

# NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA



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### Signals From The Flag Bridge



by **RADM Robert A. Rosen**  
Commander, New York Naval Militia

Dear Shipmates:

The last three months continue to be very eventful and full of productive activities.

Our personnel are still on state active duty serving in support of our Homeland Defense activities. We currently have 15 of our personnel actively engaged with small boat security activities on the Hudson River and another 20 personnel supporting the Joint Operations Center in Latham, New York. My special thanks and praise go to Major Willard F. Lochridge, IV, NYNM and his entire team for his leadership of the Naval Militia Emergency Boat Service Program as part of NYARNG's 27th Infantry Brigade's protection activities

for the Indian Point Power Plant. In the last five months, our people have performed over 13,000 man-days of State Active Duty, of which 2,500 man-days have been performed at Indian Point. We have again learned that it is vital that we have available proper boats and equipment and trained personnel. In this regard, we are making a diligent effort to establish a Naval Militia Small Boat Emergency Joint Program in New York State. We are aware that our Force needs boats for security, logistics and rescue operations now, more than ever. We do have highly trained and qualified people presently available to handle this program. The State of New York and all of the military forces need these extra vital assets immediately, we feel. We have already prepared comprehensive training and operations plans to implement a New York Naval Militia boat operation.

I would like to again thank and praise our two Senior Deputy Commanders, RADM James Edgar, NYNM and BGEN Robert L. Wolf, NYNM, and our Regional Commanders, CAPT Bruce Speller, CDR Michael Collins, and COL David Peake on their extraordinary dedication, leadership and support.

On behalf of my entire Command, I again express my appreciation to my friend Jim Kallstrom, our first Director

of the Office of Public Security, who has given a great deal of his life serving the United States and New York State. Jim holds a high executive position with a major banking company and he is on "leave" with their support and encouragement. We thank them and the Kallstrom family for assisting all New Yorkers in our time of need. He brings to the position extraordinary abilities, knowledge and leadership, having retired several years ago after twenty-eight years from the Federal Bureau of Investigation where he was the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office. He is widely respected and he already has implemented extensive coordination, planning and positive efforts to safeguard New York State. Jim is a former Marine Corps Officer (and an Honorary Brigadier General in the New York Naval Militia) and has always exemplified the Marine Corps Motto, "Semper Fidelis!" ("Always Faithful").

Our deep appreciation and admiration also goes to RADM Richard E. Bennis, USCG who was just relieved as Captain of the Port and Commander, Coast Guard Activities New York, after many years of service here, and retired. RADM Bennis has been a great friend and has had an extraordinary career in the Coast Guard.

We wish RADM Dick Bennis, his wife, Gloria, and their family, "fair

winds", good health and all things good in the future. He has served the United States and New York State in an extraordinary manner and, more particularly, all of his efforts jointly with us in the recent September 11, 2001 tragedy are much appreciated by all New Yorkers.

We are pleased to welcome aboard Captain Craig E. Bone, USCG, who is relieving RADM Bennis as the new Commander, Coast Guard Activities New York.

The New York Naval Militia is the designee of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs to serve as the representative of the state's military forces to the Port Readiness Committee of the Port of New York and New Jersey.

The New York Naval Militia is unique in that we enjoy a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Coast Guard Reserve permitting the Coast Guard Reservists to join our Naval Militia. At present, we have 117 Coast Guard Reservists. The first Coast Guard Reservist to have joined our state military forces is our own RADM Henry E. Plimack, USCG(Ret.), NYNM who also continues to be an active volunteer with us.

The Naval Militia accomplishes much and is becoming recognized and appreciated throughout the state and the nation. Much of this effort on a day-to-day basis is because of the professional and special efforts of CW04 Patrick McCoy and Chief Adrienne Daniels. They deserve a high "Bravo Zulu!"

This Newsletter is possible through the efforts of many but, in particular, CW04 Charles Marshall, NYNM, who labors long and hard, often under difficult conditions, to keep this publication, which is a valuable Command information tool, relevant, informative, interesting and timely.

Some other noteworthy news:

This year we will celebrate Fleet Week from Wednesday, May 22nd, to Wednesday, May 29th. Currently, the Navy plans to deploy the USS Iwo Jima as the lead ship, the

destroyers Leyte Gulf, the Ramage, the Hayler, the Donald Cook, the Elrod, the Ross and the Boone, will follow (all subject, of course, to world conditions). The Coast Guard has yet to provide its "menu", however, the City of New York is trying to get the USCG Eagle into New York City's port.

West Point is two hundred years old and looking good! Be on the lookout for television and cable programming celebrating this Bi-Centennial. Happy Birthday! You are one of New York's treasures.

Plans are already underway for many Memorial Day Parades. The parade committees of the 369th, Great Kills, Inwood, Maspeth, Brooklyn, Hyde Park, Freeport, and Little Neck-Douglaston have already reached out. There are many others throughout the state. Do try to support these types of community events on a volunteer basis.

One of New York's extremely precious and unique assets is the State University known as SUNY Maritime College. Attached to this Newsletter please find some information. Be sure to continue to suggest SUNY Maritime College.

The Militia Association of New York (MANY) is an organization that does much for all the military forces and provides valuable and needed educational opportunities for professional training. Their Conference will take place this year at the Metropolitan Hotel/Park Avenue Armory in New York City from Friday, June 7th, to Sunday, June 9th. It is always interesting and I urge everyone to try to attend. Contact CDR Michael Collins (914-946-8603) (Email: [US1collins@aol.com](mailto:US1collins@aol.com)) for more information.

Lastly, our own State Guard, with whom we also enjoy a Memorandum of Understanding, is recruiting. They are a part of our entire New York military family and they deserve and need our support. Attached to this Newsletter is the recruiting information sheet. If you know of anyone that would qualify and would add to their activities and force, please refer them.

We have come a long way, indeed. There is still much to be done and it only can be done with your continued dedication, attention to duty and full-hearted participation.

As I have just completed my forty-third year of military service to our nation and state, I was honored to be nominated for the New York State Senate's Liberty Award, which is given to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic or humanitarian acts and achievements on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers. You have all made me very proud. Many thanks. Keep up the great work; New York needs it!

Best wishes for smooth sailing:

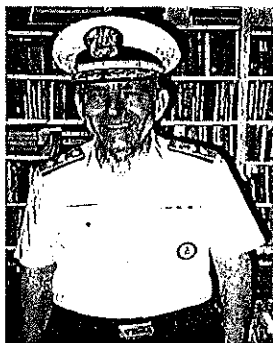
*Robert A. Rosen*

RADM Robert A. Rosen, NYNM  
Commander  
Naval Aide to the Governor

NATIONAL MUSEUM IS  
PLANNED TO HONOR  
NATION'S VETERANS

Plans for a National Veterans Museum have been unveiled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. "Our nation's veterans have made tremendous contributions to our country and its history" said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "This new museum will tell that story to generations of Americans, both born and not yet born." The museum will be located at VA headquarters in Washington, D.C. In remarks at a reception announcing the museum, Secretary Principi said he hoped the new museum would be "world-class" in scope and design. He vowed to create an institution where veterans and their families can feel at home while in the nation's capital.

## The Chaplains Corner



By Rabbi William Kloner,  
RADM, NYNM

### A PROFILE IN COURAGE

On the 15th of March in this year 2002, a dramatic change of command and retirement ceremony took place in the grand quarters of the New York Athletic Club on Central Park South, Manhattan. Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis, Captain of the Port and Commander Activities New York, the largest operational field command in the Coast Guard, read his Orders; Captain Craig E. Bone assuming command.

Amidst the stirring blare of bagpipes, the ceremonies were presided over by Admiral James M. Loy, Commandant of the Coast Guard. In attendance, notables from the military and public sector, our New York Naval Militia Commander, Rear Admiral Robert E. Rosen, recognized from the podium.

The printed program resume of Admiral Dennis's career contains a brief descriptive highlight of his final assignment; "he led the maritime operations during OPSAIL 2000 and the Coast Guard response to the attack on the World Trade Center." In those few words lies a story in contrast, its details challenging and inspirational.

OPSAIL 2000 lingers; in its special recollection of sun filled summer days, the awesome array of maritime vessels, Navy and Coast Guard, filing up the Hudson; the shoreline filled with a joyous holiday multitude. Shortly

thereafter, the holiday mood resonated with the selection and confirmation of Captain Bennis as a flag officer of the Coast Guard, his joy and our command jubilation memorable. But then, in contrast, followed the darkest of days, the attack upon our Twin Towers, the blackest of billowing clouds roiling through lower Manhattan streets; crumbling giant structures burying thousands of our citizens; the hand of evil terror had shown itself to our city, the nation and the world.

Each person knows where they were when the calamitous news reached us. Dick Bennis with wife Gloria were driving south for a few days of R & R. Up went the flashing beacon car top, a frantic 180 deg turn and at 90 miles an hour, a race back into the scene of terror and turmoil, his crucial Coast Guard leadership taxing every bit of his flag rank responsibility. We all witnessed the challenging role that the Coast Guard assumed, Admiral Bennis directing the protection of our harbor, its critical land based facilities. What was not common knowledge, Admiral Bennis carried that awesome responsibility while suffering from a life threatening cancerous condition, the aftermath of an operation and excruciating treatments, all the while at the helm and in control of the Port and Coast Guard Activities New York. Little would be known of the illness he has mastered except for his public appreciation expressed to his physicians and all who supported him during his trial by fire, from without and within.

Admiral Bennis and Gloria go forth to great national responsibility and public service, another chapter in their Profile In Courage.

## Josephthal Awards For 2001

**Due by 1 May 2002.**

**Plaque and check for \$300 to each unit: Marine, CB and Fleet.**

**Plaque and check for \$100 to Individual Marine, CB and Fleet sailor.**

## GI Bill Benefits Increase

As of January 1, 2002, Montgomery GI Bill benefits for active duty service members as well as Reserves and National Guard members have increased.

Active duty personnel can now receive up to \$800 a month for 36 months of full-time training, up from the previous limit of \$650 per month. Reservists and National Guard members can now receive up to \$272 a month for education payments.

