



# LIBERTY CHAPTER



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



LTC Greg Dreisbach and the 101st Sig Bn Association, hosted the 6th Annual Holiday formal ball at the Polish Community Center in Yonkers on 4 Dec 2010. Over 270 guests were in attendance, including members of the military and their families, and a good number of retired soldiers. It was good to see so many enlisted soldiers including E3's E4's and Junior NCO's at the ball. The State Sergeant Major CSM Bob Vanpelt and his wife Debbie also attended. The Committee arranged for buses to transport the soldiers and families from out lying Companies to the Polish Center & return them home after the Ball.

The party committee published a souvenir journal containing advertisements from local business and individuals. Each Company in the Battalion had their own page, displaying their individual logos. The Journal also contains the Lineage and Honors of the 101st Sig Bn and a history of the Battalion from it's inception in 1886 to the present day. The rich history of the unit includes the organization and Reorgs, the major calls to active duty, and is the story of the men and women of New York who wore the uniform of the US Army. This history should be required reading for all officers and NCO's and a subject for enlisted soldier briefings.

The Battalion History is a record of proud achievements accomplished by folks like us - citizen soldiers who stood ready to answer the call of the Governor or the President of the US.

This history is still being written today, by the young men and women who wear the uniform and and 101st Signal Battalion crest. From my observations the 101st is in good hands. The dedicated National Guard Personal I see and speak to are the best New York to offer. They will write new, proud chapters in the history of the 101st. Good Luck to Them. In closing, I would say of the Ball -- the food was good, the company excellent and congratulations to the party committee.

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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  
Armory

Thursday  
20 Oct 2011  
1930 Hrs  
Polish C.C.  
Yonkers,NY  
Spouses are  
Invited

**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 08 for  
Expiration Date



## Upcoming events

133rd NGAUS General Conference  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
Aug. 27-29, 2011



You are cordially invited to the 2nd Annual Bravo Company Alumni (& Friends) Night on 15Jan2011 1900 Hrs at the Orangeburg, NY Armory

*Liberty Chapter Deep Sea Fishing Trip in September 2010.*



The Liberty Chapter enjoyed another year of Deep Sea Fishing on Long Island Sound in Sept this year. The weather was perfect and several fish were caught. It was a nice day to catch up with old friends and reminisce of past Signal Exercises from days gone by. Everyone had a great time!



MG O'Leary gets in the act with SFC McMahn and SGM Kania.



MG Foley is waiting for the big one to hit his line on Long Island Sound.

Photos and Article provided by LTC Kim Farrier

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## MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS

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



November 19th and 20th the JFHQ-NY-J3DO coordinated a DSCA Exercise with the Rockland County Emergency Operations Center near Orangeburg, NY. A key component of the exercise was in developing the communications capabilities for the CERF-P team for Domestic Operations in the event of a Chemical Biological or Nuclear incident. Members of 53rd TC and the 101st Signal Battalion joined the JFHQ-NY-J6 Communications Team to get training on how to prepare the Mobile Emergency Response Communications Center (MERC) to be air lifted in the event of Emergency Operations. In addition, the communications team conducted a proof of concept demonstration by establishing a High Frequency communications shot between the Rockland County EOC and the Joint Operations Center in Latham, NY

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SSG David Colliton and SGT Kevin Grabowski pause in the C-5 Aircraft that was used at Stewart Air Field in Newburgh, NY to conduct training on air load operations of the MERC equipment.



The MERC was loaded from the back of the Aircraft and driven off the front when the nose of the plane was lifted to allow the equipment to drive out of the front of the C-5 for off loading.



SFC Marinez, SGT Popa and LT Vunibobo from the 101st Sig Bn join SSG Colliton and SGT Grabowski of JFHQ-NY-J6 to demonstrate the capabilities of a HF Radio shot to the J3-DO during the DSCA #2 exercise at Rockland County.

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

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## **MEMBER'S NEWS ITEMS CONT'D**

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On December 4th the 101st Signal Battalion hosted the 6th Annual Holiday Ball at the Polish American Center in Yonkers New York. The hall was decorated beautifully and more than 200 members of the Battalion; past and present were in attendance with their families. Honored Guests included MG Joseph O'Leary (Ret), BG Paul Suchanyc (Ret) and his wife Mary, COL Jacqueline Russell (Ret), the State CSM Bob Van Pelt and his wife Debbie and the family of SFC Richard Pruitt. Many alumni of the Bn were in attendance along with great participation of the Enlisted Soldiers who are the heart and sole of the Bn. MAJ Letizia was awarded the MSM for his service to the BN. He will be assuming a new position at Camp Smith Training Site in his next assignment with the New York Army National Guard..



The 101st Sig Bn CDR, LTC Greg Dreisbach and his lovely Bride Ivy take time out for a photo at the Signal Ball. The newly weds were married at Fort Hamilton just last month.



COL Jacqueline Russell, former Bn Commander takes time to catch up with LTC Kim Farrier and MAJ Frank Letizia and his wife Monica at the Signal Ball.



Kim Farrier was promoted to LTC by the Adjutant General, MG Patrick Murphy on November 6th at the JFHQ-NY in Latham, NY. Her parents Merle and Janet Farrier were able to travel from Iowa to participate in the ceremonies.