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On the cover:

BMC Mike Nilsen, of MEBS Det 2
pilots PB 440 on Rockaway Inlet.



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Commander's Corner:



Rear Admiral (LH)
Ten Eyck B. Powell, III NYNM

From the Commander:

Holiday Greetings to the Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen of the New York Naval Militia.

As we celebrate the holiday season with our family and friends, and start the New Year, I will take this opportunity to reflect upon what we did together in the past year, and outline where we will go during 2017.

We are the naval arm of the New York State Defense Forces, and are ready to respond to the call of the State Adjutant General, under the command of the

Governor, in the event of any emergency that may threaten the lives and safety of our neighbor New Yorkers. During 2016 we improved our capability significantly in a number of core areas;

- 1) We followed up on the success of our first coastal storm exercise, "Rapid Gunwale '15", with an event that tested our ability to perform three different mission areas at once. "Rapid Gunwale '16" combined a multi-agency boat exercise with medical training and personnel administration, as well as forklift qualifications.
- 2) The Naval Militia NCO Organization consisting of Chief Petty Officers and senior NCO's of all of our services, under the leadership of our Force Master Chief, SOCM Charles Mach, is expanding and focusing on the specific needs of all of our volunteer members in terms of aids to advancement, education and training, and emergency communications.
- 3) Our NYNM Headquarters and Regional staffs have actively pursued broadening our training opportunities throughout the state, specifically in Central and Western New York.

- 4) Our membership continues to grow with over 3,100 Militia volunteers willing to serve our neighbors in New York.

For the upcoming year, we are planning two exercises, a first for NYNM. Rapid Gunwale '17 will test our ability to rapidly mobilize a significantly larger force than previous exercises. Some of you will receive a "no notice" request to voluntarily mobilize for 1-2 days during 2017. The second will focus on a Western NY scenario which CAPT Larry Weill, our Assistant Chief of Staff Operations, is developing currently, and will be "Western Horizon '17"

As I reach the end of my second year in command of NYNM, I believe that all of us, working together, will continue to improve our ability to respond to any emergency that may arise within the state. Being part of an organized militia means that you are ready to set aside your home and family responsibilities to come to the aid of your neighbors. New York Militia members have a proud history of service to nation and state, from battle streamers during the Spanish American War, to the natural disasters of a few years ago, and will continue to do so, as long as people like you are willing.

I wish you and your families and friends Happy Holidays. Stay safe and keep your sea bag packed.
Excelsior!

Ten Eyck Powell, III
Commander, New York Naval Militia

Education News:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE AND RETENTION PROGRAM (RIRP)

NEW FOR SPRING 2017 APPLICATIONS:

- Due by 15 December 2016
- For the Spring 2017 semester only, applications may be submitted by mail, email, or fax.
- Electronic submissions must be in pdf format as a single document. **DO NOT** send an application in zip file, screenshot, or google-drive formats.
- All eligible applicants will have a CAC. Applicant must sign DMNA FORM 96-1, Block 3f electronically using a CAC. See the image.
- Block 4 MUST include the Unit Admin or Commander's signature, printed name, and date.
- Copies of applicants TAP and FAFSA for the 2016-17 school year must be included.

NEW FOR FALL 2017 APPLICATIONS:

- Due by 15 August 2017
- Commencing with the Fall 2017 application cycle, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY, including CAC signatures for the applicant and unit approval.

FALL 2016 RIRP STATISTICS FOR THE NY NAVAL MILITIA:

For the current semester, there were 3 Coast Guard applicants, 107 Marine Corps applicants, and 57 Navy applicants. Of those 167 applicants, 144 were approved for a total of \$432,000.00 in tuition benefits provided by the State of New York. This is a record high for this program within the New York Naval Militia.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EDUCATION PROGRAM? Contact the NYNM Education Officer, Ms. Jean Walton, at jean.e.walton.nfg@mail.mil

3. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT	
<small>a. I certify that I understand the provisions of DMNA Regulation 621-1 which states that I must remain a member in good standing of the New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, or New York Naval Militia as certified by the commander of my respective component for this certificate to remain in effect. I further understand that I must maintain the academic standards of the appropriate college or university and HESC. Failure to remain a member in good standing, or to meet academic standards, and complete the financial aid process will result in the Certificate of Eligibility being terminated and my assuming the cost of tuition for that semester. I understand that, if I fail to complete my term of enlistment, I will be held liable for repayment of educational benefits received through the RIRP during the term of my enlistment. I certify that I am a resident of the State of New York and acknowledge that I must remain a resident of the State of New York during the term of the Certificate of Eligibility (excluding tours of federal active duty) for it to remain in effect. I understand that I must declare all educational reimbursements, including those from my employer, and that such reimbursements will be used to reduce the cost of tuition to the State of New York. I understand that the final determination of my entitlement for the RIRP benefit is made by MNBDF. I understand that the benefit covers only the cost of tuition, and that I am responsible for the cost of fees, books, and room and board.</small>	
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4. COMMANDER'S/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE CERTIFICATION PRINT NAME HERE	
<small>a. I certify that the applicant meets the criteria for issuance of the Certificate of Eligibility as specified in DMNA Regulation 621-1, paragraph 3-1. NOTE: ARNG Applicants do not require Commanders/Authorizer Representative signatures:</small>	
UNIT ADMIN OR CMD MUST SIGN AND DATE WITH CAC CARD	
5. TO BE COMPLETED BY EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER.	
COMPLETED BY NAVAL MILITIA HQ	
<small>DMNA Form 96-1, 13 JUN 2008 DMNA FORM 96-1, JUL 2001, IS OBSOLETE. Page 5 of 5 Current version as of Nov 2015 APD PE v1.00</small>	

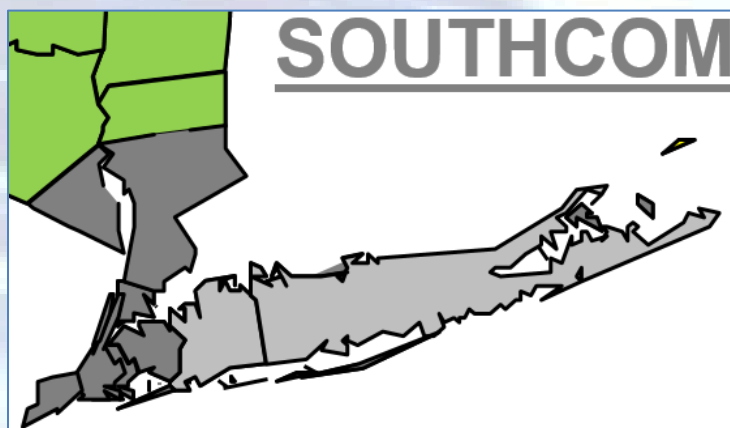
SOUTHCOM CHANGE OF COMMAND AND AWARDS RECOGNITION

In a ceremony at Camp Smith Training Site on 16 SEP 16, CAPT Spiro Colaitis relieved COL Christopher Rust as Commander, Southern Command, New York Naval Militia.



RDML Powell reads the SouthCom change of Command orders as CAPT Spiro Colaitis (L) relieves COL Christopher Rust (R) as Commander of Southern Command, NYNM. "COL Rust preformed in an outstanding and exemplary manner," recalled RDML Powell. "His devotion to the members of the Southern Command and his outstanding leadership resulted in an over 50% increase in membership in SOUTHCOM recruiting during his tenure. His efforts have been greatly appreciated and we look forward to CAPT Colaitis continuing COL Rust's advances."

COL Rust will take on the State-wide leadership in total Marine Corps recruiting, liaison and organization as NYNM's Marine Corps Component Liaison Officer.



RECENT AWARDS



Medal for Meritorious Service to New York State



RDML Powell presents the Medal for Meritorious Service to COL Christopher Rust.



MGYSGT Salvatore Rignola receives the Meritorious Service Medal



NYS Commendation Medal



CWO2 Arthur Nolan received the NYS Commendation Medal for his leadership during the 2016 Rapid Gunwale Exercise. CWO2 Nolan acted flawlessly as the MEBS Operations Officer maintaining leadership and control over the MEBS Boats and personnel from the deployed MEBS Command Post.



SSGT Erik Tjornhom receives the NYS Commendation Medal

CAPT Lawrence Weill receives a certificate from RDML Powell for his planning of the 2016 Rapid Gunwale Exercise. CAPT Weill acted as Training (N7) and Operations Officer (N3) for the Rapid Gunwale Exercise that was the largest exercise NYNM had attempted in recent memory. His devotion to the Naval Militia as evident in the smooth planning and execution of the exercise.





2016 Josephthal Award Presentations

The 2016 Josephthal Award for Naval Militia Unit of the Year was presented to the MEBS Headquarters Staff. Pictured from left to right: AM1 James Miller (N41 – Asst. Maint); Senior Chief Frank Rogers (N4 – Maintenance); Chief Robert Morisseau (N6 – Communications); CWO2 Arthur Nolan (N3 – Operations); and RDML Powell presenting the award. Not pictured are CWO4 Philip Slominski (N7 – Training) and YN1 Bernice Hans (N1 – Administration).