To learn more about the GI Bill and how it benefits you, and for information on scholarships and schools that value military experience, visit :

<"<http://www.military.com/Careers/Education/1,,112,00.html>">

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**Click on "News".  
(Be sure to check it out!)**

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Dial 516-333-2000 and enter 192 when  
asked for extension, (or during the day  
enter 120), then follow instructions.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE USS SLATER DE-766

- ◆ Tour Guides
- ◆ Ticket Takers
- ◆ Maintenance
- ◆ Administrative

**Interested personnel should contact  
CWO4 McCoy at (518) 786-4583.**

Work is to be done on your own time to  
prevent conflict with civilian  
employment or Reserve weekend.

### Special Volunteers Needed

Naval Militia personnel are urgently  
needed for Veterans Funerals by the  
State Military Honor Guard. Let your  
shipmates know during your next drill—  
(this is duty for which you will be paid  
and enhance your evaluation.

Adult volunteers are needed to help with  
the Sea Cadet program. Contact SKC  
Daniels at (518) 786-4583.

### ENERGY CONSERVATION

Energy conservation is of **priority**  
concern to DMNA, as outlined in  
DMNA Regulation 11-27.

Each armory, OMS, CSMS AASF, the  
MATES, and DMNA Directorate has  
been directed to appoint in writing an  
Energy Conservation Monitor (ECM)  
by 1 August 2001. Each ECM will  
conduct (at least weekly) checks of  
their facility to ensure compliance with  
energy conservation measures.

SKC Adrienne Daniels has been  
assigned as the New York Naval Militia  
Energy Conservation Monitor and will  
provide monthly status data for  
inclusion in the NYNM monthly report.

### NAVAL MILITIA VOLUNTEERS

The Naval Militia Office is always  
looking for volunteer support to help out  
in the office or in the field. If you are  
retired and would like to donate some of  
your time, please call the Naval Militia  
office at (518) 786-4585/84/83.

### EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

#### DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

Each year submit applications to Unit  
Commanders:

**Fall Semester 30 June**

**Spring Semester 31 Oct**

Each year Unit Commander submit  
application to DMNA:

**Fall Semester 21 July**

**Spring Semester 20 Nov**

#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Properly completed DMNA 96-1  
(Application). Be sure to include  
School Code and all required  
signatures.
- Letter of Acceptance/Verification of  
enrollment in degree program.
- Proof of application for NYS TAP,  
PELL and any other available  
financial aid.

#### POC for this program is:

SKC Adrienne Daniels 518-786-4583

## “From the Field” - Region I News

### “We Never Leave our Brothers Behind”



By MAJ David C. Andersen, USMC,  
NYC PAO

GROUND ZERO, NEW YORK -- Pain shot through my back in the late night hours of 6 March 2002 from the weight of the stretcher, but Marines always complete the mission. With Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin, 45, USMCR (RET) & NYPD, in my left hand and his wife and daughter only feet in front of me, sense of duty led the way as it has for many men better than I for hundreds of years.

As we picked up the Sergeant Major, I thought back to only hours ago when my U.S. Marine Corps Public Affairs Office in Midtown-Manhattan received the call that we stood ready for since September 11. In fact, I received four calls in about three minutes from numerous Emergency Services Unit men -- better known as “E-MEN” throughout the famed New York City Police Department. The messages were all the same, “Dave, get down here - we found the Sergeant Major.”

We proceeded down off of a small plateau on the North side of the dig, which probably would have put us in

sub-level five (five stories underground) of Tower One. My mind wandered to Sergeant Major's wife Helga, a former Marine, and his three daughters Jennifer, 15; Heather, 14; and Erika, 12. The native of Rocky Point, N.Y. had become a folk hero in the NYPD as he ran his Truck like a platoon - a platoon of Marines. “TRUCK-2” is located on 125th Street in Harlem and upon entering one might think they have entered a company office at Camp Lejeune or a barracks at Camp Schwab as proud men go about their business with Marine Corps haircuts and squared-away uniforms - Sgt. Maj. Curtin had obviously been here.

Leveling out at about sub-level seven in a pool of soupy-mud heading south toward the exit-ramp, I glanced back over my shoulder and saw the Ground Zero flag that I grabbed out of our office on the way downtown. It had been signed by the victim's family's months prior and we were able to get it to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit on the USS Bataan who then took it ashore to fly it in the face of terrorism

over the Kandahar Airport in Afghanistan. Who gave it to us? E-MEN that Curtin knew. Curtin had loved the American Flag, his family had told me, and it was fitting that he lay next to me covered in the flag that he raised in Kuwait City a decade ago. That flag had been waiting for him in a box in the ESU Headquarters that I noticed on occasion marked “THIS FLAG IS FOR SGT. MIKE CURTIN ONLY!!!!!!” And of course to make it complete - the Marine Corps colors were also present and were carried by two of his TRUCK-2 E-MEN.

As we started up the bridge, the voice of what had to be a former Marine rang out throughout the 16-acre complex - “present arms!” The exit-ramp was lined with hundreds of proud members of the NYPD, ESU, PAPD, FDNY and Steel Workers with the night lit up by thousands of flashing emergency-vehicle lights. As we pushed forward keeping step with former Marine and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, I thought of the infamous story that made the Sergeant Major a Marine Corps folk hero. It was not the story of his rescue efforts at the first Trade Tower's bombing in 1993, but rather the story of him spotting the red stripe of Capt. Randolph L. Guzman's, USMC, dress-blue trousers in the rubble of the Oklahoma City bombing. He located a group of former Marines and then took approximately seven hours to pull him out as he said, “we never leave our brothers behind.” He managed to free the “Skipper” who was probably watching this procession waiting to thank Mike one day. They carried him out draped in an American flag with his dress blue trousers sticking out with his shined shoes pointing toward heaven's gates. All was quiet. No talking. No machinery. Only the sound of a million thoughts - much like I could hear at this very moment heading out of the hole.

As we approached the top, I noticed that an ESU Truck was waiting for him - his truck...TRUCK-2. We hoisted the

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Sergeant Major up high - hands reaching with fingertips out stretched - and I wondered if anyone shared my thoughts at that very moment. It was reminiscent of the out stretched fingers of another famous group of Marines years ago on a small island in the South Pacific. Finally, with one last adjustment needed to secure the stretcher, a body was needed to jump up and climb to the top. Who scrambled to the top of the huge truck? Who else - Helga, his wife. In front of hundreds of tough cops - she made the last adjustment to take care of her husband much like I imagine he did for her for many years. That simple act was breath-taking - an act that the Sergeant Major represented for years - selflessly helping other people and NOT wanting to be recognized for it.

We then headed North on the FDR. The motorcade was long and bright as we approached the 0100 hour. All traffic was stopped and civilians stood outside their halted cars lining the roads with hands over hearts and hats off. Motorcycle cops at every intersection had salutes at the ready. At the morgue, my Gunny and I folded the flag under the watch of many eyes. Suddenly, TRUCK-2 members and other E-MEN stepped forward to aid us. We presented the colors to Helga and then took care of the Sergeant Major.

My ride home was long. Covered in mud that I never wanted to wash off, I hoped and prayed that we did the Curtin family proud as well as our nation. I think the Sergeant Major would have been proud. I also thought that although my Marines and I have seen the pile shrink on a daily basis - it is still there. It will always be there. The billions of tears that have fallen on this earth will never be washed away and we cannot forget. The mangled iron, smell and feeling is still lurking in that hole and I feel it everyday - you just cannot see, hear or smell it on the television.

I shed a tear coming out of "the pit" that night as I held my head high. I

also felt like there were a band of brothers waiting at the top all dressed in our Corps' uniforms from days gone by. Then it really hit home that the bridge was symbolic - it was a long steep trek up seven stories, but Sergeant Major Curtin made it out of that hell-hole led by his wife, carried by the entire Corps, and the rest of his country that he loved so much - REMEMBER THE TOWERS.

(Ed. Note: The Sgt. Maj. Was a former NYNM member.)

### FOUR CHAPLAINS REMEMBERED

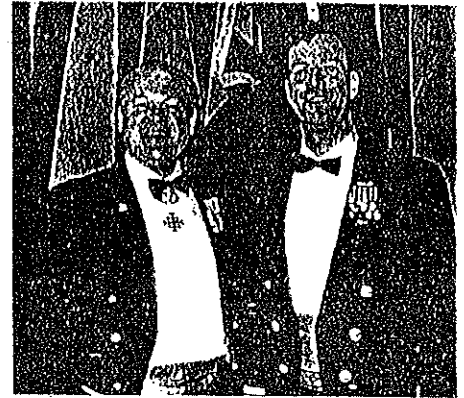


(L to R: Committee Members and CDR Charles Haunss, NYNM)

At a recent ceremony in the Fort Hamilton Interfaith Chapel, the four Chaplains who died giving up their lifejackets for their men on the U.S. Army Transport, "The Dorchester", were remembered for their faith and heroism. The Chaplains were of different faiths but believed in one God. They were First Lieutenants George Fox and Clark Poling (Protestant), First Lieutenant Johnny Washington (Catholic), and First Lieutenant Alexander Goode (Jewish). Representing the New York Naval Militia at the Service was CDR Charles Haunss, NYNM.

The Navy is considering early retirement for its 24 SPRUANCE class destroyers to make money available for other programs

### NAVAL RESERVISTS' FIRST DAY ON JOB, SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



(L to R: CDR Charles Haunss, NYNM and CAPT Mark Hardy)

CAPT Mark Hardy, USNR, is congratulated on his reception of a "First Military Responders" Award by CDR Charles Haunss, NYNM. CAPT Hardy was up from Maryland on 11 September 2001 to begin his first day at a new position. CAPT Hardy had barely finished his first coffee when the World Trade Center attack blasted lower Manhattan. In the ensuing chaos, CAPT Hardy quickly and calmly took charge of organizing the various reservists responding to the attack and the search and rescue operations.



