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Commander's Corner:



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

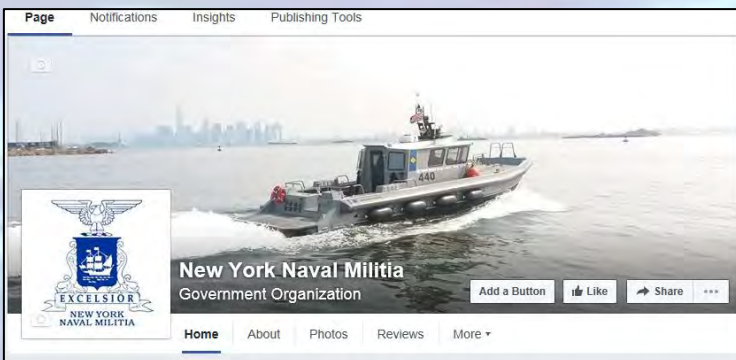
From the Commander:

It has been a busy 18 months since I took command in December 2014. A brief review shows that our force continues to grow, with over 3,000 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen on board. Over 95% percent of us are active Reservists, which means that the State of New York has emergency access to a pool of highly trained, energetic, dedicated volunteers, who are standing by to help their community.

We have conducted two exercises, Rapid Gunwale '15 and '16, with the support of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, in

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**MEBS Crewmembers, SSGT Erik Tjornhom
and ME1 David Roe onboard PB 300 during
Exercise Rapid Gunwale '16.**

which we demonstrated that the NYNM can provide rapid response when called, across a broad spectrum of missions, and integrate seamlessly with other state and local forces, while providing valuable skill training that translates to our Reserve communities.

Our Military Emergency Boat Service continues to provide exceptional capability and versatility for both the state and other agencies. We have made a number of improvements to the capability of our craft, and have improved our ability to coordinate communication with NYNM units and other agencies around the state.

This summer, the NYNM was awarded a Port Security Grant to procure a high speed landing craft for use in the Hudson Valley. This will allow us to not only provide patrol service, as we have done for many years, but gives us the ability to rapidly provide lift capability for New York forces to areas that might not be easily accessible otherwise by land.

A few short years ago the effects of Hurricanes Lee, Irene and Sandy made an impact on New York. Just as the State recalled members of the Naval Militia to support and assist our families, friends and neighbors during those emergencies, I am confident that you and I will respond professionally and selflessly to the needs of New Yorkers during the current Hurricane season.

Keep up the good work!

Headquarters News:

MEET JEAN WALTON



The new Naval Militia Headquarters Office Manager and Education Officer

Dear Navy Militia Members,

Please join me in welcoming our newest team member, Miss Jean Walton has come on onboard as the HQ Admin/Education Officer. Her first day was 22 Oct 2015. Jean has over nine years of experience in increasingly responsible roles within the military and is a well-rounded leader. In her most recent position, Jean worked on the NY Army National Guard (NYARNG) Mobilization team and is current still serving as a Military Police Instructor, Staff Sergeant within the NYARNG. She has served two tours in Iraq and one tour in Afghanistan. She is very excited to become a part of our team and is always looking for new ways to progress the Naval Militia moving into future operations.

Recent Recruiting Awards:

SSGT Erik Tjornhom – 25 recruits
CPL Giorgio Lopez – 20 recruits
MK2 Ken Stefandel – 3 recruits



Exercise Rapid Gunwale '16

Members of the New York Naval Militia, the Coast

Guard Auxiliary and Hudson Valley police agencies held a maritime emergency response exercise on the Hudson River south of Verplanck in the vicinity of George's Island County Park on Saturday morning, June 18.

This exercise involved four New York Naval Militia patrol boats as well as boats from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and police watercraft from Hastings on Hudson, Irvington, Ossining, Port Chester, Rye, Putnam County, Westchester County and Yonkers. A total of 11 watercraft were involved in the exercise.

Concurrently, the New York Naval Militia will conducted logistics, command and control, and medical training at the New York National Guard's Camp Smith Training Site.

About 85 members of the Naval Militia and 40 law enforcement personnel participated in the exercise.

In addition to the maritime exercise, there was key training in logistics; medical; and personnel administration.

The simulation allowed Naval Militia Headquarters to evaluate how effectively an emergency recall of a core of first responders would function in the event of an emergency

necessitating a “first wave” of Naval Militia members.



MEBS Command Post



Rapid Gunwale '16
Expeditionary Logistics
Support Team
Forklift Training

NAVAL MILITIA LOGISTICS RESPONDERS

Key training for the New York Naval Militia is the ability to augment the New York Air and Army National Guard with the right personnel at the right time.