MK2 Ken Stefandel of MEBS Det 2 is presented the Naval Militia Member of the Year by RDML Powell, onboard PB 440.



WESTCOM Leaders Get Together for Dinner and a Chat

(by CAPT Larry Weill)

Leaders from across WESTCOM got together for a NYNM dinner and planning session this week. Members present included CAPT Tom Hurley (WESTCOM Region Commander), CDR Jay Dutcher (WESTCOM Deputy Commander), CAPT Larry Weill (N3/7 and NOSC Rochester LNO), BMC James Bruce (NOSC Buffalo LNO), and BMC Robert Lipp (NOSC Syracuse LNO).

The dinner was a first-ever event for the WESTCOM Region, as most meetings and planning sessions have always happened in conjunction with state-wide NYNM leadership forums. This was the first time that the WESTCOM Region has met on their own to discuss local-specific issues that affect the Region's three NOSC facilities.

On the agenda were topics including recruiting, MEBS training, joint operations between the multiple WESTCOM NOSCs, and future sites and ideas for NYNM exercises. Many of the ideas introduced represented first-ever discussions of new and novel locations for employment of Militia assets. CDR Dutcher recommended that we consider an event on one of the Finger Lakes, where local Law Enforcement agencies would be more than pleased to join us for joint training and operations.

Also on the docket was a roundtable discussion on how to positively influence a NOSC CO who has expressed some reservations about allowing NYNM to recruit and enlist new personnel inside their facilities. Most have been very enthusiastic about sponsoring a lesson (with our presenters) about the RIRP educational assistance program. We decided that we would initiate this conversation in the Syracuse NOSC to ramp-up the programming and recruitment program inside that facility.

The meeting, which included a hefty number of shrimp, crawdads, crab and lobster, lasted just under two hours, and was declared a great success by all. "Getting together like this is not only fun, but it's a win-win situation for all," said BMC Lipp. "The information exchange was invaluable."

This same group (with a few more added on) will meet again in about six months to build on to this initial conversation. A few more lobsters and crawdads may disappear at the same time.



WESTCOM members (left to right): CAPT Tom Hurley, CDR Jay Dutcher, BMC James Bruce, BMC Robert Lipp, and CAPT Larry Weill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Staff Training Course (JSTC), Stewart Air National Guard Base, Newburg, 2-3 DEC 16. Contact NYNM HQ for details.

Bus Driver, HUMVEE Driver training, Camp Smith Training Site, Peekskill, 3-4 DEC 16. Contact NYNM HQ for details.

New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

2-Nov-16	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	162	35	45	242
WARRANT	14	4	5	23
ENLISTED	2085	354	422	2861
TOTAL	2258	391	483	3126
NAVY	1091	153	308	1552
MARINE	982	194	145	1321
COAST GUARD	150	3	3	156
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	15	6	3	24
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST (Retired)	23	37	13	73

UNIFORM NEWS:

The new Uniform Regulations for the Naval Militia has been promulgated. It can be found on the website at: [http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNMINST_1020.1B Uniform Regulations.pdf](http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNMINST_1020.1B_Uniform_Regulations.pdf)

The new instruction reflects recent changes in U.S. Navy uniform policy, updates to the authorized NYNM distinguishing device, and standardizes uniform appearance for all three federal components, especially the Marines.

As a reminder, wearing of the Naval Militia uniform is restricted to periods while in a State Active Duty status or ceremonial status. Personnel who are no longer active members of a federal component are required to wear the "N.Y. NAVAL MILITIA" tape on the working uniform.



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Boat Service News:



MEBS Organization Guidance has had significant changes including the formalization of MEBS staff and Regional Co-

ordinators.

The three Regional Coordinators are:

SOUTHCOM: ABECS Charles Dick

NORTHCOM: CSC Butch Hurlburt

WESTCOM: EOC Rick Stacy



Upcoming Events:

**MEBS Kick-Off 2017: 22-23APR
Leeds Armory**

**Exercise Western Horizon '17:
19-20 May
Seneca Lake**



RETIREES CORNER:

Status: According to New York State Law only Officers “retire” from the State Defense Forces and are placed on a “retired list” either by their request to be placed on a retired list or upon reaching their 68th birthday. All other personnel are discharged upon reaching their 68th birthday.

Uniform issues: The NYNM follows the guidance of the parent services: a retiree is authorized to wear the appropriate Service Uniforms to social functions (weddings; funerals; etc.) but not authorized working uniforms after leaving the NYNM.

ID Cards: Once an individual leaves active service there is no State Defense Force ID Card for Discharged or Retired members of the New York Naval Militia.