(L to R: Patrick Dowdell, CDR Charles Haunss, NYNM)

Recent Naval Academy candidate Patrick Dowdell, whose firefighter

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father, Kevin, was killed in the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center attack, is looking forward to a career in the Marine Corps. CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM, as a Naval Academy "Blue and Gold" Officer, assists qualified candidates in seeking admission to Annapolis. Interested New York Naval Militia members may contact CDR Haunss, weekdays, at (718-639-3830).

## NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA SALUTES "FIRST RESPONDERS"



Standing L to R: CDR Michael Collins, COL Wayne McGrath, CDR Steven Biro. Seated L to R: CDR Charles Haunss, NYNM, CAPT Bruce Charnov, CAPT Hubert Gibbons, Mrs. Wayne McGrath, CAPT Liam Murphy

On 02 March 2002, members of the New York Naval Militia joined fellow MANY members at the Seventh Regiment Armory in Manhattan to honor state and federal reservists who responded to the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center attack.

## "New York Needs Us Strong"

"Project Liberty", a disaster-recovery program created by the New York State Office of Mental Health, has created the "New York Needs Us Strong" program to assist in crisis recovery following the Sept. 11 tragedy. They can be contacted at <[www.projectliberty.state.ny.us](http://www.projectliberty.state.ny.us)> for information and to obtain copies of their excellent booklet on coping.



In the photograph above, RADM Robert A. Rosen, Commander, NYNM, welcomes Mr. Kevin P. Donovan, the new FBI Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office. RADM Rosen is a member of the Board and Treasurer of the Federal Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.



Above, MGEN Paul Glazer, the just retired Adjutant General of New Jersey can be seen receiving mementos from RADM Robert A. Rosen, Commander, NYNM.

President Bush has signed legislation that designates a holiday in honor of those who were killed in the 11 September attacks.

The measure, naming 11 September as Patriot Day, requires the President to issue a proclamation each year and to order flags lowered to half-staff in observance

## CAPT Jay Shortt Essay/Poster Contest

The New York Naval Militia is again sponsoring the above activity, for the sixth consecutive year, for IS students in District 24 who are in good standing.

The theme of this years essay will be "The New York Naval Militia - Defending America"

Students choosing to create a poster will submit a color or B&W depiction.

Awards will consist of a \$100 Savings Bond for 1st place, a Medal for 2nd, and a Certificate for 3rd.

POC: Dr. Charles Haunss, IS73, Room 205

(Editors Note: Anyone else interested in starting such a contest should contact CDR Chuck Haunss, NYNM.)

## From the Office of New York City's Veteran's Affairs

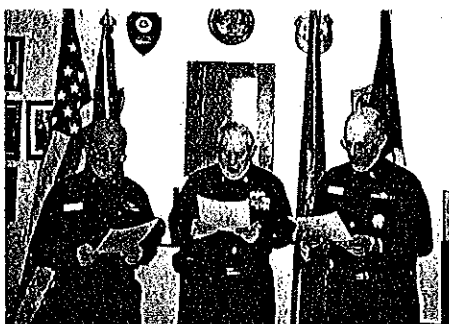
(Mr. Michael J. Handy, Director, 346 Broadway, Room 819, New York, New York 10013; (212-442-4171): the Mayor of New York makes available American Flags to veterans organizations meant to adorn the gravesites of our fallen during the Memorial Day period. Unfortunately, the quantity of flags available for distribution is limited. Please make sure to be clear in your order this year, whether the request is for additional flags or your regular order.

## Strength Increase Authorized

The 2002 Defense Authorization Act includes modest increases in active duty personnel strength. The Navy now is authorized 376,000 Active Duty members, an increase of 3,358 over 2001 levels. The Air Force is authorized 358,000 people, a boost of 1,800. Army and Marine Corps personnel strength remain at 480,000 and 172,600, respectively.

## "From the Field" - Region II News

### Headquarters Promotions



In the photograph above, LCDR Howard Fox, center, is seen reading promotion orders to AT2 Kenneth Kaskoun, left, and SK1 Richard Walker, right, at a ceremony held at NYNM Headquarters in January. Both men were promoted to CWO2 in the NYNM, effective 1 February 2002.

### MG Van Patten Retires as NYARNG Commander



**MG Michael Van Patten**

(The following is the text of RADM Robert A. Rosen's speech at MG Van Patten's retirement ceremony in Saratoga, NY on 23 February 2002.)  
"Good evening Major General Michael Van Patten, other general officers, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Tonight, we assemble together at this

historic location where one of the great battles of the Revolutionary War was fought. In the spring of 1777, the Continental Army defeated the British at Saratoga, and with the battle at Bennington, the French decided to join the Americans, helping to turn the tide. From this humble beginning we became a great nation, and to this day, are still reliant on our "citizen-soldier-sailor" tradition!

The National Guard, the oldest component of the armed forces of the United States and one of the nation's longest-enduring institutions, celebrated its 365th birthday on December 13, 2001. The National Guard traces its history back to the earliest English colonies in North America. Responsible for their own defense, the colonists drew on English military tradition and organized their able-bodied male citizens into militias. The colonial militias protected their fellow citizens from attacks, foreign invaders, and later helped to win the Revolutionary War. Following independence, the authors of the Constitution empowered Congress to "provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia." However, recognizing the militia's State role, the founding fathers reserved the appointment of officers and training of the militia to the States.

It is very fitting that we honor tonight a man who has also been a link in that unbreakable chain of our treasured National Guard/Militia history.

Major General Michael R. Van Patten, our dear friend, has served our nation, our state, and our community with an extraordinary dedicated career from early November 1965, when he first enlisted in the Army National Guard. Upon his graduation from the Empire State Military Academy in July 1968, when he became an officer and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of ordnance, he assumed even greater responsibility. All through these thirty-seven years, he has exemplified in the most dignified and highest manner the

very best of our citizen soldiers. I come tonight to add my voice to express our admiration on his reaching this milestone in his life and to salute his thirty-seven years of service and accomplishment. I bring the greetings, deep appreciation and affection of the New York Naval Militia to Major General Michael Van Patten, his wife, Judge, his daughters, Kelly and Brittany, and his friends. The Naval Militia is the naval component of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs and it is the Navy's National Guard equivalent in New York State. We are a federally recognized force and are comprised of active, drilling Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard reservists and volunteers. We have worked in the service of our state alongside the Army and Air National Guard and State Guard during fires, ice storms, floods, airplane crashes, and other tragic emergencies, including the most recent one of September 11th. We have served shoulder to shoulder with all the military forces in the service of New York State. To my friend, Mike Van Patten, who by his example and the way he has lived his life has been a "great teacher" to all of us, I say thank you, thank you, and thank you again, for what you have done. You have lived your life as a great military leader, a professional in business, a professor at Sienna College, and a great family man and community leader. At this time, may we welcome aboard and congratulate Brigadier General Edward Kline on the assumption of his command of the New York Army National Guard. May you and your family continue to enjoy every happiness and always know that your friends in your military family in New York State are with you.

As we say in the Navy, "May you always enjoy fair winds, calm seas and smooth sailing."

The first overseas deployment of a Navy missile squadron, Attack Squadron 83 left on USS Intrepid (CVS 11) on March 12 1956.



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### Militia Members Promoted



In the photograph above, COL David Peake, NYNM, is seen reading promotion orders as follows (L to R):

CWO2 Phil Kalisz to LT(jg). Phil is from Queensbury, NY and joined the Naval Militia in Sept '67. He is a retired Albany detective.

CWO2 Larry Fallon to CWO3. Larry is from Utica and has been in the Militia for three years. He is a Senior Parole Officer.

GYSGT Ronald Jubis to WO1. Ron is from Utica and has been a Militia member for two years. He is a NYS Parole Officer.

### News of Our Albany Marines

Foxtrot Company has been integrated into the 2d MARDIV training schedule and generally spends the week in the field and weekends in the barracks. They are doing well with only the normal problems. Some of the members have been back to Albany on leave/liberty. No word yet on future missions for Foxtrot or the rest of 1st BN/25th Mar. E-mail address for the Foxtrot CO and 1STSGT, are as follows:

Commanding Officer:  
douglascj@2mardiv.usmc.mil  
First Sergeant:  
metzgerf@2mardiv.usmc.mil

The NYNM has been put on the distribution list for the local Marine Corps Coordinating Committee. This is primarily a support group set up for

the families of mobilized Marines in the Albany area.

They meet at the Albany Reserve Center on the third Thursday of the month. They also have a family get together set for April 20.

### NAVAL RESERVE AIRCRAFT NAMED IN HONOR OF TERRORIST VICTIMS

In a tribute to victims of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the Naval Reserve has named two of its newest C-40A Clipper Logistics aircraft "The Spirit of the Pentagon" and "The Spirit of New York City."

The two aircraft were the last of four Clippers to be assigned to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 59 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, TX. (Complete story at [www.navy-reserve.org/News/C40A.htm](http://www.navy-reserve.org/News/C40A.htm).)

### RESERVISTS RECEIVE MANY BENEFITS IN 2002 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

There are numerous benefits for Reservists and National Guardsmen in the final approved version of the 2002 Defense Authorization Act. Here are some of the key benefits and pay improvements:

- Reserve officers with prior Reserve service as enlisted members or warrant officers will be credited with extra pay by being treated the same as Active Duty officers who have a special O-1E through O-3E pay scale, if they have four or more years of enlisted service before their commissioning.
- Reservists who have had to complete a full year of service before

becoming eligible to shop in commissary stores will get the privilege immediately at a rate of two days of shopping per month of service. The limit remains at 24 days per year.

- Eligibility for Reservists to use the veterans' home loan guaranty program is extended until 30 Sept. 2009.
- The authority to pay some bonuses has been extended for one year, until 31 Dec. 2002. This includes affiliation, enlistment, and re-enlistment bonuses and special pay for health care specialists and special pay for critical specialties.
- Reservists who were using their GI Bill educational benefits when called to active duty and who may have to retake courses to get credit will receive extra benefits. Mobilized Reservists, also, will get more time to use the benefits. The 10-year time limit for using benefits will be extended by the period spent on active duty plus four months.
- Reservists called to active duty for more than 30 days but for less than one year may cash in their unused leave if they have accumulated more than 60 days of such leave. Previously, this action was restricted to Reservists mobilized for contingency operations.

