss. This gathering, conducted each year in a different state, is always a worthwhile trip, and attracts between two and three thousand people each year. Highlights include interesting, timely briefings, equipment displays, many social activities and a chance to see old friends and meet new ones to share common interests. The business sessions started off this year on a solemn note with the reading of the names and states of the 39 National Guard personnel who have been killed in the war on terror. Thousands of Army and Air Guard personnel now serve on active duty, many of them in combat zones. One week-end a month and two weeks training is a thing of the past. The active military forces cannot cover all the missions deemed necessary and as a result the National Guard (The oldest Military Organization in the Nation) and the Reserves must answer the call. The National Guard, uniquely, must also stand ready to answer the call of the Governor of the state.

Questions concerning the length of the tours of duty, medical coverage, retirement credits, equipment up grades for National Guard units, etc., have become hot topics as more and more personnel are called up to serve.

In the forefront of efforts to protect and improve the status of National Guard personnel and units, bringing our concerns to State & Federal legislatures are four organizations which I encourage you to learn about, to support, to join, and to tell your friend about. They are MANY (Military Association New York), EANGNY (Enlisted Association National Guard NY) NGAUS National Guard Association of US, and EANGUS (Enlisted Association, National Guard, US). Learn more about these organizations, Join one - Join them all, but I urge you to support their effort to protect & improve the lot of the citizen soldier and airman.



Fall 2003

Fishing Trip Article & Photos Provided by Kim Farrier



Our annual fishing trip was held on 10 Sep, about 15 of us were on hand for a perfect day on Long Island Sound, where we caught a lot of fish, and enjoyed the pleasant company. MAJ Kim Farrier caught a small sand shark, which was the biggest fish of the day among the military folks on board.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COL Bill Orosz, former commander of the 99th Signal Battalion (USAR) has announced his retirement. Bill also served in the 101st Signal Battalion and the 187th Signal Brigade. A retirement party will be held at the Polish Center in Yonkers on 1Nov03 For reservation see the attached flyer.RSVP NLT 12 Oct 03.

If you plan on attending our meeting at the Polish Center on 23 Oct 03 Please let us know so that we may inform the staff there, to set up and reserve space for us. Contact LTC George DiSimone at 718-545-8596 or email - desimone@aol.com NLT 20 Oct 03.

NATIONAL NEWS

On the 23rd of June the soldiers from the Directorates of Information Management (DOIM) at FT Eustis, Monroe & FT Gordan gathered to celebrate the 143rd Birthday of the United States Army Signal Corps.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**Thursday
23 Oct 2003
1930 Hrs
Polish C.C.
Yonkers,NY**

**Monday
12 Jan 2004
1930 Hrs
Orangeburg
Armory**

**Monday
12 Apr 2004
1930 Hrs
Camp Smith
Annual
Elections &
Food Buffett**

**Monday
12 Jul 2004
1930 Hrs
Yonkers Armory**

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