One mission needing rapid response is the ability to for a team of logistics personnel to distribute needed supplies.



Naval Militia members from Navy Cargo Battalion Eight responded to Rapid Gunwale and trained 14 new Forklift operators.

On the water with a multi-agency response.



Medical Response Group Training



UNIFORM NEWS:

The Commander, NYNM has authorized two recent changes to the uniform instruction.

1) For service uniforms, the NYNM identifying device has been updated to a new “starburst” design. Wear this 2” metal pin on the left pocket of service and dress uniforms.



2) For MEBS personnel who have earned the designation of MEBS CRAFTMASTER, the new pin may be worn above the left breast pocket of service uniforms, or the embroidered patch may be worn on NWU/ODU uniforms.



Boat Service News:



2016 Boating Season Updates.

1. **MEBS detachments** have been updated to reflect the operational areas that they support. The new designations are:

Operational and Contingency:

Det 1, Indian Point



Det 2, Staten Island



Det 3+, Contingency and Exercise

Training:

Det 11, New York City (Notional)

Det 12, Long Island

Det 21, Lower Hudson Valley

Det 22, Mid-Hudson Valley (Notional)

Det 31, Capital District

Det 32, Lake Champlain

Det 41, Central New York

Det 42, Seaway (Notional)

Det 51, Genesee Valley

Det 52, Lake Erie

2. On 28 June 2016, FEMA announced the recipients of the **Port Security Grant Program**. NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs (Naval Militia's parent agency) was awarded a grant through Coast Guard Sector New York for the purchase of a 35' landing craft for the Naval Militia. This will be the first purchase of a major boat asset for the Naval Militia since 2007. We expect the boat to be based on the Hudson River.

3. For the first time, **MEBS has a boat based in Albany**. PB 301 is now located at the brand-new Springer Marina on the Hudson River, where it supports Det 31.

4. Recent events.

-In March 2016, the former Adjutant General, MG Patrick Murphy inked a new Memorandum of Agreement with Commander, USCG Sector New York, CAPT Michael Day.



-In May, Det 2 supported New York City Fleet Week. Missions included personnel movement for the Navy Criminal Investigative Service, including Director Andrew Traver; and support for the Secretary of Homeland Security, Jeh Johnson.



-PB 400 returned to her homeport of Verplanck after an extensive maintenance availability. During the work at White's Hudson River Marina, the diesel engines were replaced and the entire hull was re-painted.



-In July 2016, the new Adjutant General, MajGen Tony German entered into a new Memorandum of Agreement with Commander, USCG Sector Buffalo, CAPT Brian Roche.

5. New MEBS CRAFTMASTER Program

The purpose of this new program is to establish training standards across the state that any MEBS person can pursue. Tailored for the Naval Militia, the program is based on the US Navy RIVRON PQS as well as the NASBLA law enforcement training pipelines. It authorizes the wearing of the new MEBS CRAFTMASTER pin on your naval militia uniform.



The new PQS (NYNMINST 3502.1) can be found on the NY Naval Militia website at http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYN-MINST_3501.2_MEBS_Craftmaster_PQS.pdf

Proficiency training that will take place across the state over the course of the season will be targeted towards the standards found in this new document.

6. On 28 July 2016, the first recipients of the MEBS CRAFTMASTER program were recognized for their achievements. Earning the first three awards are:

- 1) CWO4 Phil Slominski, of Liverpool
- 2) ENCS Bob Wittenzellner, of Gasport
- 3) SWCS Frank Rogers, of Elizaville



Education News:

The next eligible semester for RIRP education benefits is Fall, 2016. The deadline for submission of benefit applications is 15 August 2016.

RECENT AWARDS

2016 Josephthal Trophy

Rear Admiral Louis M. Josephthal was Commanding Officer of the New York Naval Militia from 1925 to 1929. He passed away in May 1929. The last will and testament of Louis M. Josephthal stated that his executors "invest the sum of \$10,000.00 the income thereof to be devoted annually for a trophy for the Naval Militia of the State of New York to be known as the Josephthal Trophy, to be awarded as determined by the Commanding Officer of the said Naval Militia.



The Commander, New York Naval Militia is pleased to announce the awardees:

New York Naval Militia Member of the Year:

MK2 Kenneth Stefandel, MEBS Detachment 2

New York Naval Militia Unit of the Year:

MEBS Headquarters Staff

YN1 Bernice Hans – MEBS N1
CWO2 Art Nolan – MEBS N3/5
SWCS Frank Rogers – MEBS N4
AM1 James Miller – MEBS N41
MTC Robert Morisseau – MEBS N6
CWO4 Phil Slominski – MEBS N7

These New York Naval Militia members have distinguished themselves as outstanding representatives of New York and of the State

Defense Forces. All New York Naval Militia members join in congratulating these deserving volunteers.