• The new law extends to Reservists the same rights, benefits, and protections received for performing inactive-duty--for-training. Federal employees gained the option of using military leave to perform funeral duty as Reservists, and retirees may serve as members of funeral honors details and receive a \$50 payment.

• Certain disability and retirement benefits are now authorized for Reservists injured at an overnight duty station within normal commuting distance of their homes.

Naval Air Reserve (NAR) Brunswick, Maine, has been awarded the prestigious Ensign C.H. Hammann Award for being the most effective NAR activity in the United States last year.

# AWARDS – PROMOTIONS – DECORATIONS

## Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Smith, Paul CWO2  
MSCOWESTMED 102 Syracuse

## Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Daniels, Adrienne SKC  
NR NH BETHESDA Albany  
De Rienzo, Anthony LCDR  
NR COMSTRIKFLTLANT 102, Albany  
Riley, Scott GM1  
NR NMCRC Albany  
Mays, Sandra SH1  
NR FISC NFK Det. 104 Syracuse  
Wood, Christopher J. BU1  
NAVACTS UK 402 Syracuse  
Clark, Michael EOCS  
NMCB133, Brunswick Maine  
Bristol, Patrick, UTC  
NMCB 133 Brunswick Maine  
Parkhurst, Daniel BUC  
NMCB 133 Brunswick Maine  
Tanner, Robert BUC  
NMCB 133 Brunswick Maine  
Morrishow, Karen DT2  
NDCL BETH Det B, Bronx

## Armed Forces reserve Medal

Van Marter, Jacob ET1  
MSCO WESTMED 102 Syracuse

## Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Minni, Ralph SK1  
NMCRC Rochester  
Itterman, Michael CE3  
NMCRC Rochester  
Hogan, Kelly MS2  
NMCRC Rochester (2<sup>nd</sup> Award)  
Grzybowski, Theodore MM2  
NMCRC Rochester (3<sup>rd</sup> Award)  
Barnard, Raymond BM2  
NMCRC Rochester (3<sup>rd</sup> Award)  
Swift, Harry BM1  
NMCRC Rochester (3<sup>rd</sup> Award)  
Jackson, Yauneek EN2  
NMCRC Rochester (3<sup>rd</sup> Award)  
Walton, Kenneth EO2

NMCRC Rochester (4<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Pratt, James HM1  
NMCRC Rochester (4<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Oathout, Terry BU1  
NMCRC Rochester (4<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Strong, Teresa YN3  
NMCRC Rochester (4<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Hartman, Herbert MM1  
NMCRC Rochester (5<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Cummings, John BM1  
NMCRC Rochester (5<sup>th</sup> Award)  
Baldwin, Lee CM1  
NMCB & Det. "C" Syracuse

## Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal

Stanley, Valerie LCDR  
NR NMMC BETH, Albany  
Berger, Robert IC1  
NR DESRON 22 Syracuse  
Yost, Charles BM1  
ABFC CART A401 Syracuse

## Promotions

Garcia, Pablo  
NR CART B104, FT DIX to SK1  
Bhan, Basil  
NR VTU Albany, to SK1  
Bosschaart, Neil  
NR REDTRN Unit, Albany to SK1  
Brown, Jeffrey  
FFG Augment Unit, Amityville to BM2

## Retirements

Molligi, Catherine YN1  
MSCOMED 102 Syracuse

## Sailor of the Quarter

Kinney, Joseph DC1  
NMCRC Rochester, NY

## NEW YORK STATE AWARDS

## Meritorious Service Medal

Biro, Steven CDR  
NYNM HQ REG I STAFF

Cassidy, Larry CWO2  
HQ NYNM REG I STAFF  
Loeffler, Alan LT  
HQ NYNM REG I STAFF

## Conspicuous Service Medal

Sorrentino, Wayne CDR  
HQ NYNM Region III Buffalo

## Military Commendation Medal

Revere, Brian BU2  
NMCB-7 Syracuse

## Navy Reservists Call To Action

Did you serve or are you currently serving? The United States Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, DC has established the "Navy Log" in an effort to honor all naval veterans that have served our country. The Navy Log includes Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Mariners. The Navy Log has thus far collected the names, service information and photographs of over a quarter of a million service personnel.

All enrollments form a part of America's enduring naval heritage, a permanent and publicly accessible video register available for reviewing at the Naval Heritage Center next to the Navy Memorial on Pennsylvania Ave, midway between the White House and the Capitol, or on the Memorial's Internet web site, [www.lonesailor.org](http://www.lonesailor.org).

Write, U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation, Attn: Navy Log, 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 123, Washington, DC 20004-2608 or call 1-800-821-8892 ext 730.

Media Contact: David J. Michael,  
NCCM (SW), USN (Ret.)  
Director, Navy Log

## NEWS ARTICLES

The following articles have been excerpted from various newspapers, magazines, wire services, and electronic bulletin boards to help keep you current on issues. If you find articles in your local area that you would like to see published in our next NYNM News, forward them to the editor: Henry E. Plimack, RADM, NYNM by E-mail to <HEPlimack@CS.com> or snail mail, 32 Melton Drive East, Rockville Centre, NY 11570-3255.

All submissions must be received via E-mail or on floppy disk. Photographs should contain proper identification for all personnel depicted.

Editor's note: Seeking to include YOUR favorite website in our Newsletter? E-mail me the URL and I will include ALL military and/or related sites in our next edition of the NYNM News.

### BG Edward G. Klein New NYARNG Commander

We want to welcome aboard Brigadier General Edward G. Klein as the new Commander of the New York Army National Guard.

BG Klein enlisted in the New York Army National Guard on 17 January 1963. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the Empire State Military Academy in August 1970. Thereafter he was assigned as a Liaison Officer, Hqs 1st Bn 101 Cavalry. In January 1975 then Lieutenant Klein was assigned as Platoon Leader, Support Company, 2d battalion 69th Infantry, NYARNG and in October 1975 he was assigned as Troop Commander, Troop A 1st Bn 101 Cavalry. He was promoted to Captain in May 1976. In October 1979 then CPT Klein was assigned as the S-2, 1st Bn 101 Cavalry and in January 1982 was assigned as that Battalion's S-3. He was promoted

to Major in March 1982. In March 1982 then Major Klein was assigned as S-2 1st Brigade 42d IN Division. In October 1982 then Major Klein was assigned as the Assistant G-2., 42d IN Division and then as the Division's Assistant G-3 in November 1983. In October 1987 he was assigned as Squadron Commander 1st Bn 101 Cavalry and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in January 1988.

In October 1994 then LTC Klein was assigned as Operations and Training Officer, Hqs STARC and in December 1995 was selected as Director, Recruiting and Retention, Hqs New York Army National Guard. He was promoted to Colonel in January 1996. In March 1999 then Colonel Klein was assigned as Statewide Guard-Help Coordinator, Hqs STARC. In December 2000 he was assigned as Commander, 53d Troop Command NYARNG and was promoted to Brigadier General with an effective date of 1 December 2000.

BG Klein is a graduate of LaSalle University and the Army War College. In civilian life he is President and CEO of Action Investigative Services, Inc. Staten Island, NY. He resides in New Jersey with his wife Barbara and has two grown children, a son Jeffrey and a daughter Carolyn.

Again, we wish the best of good luck, good health and all things good for the departing Commander of the New York Army National Guard, MG Michael R. Van Patten, NYARNG and his wife, Judee, and their family.

### Naval Academy Needs Instructors

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NNS) -- The U.S. Naval Academy has a need for qualified Naval Reserve officers, with at least a master's degree in an appropriate academic discipline, as instructors in designated academic departments, starting no later than August 2002. These officers will also

serve as outstanding military role models for midshipmen.

Recall opportunities exist at the U.S. Naval Academy in one of the following disciplines: electrical, mechanical, marine, ocean or control systems engineering; naval architecture; chemistry; computer science; mathematics; oceanography; physics; political science; English; foreign language (Spanish); history and economics.

Interested Selective Reservists should send a letter of application, plus a completed officer qualification questionnaire -- or an equivalent resume of their academic, professional and naval experience -- and full-length photo in a khaki uniform, to: Dr. Michael C. Halbig, associate dean, Office of the Academic Dean and Provost (Code 10), 121 Blake Road, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD 21402-5000.

Additional details are available by calling DSN 281-1581, commercial (410) 293-1581 or fax (410) 293-3735. Interested officers can also send an e-mail to [mailto:halbig@nadn.navy.mil](mailto:mailto:halbig@nadn.navy.mil).

To receive full consideration, interested officers should apply by March 8.

### NJ Naval Militia Volunteers At Work Since 9/11

AP,SANDY HOOK, N.J. (AP) The Sept. 11 attacks have propelled a little-known volunteer National Guard force to the front line in assisting with New York recovery efforts and providing security in New Jersey waters. About 85 percent of the N.J. Naval Militia, comprised of about 200 small-boat sailors, has been on duty since Sept. 11, when the group's medical team headed to Ground Zero and its boats ferried the military and FBI across the Hudson River. The group also provides patrols for Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering

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Station, the Salem nuclear power plants and Earle Naval Weapons Station. "We're what you would call a force multiplier. We can do jobs for everybody," Capt. Jerry H. Rovner told The Asbury Park Press of Neptune for Sunday's editions. "We're like New Jersey's best-kept secret." The members are recruited mostly by word of mouth, bringing law enforcement officers, doctors, lawyers, farmers, college professors and computer specialists into the fold. "It's a very eclectic group, and that makes us very fluid. We can flow into any situation," said Lt. Harold Bobrow, a Maplewood pharmacist and weekend resident of Long Branch. The force's eight boats formerly used by the state police are being used to assist the Coast Guard, which is stretched thin. Vice Adm. Thad Allen, the Atlantic coast commander of the Coast Guard, has said he welcomes the state help, and militia sailors are on standby at Coast Guard stations to help with search-and-rescue missions. The Naval Militia dates from 1894, when New Jersey's Legislature first organized a corps to patrol harbors and assist the Navy by providing reservists. It was absorbed into the Naval Reserve in 1963, a time when the Navy and Coast Guard were "growing and provided all the maritime security the state needed," said Rear Adm. Timothy D. Beard III, commander of the Naval Militia. The service was revived Sept. 12, 1999 almost two years to the day before the World Trade Center attacks.