New York State Department of Motor Vehicle License plates: The policy of the NYS DMV is that only active members of the New York Naval Militia may apply for or renew NYS Motor Vehicle license plates with New York Naval Militia identification.

The Division of Military and Naval Affairs greatly appreciates your dedication and your many years of service to our State, however, please do not ask for retired ID Cards or for letters indicating current active service for NYNM license plate renewals.

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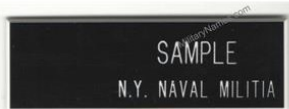
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*The Commanding Officers of
The New York Guard
COL George De Simone
&*

*The New York Naval Militia
RDML Ten Eyck Powell III*

*Request the pleasure of your company
at the*

*2016 New York Guard & New York Naval Militia
Holiday Gala*

*Saturday, the Third Day of December,
Two Thousand sixteen*

*The West Point Club
United States Military Academy
603 Cullum Rd, West Point, NY 10996 (845) 446-5504*

Cocktail Hour At 1800 hours

*Seating for Dinner and Military Ceremonies
will commence at 1900 hours*

Following dinner there will be a USO Show Troupe Performance

Cash Bar available throughout the evening

*Dancing and Camaraderie will follow
Flyer with details attached*



**2016 Annual NYG/NYNM
Holiday Gala Invitation
From the
Commander, New York Guard
&**

Commander, New York Naval Militia

EVENT - The 2016 New York Guard/New York Naval Militia Annual Holiday Gala

INVITEES - All former and current members of the New York Guard and New York Naval Militia and their guests

WHERE - The Historic West Point Club, West Point Military Academy, 603 Cullum Road, West Point, NY 10996

WHEN - Saturday December 03, 2016 (Cocktail Hour 1800 hrs., Dinner 1900 hrs.)

ATTIRE

- Military: Dress Mess/Dress Blue (Bow Tie)
- Civilian: Tuxedo (Black Tie)/Formal

DINNER INFORMATION

- **Cash Bar** will be available
- **Hors d'oeuvre** (Cocktail Hour – Passed in trays)
 - Tomato Bruschetta w/Pita Triangles
 - Fried Cheese Ravioli
 - Franks in a Blanket
 - Swedish Meatballs
 - Mini Spring Rolls
- **Entrees** (pre-select 1 of the following)
 - Char-Grilled Rib-Eye Steak
 - Pan Seared Chicken
 - Blackened Salmon
 - Wild Mushroom Risotto (Vegetarian)
- **Dessert** (pre-select 1 of the following)
 - NY Apple Crumb Cake
 - Carrot Cake

ATTENDANCE:

- **INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION** (Less than 10 seats) Open Seating – table not reserved First come First Seated
- **RESERVED TABLE** (10 seats) Reservation and full payment for all 10 seats must be made together.
- **COST:** (The rank of each attendee will determine the dinner cost. Guests pay the same as their escort)
 - **Enlisted E7 and below** – \$45.00 each & \$45.00 for each guest
 - **Enlisted E8 and above & all Officers** – 65.00 & \$65.00 for each guest
- **RESERVATIONS:** only accepted with full payment.
 - Include Name/Rank/Title & entrée/dessert choice for each seat
 - if no meal/dessert selection is made you will get Pan Seared Chicken/Carrot Cake
 - Make check(s) payable to: “Chester Edwards”
 - No partial payments will be accepted, no reservation placed until full payment is received
- **MAIL TO:** Mail your check, the name of each person in your party, all entrée and dessert choices to:
 - COL Chester Edwards, 96 Hawley Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573
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DEADLINE - All reservations must be received and paid for by Friday November 18, 2016

ALL EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS/FAQs to: 2016HolidayGala@gmail.com

ALL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS/FAQs to: 914-260-2122

2016 Annual NYG/NYNM Holiday Reservation Form

Table Reservation (10 guests) will reserve a table for your party.
Individual Reservations (less than 10 Guests) will be open seating only.
Enlisted E7 and below – \$45.00 each & \$45.00 for their guest(s)
Enlisted E8 and above & all Officers – 65.00 & \$65.00 for their guest(s)

Person Placing Reservation

Name: _____	Rank: _____	Phone # _____	Email: _____
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DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

Name	Rank/Title	Entrée Choice*	Dessert Choice*	Total
Total Amount Due				

Reservations only accepted with full payment.

*Reservations without entrée/dessert choices will get Pan Seared Chicken/Carrot Cake.
DEADLINE - All reservations must be received and paid for by Friday November 18, 2016

Make Checks Payable to Chester Edwards

**Mail completed form with check/money order for your reservations to:
COL Chester Edwards, 96 Hawley Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573**