PROMOTION BOARD RESULTS

New York State Military Commendation Medal

YN1 Bernice Hans, West Coxsackie
CDR Thomas Rielly, Ballston Spa
CDR Arthur McCormick, Carmel



New York State Medal for Meritorious Service

EOC Rick Stacy, Bergen



Results of the 2016 Promotion Board: On the recommendation of the Board, the Commander made no selections for promotion for the 2016 promotion year. The candidates for promotion were identified as outstanding members of the Naval Militia, however, the current needs of the force did not necessitate promotions at this time. Members of the Naval Militia are encouraged to work on their individual promotion applications for the next cycle. Key areas for individual emphasis include: a history of active participation in Naval Militia activities; a record of positive performance, as evidenced by regular Fitness Reports and Evaluations from the Naval Militia; positive military bearing; and a timely and complete promotion application package. All eligible members should prepare for the 2017 cycle which will culminate in applications due in May of 2017 to the Chief of Staff.

New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

1-Jul-16	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	164	34	43	241
WARRANT	15	5	5	25
ENLISTED	2075	357	430	2862
TOTAL	2254	396	478	3128
NAVY	1109	149	318	1576
MARINE	961	199	142	1302
COAST GUARD	149	3	2	154
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	19	21	7	47
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST	16	24	9	49

New York Naval Militia

Who's Who:

Commander:

Rear Admiral (lower half) Ten Eyck Powell, III

Deputy Commander:

CAPT Tim Zakriski

Chief of Staff:

CAPT David Hawley

Commander, NORTHCOM:

CAPT Warren Smith

Deputy Commander, NORTHCOM:

CDR Anthony Buanno

Commander, SOUTHCOM:

COL Chris Rust

Prospective Commander, SOUTHCOM:

CAPT Spiro Colaitis

Deputy Commander, SOUTHCOM:

CAPT Marylynn Marrese

Commander, WESTCOM:

CAPT Thomas Hurley

Deputy Commander, WESTCOM:

CDR Jay Dutcher

Commander MEBS:

CDR Don McKnight

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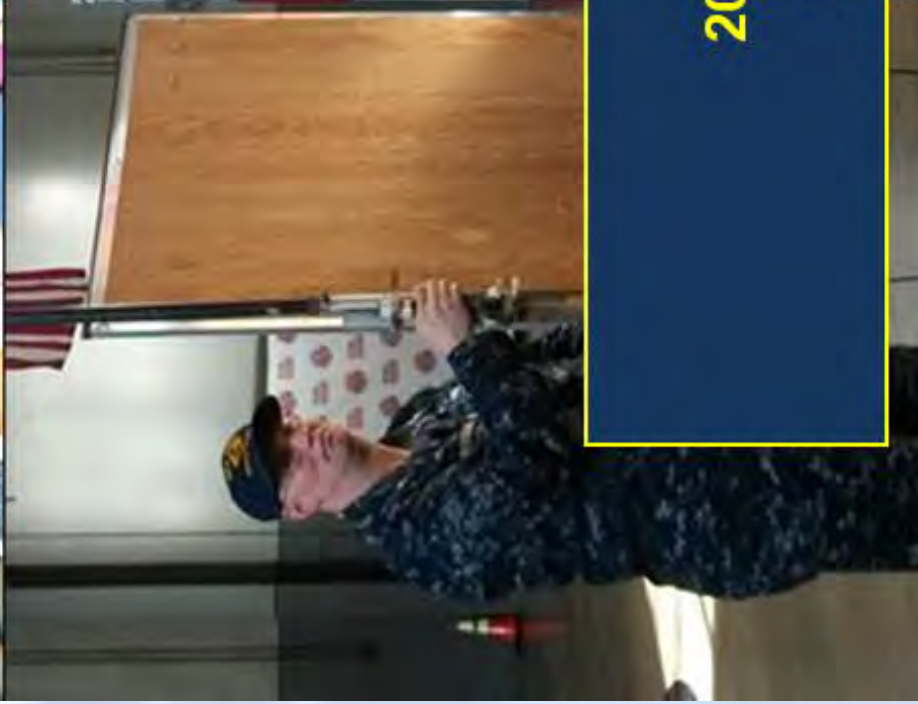
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**PETTY OFFICER KENNETH STEFANDEL, NYNM
2016 JOSEPH TAL AWARD RECIPIENT
NAVAL MILITIA MEMBER OF THE YEAR**



**MEBS HEADQUARTERS STAFF
2016 JOSEPH TAL AWARD RECIPIENT
NAVAL MILITIA UNIT OF THE YEAR**