### VADM Thomas H. Collins Nominated as Commandant of Coast Guard

President Bush has nominated Vice Admiral Thomas H. Collins, 55, to be the 22nd Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, the Coast Guard's Service Secretary, praised the President's

nomination, saying, "Admiral Collins reflects the best leadership traits of the dedicated men and women of the United States Coast Guard. He is the right person to lead the modern Coast Guard through today's challenges to tomorrow's promise of a safer, more secure American coastline and maritime transportation system.

"Tom Collins brings a combination of scholarly intelligence, practical experience at sea, and Washington policy expertise to the critical job of commandant at a time when the Coast Guard is facing a host of new missions," Secretary Mineta said. "I look forward to working with him."

Once confirmed by the Senate, Vice Admiral Collins will relieve the current Commandant, Admiral James M. Loy, at a formal change of command ceremony in Washington, DC. The ceremony is being planned for May 30, 2002.

Admiral Loy, who has held the Commandant position since May 1998, will retire at the May ceremony after serving with the Coast Guard for forty-two years.

Vice Admiral Collins is currently serving as the Coast Guard's Vice Commandant, the service's second-in-command. Prior to that he served as Commander of the Coast Guard Pacific Area.

Vice Admiral Collins began his Coast Guard service at sea aboard the Coast Guard Medium Endurance Cutter Vigilant. He later commanded the Patrol Boat Cape Morgan, a Coast Guard Group at Long Island Sound, NY, and the 14th Coast Guard District at Honolulu, HI. He also served in several Headquarters assignments including Deputy Chief of Staff.

Vice Admiral Collins graduated from the Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, in 1968 and returned as a faculty member within the Humanities Department from 1972 to 1976. He earned a Master of Arts degree from Wesleyan University in 1972 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Haven, in

1976.

A native of Stoughton, MA, Vice Admiral Collins is married to the former Nancy Monahan of New London, CT. They have two daughters, Christine and Kathryn.

For further information please contact Captain Mike Lapinski at 202 267-1748.

### Marine Picked to Head Counterterrorism Unit In NYC

By WILLIAM K. RASHBAUM

All 40,000 officers in the New York Police Department will receive specialized training to help them respond to terrorist acts as part of Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly's broad counterterrorism initiative.

Mr. Kelly has chosen a retired Marine lieutenant general to oversee the initiative, which will also include advanced equipment and closer cooperation with federal authorities. As part of the new program, Mr. Kelly said, he also plans to increase the number of detectives assigned to the Joint Terrorist Task Force and reorganize the police contingent assigned to the task force, which works with agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The general, Frank Libutti, 56, will serve in a new position, deputy commissioner for counterterrorism. He will be responsible for counterterrorism training, prevention and investigations and will act as a liaison to state and federal agencies. Mr. Kelly has also named a veteran senior police official as the chief aide to General Libutti, who since his retirement from the Marine Corps last year has been a liaison between the Department of the Army and the Office of Homeland Security.

The commissioner and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg plan to announce the appointment today at City

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Hall to underscore what Mr. Kelly said was the importance of selecting General Libutti to lead the counterterrorism program.

Mr. Kelly has said that a strategy to prepare for and work to prevent terrorist acts is among his highest priorities.

"Unlike any other place in America, we have clearly been targeted here," Mr. Kelly said in an interview, citing the 1993 and Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and failed plots to bomb city landmarks in 1993 and a subway train in 1997. "So we need as robust a posture as we can put forward in this regard."

The plan includes comprehensive training for all officers in the department, with different programs for elite units and patrol officers, who are likely to be the first to respond to a terrorist act, Mr. Kelly said. He will also seek to obtain new equipment, including protective suits and gas masks for officers and more sophisticated sensors that can detect chemical, radiological and, in some cases, biological weapons. Under Mr. Kelly's plan, the Police Department will also begin to offer training to businesses so they can better protect themselves and their employees.

General Libutti's staff will include a doctor with experience in chemical, biological and radiological weapons, Mr. Kelly said, to better prepare the department's officers.

Mr. Kelly, who is expected to provide Mr. Bloomberg with the department's proposed budget reductions this week, did not detail the costs of the new plan. Mr. Kelly has formulated his plans in the shadow of a looming budget crisis, with Mr. Bloomberg making it clear that the Police Department will not be exempt from cuts. So a key challenge is to implement the initiative with limited resources.

Mr. Kelly said that he hoped to finance the new training and equipment with money from the federal government and that he selected General Libutti for his leadership skills,

and, in part, because his work in Washington for homeland security made him uniquely qualified to help New York win federal assistance.

"We want equipment and we want resources to train our people," Mr. Kelly said. "Some of that is going to come from Washington," and General Libutti has "got great contacts down there." Mr. Kelly, himself a Marine combat veteran, said he also had sought someone with military experience to better oversee the training, and someone who has successfully navigated the Washington bureaucracy, which General Libutti has done several times, serving as an aide to the Marine Corps commandant and in the office of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Before he retired, General Libutti commanded 80,000 marines in Asia, Hawaii and California. A native of Huntington, N.Y., the highly decorated general began his career in 1966 and served as an infantry platoon commander in Vietnam. Mr. Kelly would not say how many additional detectives would be assigned to the terrorism task force, but said the police investigators working there would now be overseen by General Libutti and his new aide, George F. Brown, the chief of counterterrorism, rather than the chief of detectives, William H. Allee Jr. Chief Brown previously headed the department's Organized Crime Control Bureau.

After the Sept. 11 attacks and the anthrax-laced letters that followed, tensions between some Police Department and F.B.I. officials rose. The two agencies have worked together closely in New York for more than 20 years despite recurring struggles. Mr. Kelly stressed that he had discussed his planned changes involving detectives on the task force with Barry W. Mawn, the assistant director in charge of the bureau's New York office, and that F.B.I. officials would attend today's announcement. "We want to work more closely with the federal authorities - we have to do that," Mr. Kelly said. "We're

all in this together."

Mr. Mawn said in a statement that he had conferred several times with Mr. Kelly about the commissioner's plans and viewed them as "positive." James K. Kallstrom, the former head of the New York F.B.I. office and now an adviser to Gov. George E. Pataki on terrorism, praised the appointment of General Libutti, whom he said he has known for 20 years. "He is an exceptional leader and someone who will be a great asset in the war on terrorism," Mr. Kallstrom said.

### Women in the Military

The 51-year-old Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services has a new charter that reflects changed times, a senior DoD official said.

Charles S. Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy, said DACOWITS would continue to provide the secretary of defense with advice and counsel "on those issues that are important to the professional opportunities of women and to help us recruit and retain a great force.

However, he said, senior DoD officials reviewing the department's advisory bodies decided to refocus DACOWITS "to address the needs of the department in the 21st century." He said the committee's new agenda includes specifically looking at family issues and examining their impact on retention and recruitment.

When Defense Secretary George C. Marshall established DACOWITS in 1951, Abell noted, military women's career paths were limited mostly to nursing and administrative fields and few senior billets were open to them.

Today, he said, military women fly combat aircraft, serve in leadership positions aboard aircraft carriers and other naval vessels, support combat land operations, and hold three-star rank in every service.

Primary changes to the DACOWITS

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agenda include:

An expanded charter that calls for study of family quality-of-life issues and their effects on recruiting and retention.

Committee members must have military experience or be past or present military family members.

DACOWITS' mandatory semiannual conference requirement is removed. While the committee will continue to convene at least twice a year, it may meet more often if necessary.

Additionally, Abell noted, the committee could grow, but to no more than 35 members. Some of DACOWITS' current 22 members may be selected to serve on the new, larger committee if eligible, he added.

The new committee, Abell noted, will examine issues such as professional opportunities for all service members; quality health care; pregnancy and parenthood; single parents; child care and development; the effects of frequent family separations because of military duty; and military pay, housing and cost-of-living allowances.

"It's still important to retain a look at the ability of the services to provide opportunities for women," Abell emphasized. However, he added, military families "have grown in significance and its time to add that to the arena of things that merit our consideration.

"And that's what we're going to ask DACOWITS to help us with," he concluded.

### Maritime and Land Security Head Named

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta has named Rear Admiral Richard E. Bennis, USCG, (ret.) as the Associate Under Secretary of Transportation for Maritime and Land Security at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Admiral Bennis, who led Coast Guard response in New York to the September 11 attacks on the World

Trade Center, will direct TSA exercise of security responsibilities for the nation's seaports and land transportation assets. In his last Coast Guard assignment as captain of the Port of New York, Bennis directed the successful evacuation by water of approximately 500,000 people from lower Manhattan.

"Rear Admiral Bennis' leadership during an unimaginable situation was remarkable," said Secretary Mineta. "He brings many hard-won skills into a demanding new environment, and will take a leading role in creating and shaping a new, 21st century organization with a 21st century mission."

Under Secretary of Transportation for Security John W. Magaw added, "Admiral Bennis is uniquely qualified and we are very fortunate he decided to continue his public service career with us. He brings a great deal of specialized experience, leadership and knowledge to our team."

Admiral Bennis served the Coast Guard for 30 years in a variety of headquarters and field assignments and was captain of the nation's three largest East Coast ports. In addition to service as captain of the port and commander of Coast Guard Activities New York, he was port captain and commander of the Coast Guard marine safety offices in Charleston, SC and Hampton Roads, VA. He served as the chief of the Office of Response at Coast Guard Headquarters addressing implementation of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990; oil spill and hazardous materials response, planning and preparedness; and port safety and security, including Olympic security for the 1996 Summer Olympics. He also took part in the Coast Guard's response to the Exxon Valdez tanker accident in Prince William Sound, AK. He retired from the Coast Guard on March 15.

He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and a master's degree in energy and environmental policy from Harvard.

He and his wife, Gloria, have three children and one grandchild.

Congress created the Transportation Security Administration to oversee security at the nation's airports, seaports and other land transportation facilities.

RADM Bennis commanded the 100+ USCGR members of the NY Naval Militia as Commander, CG Activities NY. Congratulations Admiral, we wish you the best on your new assignment.

### Long Term Care Insurance to be Offered

A new program starting in March will offer long-term care insurance to Military and civilian federal employees and their families.

The federal Office of Personnel Management has contracted with John Hancock and MetLife insurance companies to provide this additional benefit for all federal employees and retirees.

The insurance program is designed to cover expenses associated with long-term medical care in a nursing home or in the patient's home. Federal employees will be able to purchase the insurance for themselves or their families, including parents. Federal retirees are entitled to enroll only themselves and their spouses in the program, according to information on the program's Internet home page, [www.opm.gov/insure/ltc](http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc).

An early enrollment period is scheduled from March 25 to May 15, followed by an open-enrollment season beginning July 1. Applicants may be required to answer health-related questions, provide medical records or be interviewed personally to be eligible for the insurance.

Program managers haven't announced premiums yet, but rates will vary based on amount of coverage, type of inflation protection chosen and current age of the person being covered. Officials plan to include a rate calculator on the Web site by the time

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the early enrollment period starts.

Service members and federal civilian workers initially might think they needn't worry about long-term care insurance, but perhaps they should, officials said. Medicare, TRICARE and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program are not designed to cover long-term care, they noted.

The usual practice in similar civilian programs is the younger and healthier the beneficiary at enrollment, the lower the premiums. That should also be true in the federal version, said Frank Titus, OPM assistant director for long-term care.

Federal officials emphasized the government pays no part of the premiums or benefits.

Those officials recommended individuals who want more information on issues surrounding long-term care and on the federal program to sign up for an e-mail newsletter, "[https://ltcfeds.com/pre\\_reg.html](https://ltcfeds.com/pre_reg.html)" "Get Smart About Your Future," [<http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc>] at [https://ltcfeds.com/pre\\_reg.html](https://ltcfeds.com/pre_reg.html), or to visit [www.ltcfeds.com](http://www.ltcfeds.com).

### Veterans Home Loan Amount Increased

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service

An act recently passed by Congress and signed by President Bush increases the guaranty on Veterans Affairs home loans from \$50,750 to \$60,000.

The increase means eligible veterans can use their loan benefit to purchase a home costing as much as \$240,000 without a down payment. Many lenders will make VA no-down-payment loans for four times the maximum guaranty amount, said Judy Caden, deputy director of VA's Loan Guaranty Service. Before the president signed the Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 on Dec. 27, 2001 the maximum guaranty was \$50,750, which allowed no-down-

payment loans of up to \$203,000.

"We recommended increasing the loan guarantee a couple of years ago because of rising housing costs in places like Washington, California and the New England area," she said. "The Mortgage Bankers Association and other groups have also been pushing for it."

The act also changed the Native American veterans housing loan program, assistance for specially adapted housing and home loans for National Guardsmen and reservists.

VA's direct loan program for Native Americans assists those vets buying on trust land, she noted. VA issues the loan, not a private lender, so the program's different from regular guaranteed home loans.

"It's strictly for veterans living on reservations because it's difficult to get lenders to make loans in those areas," Caden said. The act extends the nine-year-old program for four years to Dec. 31, 2005. The program's loan ceiling is \$80,000, except in certain high-cost areas where VA has approved up to \$120,000, she said. Loan interest rates are competitive with the mortgage market, she added.

Caden said it has been difficult for people on trust lands to meet income requirements for loans. So far, VA has only made about 30 loans on trust lands in the continental United States. "We've had the most success in the Hawaiian and American Samoa homelands," she noted. "We've made more than 200 of these loans in the Pacific areas."

The act also increases specialty housing grants from \$43,000 to \$48,000 for severely disabled veterans who need homes built to accommodate wheelchairs. The grant pays for such things as wider hallways, lowered kitchen appliances and counter tops, and bigger bathrooms, Caden said. Veterans can use both a grant and a regular VA guaranteed loan to cover the total cost of their home purchase, she said.

Another grant program for housing adaptations for less seriously disabled

vets had its ceiling raised to \$9,250 -- up from \$8,250, she pointed out. "The money is for some blinded veterans and amputees who need extra help," she said.

The new law also extends housing loans for National Guard and Reserve personnel from September 2007 to Sept. 30, 2009. Reserve component personnel are authorized the same home loan guarantees as active duty personnel. Related Site of Interest:

"<http://www.va.gov/>">Department of Veterans Affairs web site

### DoD Establishing New All-Service Pay System

By Rudi Williams  
American Forces Press Service  
(Excerpt from article)

DoD and the military services are getting rid of outdated personnel systems, business practices and personnel structures, but creating a new system will take time.

The jettisoned practices will make room for simple, accurate, accessible, timely and relevant Web-based systems for service members and their leaders. When the DoD fields the congressionally mandated Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, or DIMHRS, sweeping changes will occur in the way personnel and pay are handled.

DoD is establishing one personnel and pay system for use by all the services. The project is a transformation effort; that is, one intended to provide the U.S. military with new defenses, new methods; new equipment and a different way of thinking.

As it stands today, the military services still have hundreds of "legacy systems" written in 1970s and 1980s computer languages that today's computers don't "speak," according to Army Reserve Maj. Gen. B. Sue Dueitt, who is overseeing the Army's implementation of the program.

For example, Dueitt said, the Army

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has separate personnel databases for active duty enlisted, active duty officers and Army Reservists and National Guard. They neither talk to each other nor to Air Force, Navy or Marine Corps systems, she noted.

Consequently, the general said, to keep track of Guard and Reserve personnel upon mobilization, their data must be combined with Active Army data through a cumbersome process. If not done, she continued, warfighting commanders couldn't tell how many active, Guard and Reserve personnel they have, their skills, their rotation dates and other details. Then the data must be re-separated when reservists demobilize.

Navy Capt. Valerie Carpenter, program manager, said the Navy is the executive agent for DIMHRS, but the Army will be the first to implement the program. Carpenter is assigned to the New Orleans-based Navy Program Executive Office for Information Technology. DoD is footing most of the bills, but all the services will pay shares, such as for training and the detailed implementation, according to Dieitt, assistant Army deputy chief of staff for personnel for mobilization and reserve affairs.

Norma St. Claire, director of DoD's Joint Requirements and Integration Office, said system development is scheduled to start in July 2002 with the Army starting testing in 2003. She said plans call for the Navy to be on board in 2004, the Marine Corps sometime in 2005, and the Air Force last.

St. Claire said a key piece of DIMHRS is commercial software called PeopleSoft 8. When everything is in place, the application would allow service members to go onto the Internet at any time from anywhere to access personal information and take care of everything from administrative matters to pay issues, she said. Keeping track of service members' whereabouts during mobilizations and deployments is another area needing improvement, St. Claire noted. Officials recognized some problems after the Persian Gulf

War "like our inability to know who was exposed to things or who was called up," she noted. "Thousands of people were lost in the system."

DIMHRS is an opportunity to consolidate personnel and pay activities instead of having separate offices in each service, St. Claire noted.

### Scott New MCPO of the Navy

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark has announced that he has selected Master Chief Petty Officer (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott to succeed Master Chief Petty Officer (SS/SW/AW) James L. Herdt as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

Scott currently serves as the CNO-directed command master chief for Naval Forces Central Command and 5th Fleet. "Master Chief Scott follows a legacy of tremendous service in MCPON Jim Herdt," said Clark. "Master Chief Scott has the fleet experience and is singularly qualified to represent Sailors around the world. I look forward to working with him in the future on the important issues facing our Sailors and their families." Scott was born in Buffalo, Mo., and raised in Louisburg, Kan. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1976 and has served on board USS John Adams (SSBN 620), USS James Madison (SSBN 627), USS Jacksonville (SSN 699), and Strike Fighter Squadron 192(VFA 192) deploying on board USS Independence (CV 62) and USS Kitty Hawk (CV63). Scott's shore tours have included Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Center, Charleston, S.C., and Commander, Submarine Squadron 14 in Holy Loch, Scotland. Scott attended the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy in Newport, R.I., graduating with academic honors. He subsequently served as the senior enlisted nuclear weapons technical inspector to Commander, Submarine Force U.S.

Atlantic Fleet, and as the command master chief of Naval Security Group Activity, Winter Harbor, Maine. He reported to his current position of CNO-directed command master chief for Naval Forces Central Command and 5th Fleet in November 2000.

Master Chief Scott is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, and holds a bachelor of science degree in vocational education from Southern Illinois University.

The change of office will be held April 22, 2002

### SERVICE PEOPLE SUPPORTING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM GET TAX BREAK

U.S. service members supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan will pay little or no federal income tax as a result of an executive order signed by President Bush. The combat zone tax exclusion, which is retroactive to September 19, applies to service in Afghanistan and the air space above it. Service members directly supporting operations in Afghanistan from other locations are also eligible if they are receiving imminent danger pay or hostile fire pay. Also eligible are those serving aboard vessels in the following waters: the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, and the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude.

As a result of the order, enlisted members and warrant officers will pay no federal income tax on all basic pay and special pay. Officers will pay tax only on that portion of their pay that exceeds the highest enlisted pay plus the \$150 imminent danger pay, a figure at this writing set at \$5,043. Eligible service people, also, receive an automatic extension to file their taxes.



## Privateer (46302) Command Philosophy

The following is a memo to the crews of the Privateer that reflects the command philosophy of the Commanding Officer, MAJ Willard F. Lochridge, IV, NYNM.

"Shipmates, here are a few words about how I think we ought to run PRIVATEER I hope you find this useful. If the stuff you are doing lines up with these priorities, you are most likely on the right track:

- **SAFETY:** Nothing comes before safety. It is "job number one" for all of us. Going to sea or being tied to the dock involves danger, but we are professionals and never take risks that are not well thought through and justified. Don't be shy. Each and every one of us, from Boat Captains to crewmembers must speak up immediately if something is unsafe. Don't get careless or overconfident. We cannot accept shortcuts that compromise safety. You shouldn't either.
- **MISSION:** Today, our mission is to support the 27th BDE. We are attached to them, and they are our chain of command - no one else. All incidents must be reported to the CP, and to me. We have set a good example, and it is my aim to keep it that way. Take good care of our Army guests while onboard - they are to be considered a part of our crew.
- **JUST DO IT!** Don't wait for somebody else to make things better. Don't blame your woes on "them". There is no "them", just you, me and us. We can't change everything we don't like, but we can fix a lot of it if we get off our butt and turn-to. If something is wrong, and you are not trying to fix it, or at least offering a suggestion about how to fix it, then you have no one to blame but yourself.
- **PROFESSIONALISM:** We are the

beginning of a new era for the New York Naval Militia - call us Cuttermen. Like many Cuttermen before us I consider us special, and different from landsmen. I expect you to be the most professional mariner you can. Never quit learning. Adopt a shipboard culture, and set the example.

- **TRAINING:** While our mission and safety hold priority, we will conduct shipboard training of our crews. Each one of you has special ratings. Sharing those talents with other crewmembers allows us an opportunity to learn new capabilities, and of course, to be better prepared.
- **RESPECT:** Shipmates are special. The bond between shipmates has no parallel ashore. Life onboard demands a higher level of trust and confidence between shipmates than "co-workers" on the beach ever experience. That level of trust demands that we treat each other with the highest level of respect. Never disrespect your shipmates by your words, by your actions or by putting them in a situation that compromises their honor.
- **THE EXPERIENCE:** I'm here because I absolutely love it. We are doing something that is very worthwhile and critically important to our State, our Country, and to our People. You are also helping to build a new NY Naval Militia. I believe we are doing it with some of the best people in the world - You.

These are my top priorities. I trust you to support them. If you are ever unsure of what I want or expect or what I've said doesn't make sense, please don't wonder, just ask."

Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) has introduced a bill that would change the title of the head of the Department of the Navy to Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps

The military exchanges have reduced their credit card interest rate to 9.5 percent, the 10th rate cut in the past year.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS MOVES TO ENHANCE ASSISTANCE TO MOBILIZED RESERVISTS

American Red Cross officials want Reservists to be aware that more than 1,000 Red Cross chapters nationwide and 20,000 employees and volunteers working on military installations around the world are ready to provide them emergency service around the clock. The organization is ready to help with worldwide emergency communications, confidential counseling, emergency financial assistance, family support programs, and veterans assistance, according to Sue Richter, vice president of the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services.

"The Red Cross keeps military personnel and their families close through services, including confidential counseling as well as neutral, impartial assistance when and where needed, particularly during times of crisis at home," she said.

Those who need help should contact their local Red Cross chapter.

## ANNUAL GREAT LAKES CRUISE CANCELED BY THE NAVY FOR THE YEAR 2002

The Navy has announced that it will not conduct the annual Great Lakes Cruise in 2002.

The Navy said its decision was based on a significant increase in homeland security efforts and continued support for several other forward deployments. There have been 22 previous Great Lakes Cruises since the program began.

# NEW YORK AREA ASSOCIATION NEWS

**American Legion (Post #694)**  
POC: Dennis Golden 631-424-7169  
or D8260@aol.com

**American Legion (Post #754)**  
Meetings conducted at NY Athletic Club, New York, NY  
POC: Mary Humphrey 212-247-5100 ext 7300

**American Legion (Post #719)**  
Meetings at CG Activities NY 12 April, 10 May, 14 June,  
1145 Galley, 1230 in Carden Hall's Tampa Room  
POC: William Farrel 718-352-4524

**American Legion**  
Web site <<http://www.legion.org>>  
Looking for reunion information? Check other site <[www.vets.org](http://www.vets.org)>

**Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO)**  
This association is a fast growing organization fostering the recognition and advancement of Hispanic Officers in the uniformed naval services. ANSO is sanctioned by the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Transportation  
POC: (TBD)

**Catholic War Veterans**  
POC: Thomas A. Bolan 212-682-8184/  
(fax) 212-682-9380

**Chief Warrant Officers Association (CWOA)**  
POC: 202-267-0661

**Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association (CG CPOA)**  
POC: YNCM Scaramastro (703) 941-0395 or e-mail: CGCPOA@Aol.com

**International Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)**  
POC: 800-494-2762

**Federal Law Enforcement Foundation Inc.**  
Established in 1989 to assist families of federal agents killed or disabled in the line of duty. Subsidizes programs aimed

at helping the youth of America.  
POC: 212-642-4620

**Fisher House @ Stratton Medical Center, Albany**  
POC: Vicki or Ralph Folger  
518-439-1824

**Fort Hamilton Community Club (FHCC)**  
POC: 718-630-4930

**Fort Montgomery Battle Site Assoc.**  
Box 376, Ft Montgomery, NY 10922  
POC: Mrs. Stella Bailey 914-446-0400  
or Mrs. Doris Lent 914-446-2270

**Fort Totten Military Officers Club**  
POC: Mr. Perotta 516-889-8714

**INTREPID Sea-Air-Space Museum**  
INTREPID Museum, 46th Street and 12th Avenue, NY 10036  
POC: Public Relations 212-245-0072  
Web: <[www.intrepid-museum.com](http://www.intrepid-museum.com)>

**Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA)**  
Interested in Security Affairs? Check out their web site<<http://www.jinsa.org>>  
POC: JINSA, 1717 K Street, Suite 800, Washington DC, 20006, 202-833-0020 or website

**Jewish War Veterans (JWV)**  
POC: 212-349-6640 or travel desk 800-228-1516. Web: <[www.jwv.org](http://www.jwv.org)>

**Marine Corps League**  
POC: Lu Caldara 914-941-2118  
Web site: <[www.youngmarines.com](http://www.youngmarines.com)>  
LLC1@westchestergov.com

**Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.**  
POC: MaryLou Amarosa 212-997-0100

**Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)**  
Located at Kings Point, NY, USMMA is offering Selected Reservist training.  
Web: <[www.usmma.edu/ce/coned.htm](http://www.usmma.edu/ce/coned.htm)>  
POC: John Hazlett 516-773-5120 or hazlettj@usmma.edu

**The Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)**  
POC: 703-683-4911

**Militia Association of New York (MANY)**  
POC: Howard Haider 718-815-0505  
or manyed@juno.com

**369th Historical Society @ Militia Association of New York (MANY)**  
POC: 718-793-6812

**National Guard Association (NGAUS)**  
Web site <<http://www.ngaus.org>>

**National Maritime Historical Society**  
5 John Walsh Blvd., Peekskill, NY  
POC: Patrick J. Garvey 914-737-7878  
or exdir@seahistory.org

**National Museum of Naval Aviation**  
Located aboard NAS Pensacola, Pensacola, FL. Web: <[www.naval-air.org](http://www.naval-air.org)>

**Naval Institute (USNI) and USNI Press**  
Check out their publication listings at <[www.nip.org](http://www.nip.org)>

**Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)**  
26-27 April Mid-Atlantic and New England Chapter meeting, Falls Church, VA  
POC: G. Wallmark 703-426-9643 or bsdn@ndw.navy.mil  
Check out new NERA Comm Center on their website  
POC: HQ 703-534-1329/800-776-9020  
Web:<[www.nera.org/nera](http://www.nera.org/nera)>

**Naval Militia Association, Inc. (NMA)**  
POC: 516-333-2000 ext 130

**Naval Order of the United States (NOUS)**  
POC: LT Adelaar, 212-582-7368

**Naval Reserve Association (NRA)**  
5 April Mess Night at US Merchant Marine Academy, honoring RADM Stephen Keith, USNR (Ret) former Commander, Naval Air Reserve Force and Deputy

# NEW YORK AREA ASSOCIATION NEWS (Cont.)

**Executive Director - NRA**  
 POC: Captain Gibbons, NYNM 631-277-1404  
 6 April, Officer Professional Development Seminar, Omni Hotel, Jacksonville, FL  
 Web: <www.navy-reserve.org>  
 POC: 703-548-5800

**Naval Reserve Forces (NRF)**  
 Web: <http://www.navy.mil/navresfor>  
 Reserve career opportunity info through Reserve Personnel Management (NPC-9)  
 Web: <www.persnet.navy.mil/codes/pers9/home01.html>

**Naval War College**  
 Website <www.nwc.navy.mil>

**Navy League of the United States (NLUS), New York Council**  
 POC: 212-399-4440/(Fax)212-399-4405  
 c/o INTREPID Sea-Air-Space Museum, One Intrepid Square, Pier 86, NY, NY 10036

**Navy League of the United States (NLUS)**  
 22 April guest speaker from CINCLANTFLT  
 22 - 29 May Fleet Week Activities in NYC  
 28 Jun-2 Jul, Navy League Convention and Centennial Celebration in NY City  
 POC: Navy League offices 703-528-1775  
 Web: <http://navyleague.org>

**Navy Lodge**  
 Web: <www.navy-nex.com>  
 For reservations 1-800-NAVY-INN

**Navy SEABEE Veterans of America**  
 Veteran SEABEE's and USMC SEABEE advisors invited/contact:  
 Navy SEABEE Veterans of America, PO Box 1077, West Seneca, NY, 14224

**New York Guard (NYG)**  
 POC: COL Michael Stenzel 518-786-4970 or stenzelm@ny-smtp.army.mil or LTC Sidney Baumgarten 212-233-1925, auragenics@aol.com, liaison to NYNM

**New York Institute of Technology (NYIT)**  
 POC: Sharon Conklyn 516-348-3078/  
 (FAX) 516-348-0327

**Old Guard of the City of New York**  
 POC: 212 724-9268

**Project Liberty Ship**  
 Interested in Liberty Ship history?  
 Project Liberty Ship Chairperson,  
 POC: Helen Bentley, PO Box 25846  
 Hightstown Station, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 (PH) 410-661-1550

**Reserve Officers Association (ROA)**  
 19-22 Jun 2002 National Convention, Philadelphia, PA,  
 22-27 Jul 2002 CIOR/CIOMR Summer Congress, Strasbourg, FR  
 POC: Ms Grace White, 202-479-2200  
 Web: <www.roa.org>

**Respect for Law Alliance (RFLA)**  
 POC: Arthur Gerwin, 212-486-0543

**The Retired Officers Association (TROA)**  
 Web: <www.troa.org>  
 POC: 800-444-2326

**Sampson WW-2 Navy Museum**  
 Sampson State Park, Romulus, New York (no admission charge)  
 POC: 315-585-6392/800-357-1814

**Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ)**  
 POC: Captain Liam Murphy, NYNM 914-285-2065 or WJMWPNY@aol.com  
 (COL Wayne McGrath)

**Soldiers', Sailors', Marines and Airmen's Club**  
 Rates for Reservists at this Lexington Avenue address in Manhattan (located between 36th and 37th Street) are from \$25-\$35/night, tax free.  
 Reservations: 800-678-8443  
 Website <www.ssmclub.org>

**State University of New York Maritime College (SUNY)**  
 POC: 718-409-7278

**T\*A\*P\*S**  
 Organization for survivors of Military personnel  
 Web: <www.taps.org>

**US Navy Association (USNA)**  
 POC: LCDR William R. Seidenstein, USNR (Ofc) 718-250-2703, (H) 516-489-9847

**USMC Combat Correspondents Association**  
 POC: GYSGT M. Reynolds 516-793-2715, semperfi@nassau.cv.net

**United States Navy Public Affairs Alumni Association (USNPAAA)**  
 17 - 19 August 2002 reunion in Williamsburg Virginia  
 e-mail: <jnemer@erols.com>

**United Services Organization (USO)**  
 POC: USO 212-448-0455/e-mail: usonyc16@aol.com  
 GEN Douglas MacArthur Memorial Center, 283 Lexington Ave., Suite A, NY, NY 212-448-0496

**United War Veterans Council of New York County**  
 Website: www.unitedwarvets.org or 212-693-1476

**USS Slater (DE 766) Museum**  
 Last surviving DE of WWII  
 Hours Thur-Sun 1100-1600/Closed 10/31-3/31, POB 1926, Albany, NY 12201-1926, 518-431-1943  
 www.dmna.state.ny.us/slater

**Veterans Bedside Network (Veterans Hospital Radio and TV Guild)**  
 Celebrating 50th Anniversary  
 POC: Wallace Green 914-699-6069.

**West Point Club**  
 USMA Club at West Point  
 POC: Armand DiPoalo 914-938-5120  
 Fax 914-446-0749 www.usma.edu/dcf

**May 22 - 29, 2002  
 Is Fleet Week**

## Maritime College

State University of New York

[www.sunymaritime.edu](http://www.sunymaritime.edu)

### Prestigious, unique, focused...

The State University of New York Maritime College provides women and men personalized attention, a superior education, the adventure of international travel, and the bright promise of exciting careers.

The maritime industry encompasses a broad spectrum of activities. It is an inter-national business that requires expertise in finance and logistics to administer.

It embraces a wide range of technology and requires highly skilled, resourceful and disciplined operators for its principal agents - ships.

All the academic programs of the Maritime College incorporate hands-on experience and real world applications. "International" defines the maritime industry and Maritime College provides a solid education in international maritime business. Business students gain the expertise to assume leadership roles in multinational corporations, government and organizations involved in global commerce.

The Maritime College's engineering programs prepare students for an extraordinary range of challenging careers from the design and construction of ships to managing power plants and other commercial facilities.

Marine Environmental Science students examine a variety of environmental topics including meteorology, oceanography and marine biology that support industries extremely sensitive to the environmental impact of its operations.

All students are exposed to a wide range of humanities courses that investigate the arts, history and literature and are an excellent complement to the professional

disciplines.

### NYC, a perfect location...

Located on the Throggs Neck peninsula where the East River meets Long Island Sound, the campus blends the best of two worlds: a comfortable college-town feel with the greatest city in the world. An impressive view of the Sound extends toward the North Atlantic, yet only a few miles away are Yankee Stadium and midtown Manhattan.

Athens, Dublin, Barbados, Naples, London, Copenhagen... just some of the recent ports of call for the Empire State VI. Whether at the helm of this 565-foot vessel or at the throttle of its 17,000 horse-power engines, plotting a course through the Straits of Gibraltar or operating and maintaining a sophisticated power plant, Maritime College students acquire valuable, hands-on training while gaining exposure to international cultures in nine European cities.

On our training vessels, in our classrooms and laboratories, on our athletic fields, and in the friendships and camaraderie built through time at sea and Trans-Atlantic travel, our students learn to lead. Student life in a Regiment of Cadets builds bonds that last a lifetime and prepares young women and men with the leadership skills necessary for a wide range of professional careers. Most Maritime College students are part of this traditional and structured approach that sets our school apart and above. Participation in the Regiment is optional for some programs.

Maritime College graduates step out of the classroom and into positions of immediate responsibility in industry, government, the military, or, other pursuits of their choice. The College experiences 100% career placement of its graduating seniors.

### Commissioning Opportunities...

For more than a century, SUNY Maritime College graduates have had the opportunity to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Armed Forces. Maritime College has the only Navy and Marine Reserve

Officer Training Corps (NROTC) program in the New York metropolitan area. Many of the commissioned graduates are selected for flight school, nuclear power or submarine school. U.S. Coast Guard and Air Force commissioning programs are also available.

### Student Life/Athletics...

Intercollegiate competition has a long tradition at SUNY Maritime College. The College fields 16 varsity teams in five different conferences, including baseball, basketball, lacrosse, swimming, softball, soccer, volleyball, cross-country, rifle and pistol. The college has attained national prominence in crew and sailing. Students partake in over 25 Clubs and Organizations ranging from culture to surfing.

Maritime College's Regional Status allows students from Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. to enroll at New York resident tuition rates.

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(800)642-1874 Northeastern States

## OFFICIALS WARN VETERANS ABOUT ON-LINE PENSION PAYMENT OFFERS

The Department of Veterans Affairs is advising veterans to be wary of a growing number of On-line companies that are offer-ing to buy their future disability benefits or military pensions for a lump-sum payment. Officials say that the companies making the offers are not doing anything illegal because they are taking advantage of loopholes and a gray area of the law. "Our advice to you is not to participate in these schemes," says Jon A. Wooditch.

# ALONG THE COASTS

A snapshot of the Coast Guard as of March 12

Coast Guard cutters are patrolling 103 security zones off the Atlantic coast and 28 off the Pacific coast.

**A Coast Guard helicopter crew** airlifted a 49-year-old man who sustained back injuries after crashing his all-terrain vehicle into a tree on Harrison Mountain near Sitka, Alaska.

**Crews from Air Station Detroit and Station Toledo** responded to three people stranded on rocks at the mouth of the Maumee River. Their vessel had been forced aground by high winds after its engine failed. Two of the people were rescued by a good samaritan. The third stayed with the boat until the Station Toledo crew arrived to assist.

**FACTS AND FIGURES**  
 Lives saved FY01: 4,201. FY02: 811.  
 Migrants interdicted FY01: 3,948. FY02: 1,536.  
 Marijuana seized FY01: 34,520 lbs. FY02: 18,983.  
 Cocaine seized FY01: 138,393 lbs. FY02: 71,759.  
 Security zones-Atlantic: 103. Pacific: 28.  
 Reservists recalled-Atlantic: 1,363. Pacific: 478.

**Coast Guard Air Station Atlantic City** medevaced a Navy sailor from the USS Stout who sustained a neck injury after falling in heavy sea conditions, southeast of Cape May, N.J.

**A Coast Guard crew from Station Oregon Inlet** rescued three dolphins stranded in shallow water in Pamlico Sound, N.C.

Navy divers from **Cutter Yellowfin** recovered the body of a Navy corpsman killed when the rescue helicopter he and four Marines were in crashed about 30 miles southeast of Savannah, Ga. The crew of the Yellowfin rescued the other four.

**Cutter Campbell** repatriated 65 Haitian migrants to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. An HH-65 Dolphin helicopter deployed to the Campbell located the migrants on a 40-foot sailboat 15 miles northwest of Haiti.

**Seven Coast Guard rescue units** searched for a family missing after a fishing trip in the Gulf of Mexico. The body of one family member and wreckage from the vessel were located, prompting an intensified search for the other missing family members.

**KEY** Drug interdiction Fisheries patrol Migrant interdiction Rescue mission Hazardous material cleanup Other

Source: U.S. Coast Guard  
 TIMES STAFF

New York State Guard  
88<sup>th</sup> Brigade (N.Y.C.)  
212-794-9003

Volunteers are needed to train and serve in the New York Guard.

All Emergencies all have something in common, they are **Unpredictable**.

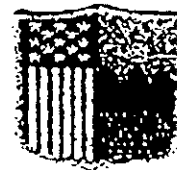
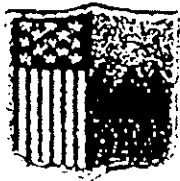
9/11  
Flight 600  
Ice Storm (Buffalo, NY)

The New York Guard has a vacancies in the Following Areas:

Medical-Nurse-EMT-Security-Communications-Search & Rescue-  
Personnel-Legal-Logistic-Food Handling-Training - Drill & Ceremony

- Veterans can enlist up to the age of 64
- Civilians can enlist up to the age of 55
- May be eligible for 30 military leave days from Employer
- For More Details on the enlistment call Tuesday between 1900 hrs. to 2200 hrs. or Call (347)-267-6827 Wednesday - Friday 0900 to 1700.
- The New York Guard has NCO Schools for Junior and Senior enlisted Personnel and OCS classes and field grade officer's courses. Also the Guard has a one week boot camp for non veterans which is class room orientated at Camp Smith.
- Initial enlistment is base on education, job experience, and prior military experience (not necessary), and all enlisted personnel must past the medical requirements.

Or visit our website at [www.dmna.state.ny.us](http://www.dmna.state.ny.us)



New York Guard members get paid for active state duty.

**\*\* There is No Federal obligation for New York Guard members\*\***