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#### Commander's Corner:



**Rear Admiral (LH) Michael F. Perry,  
NYNM**

#### Cover photo:



LC 351, assigned to JTF Empire Shield with MEBS Det 3, prepares to get underway from USCG Station Jones Beach for an early morning mission, on 11OCT23.

*Contributed by CWO2 Christopher Ward.*

#### From the Commander:

Greetings shipmates! It is my honor and privilege to introduce myself as the 24th Commander of the New York Naval Militia. My journey began in 1991 after my wife suggested that I seek a part time job to help support our growing family. Then continued after I tried enlisting in the Advance Pay Grade program of the Navy Reserve at the height of Operation Desert Storm and was redirected to its Direct Commission Officer program due to my civilian logistics experience. Fortunately, my Officer Recruiter was a NYNM member and understood the importance of serving one's state as well as the nation. Thus, he simultaneously commissioned me into both the

USNR and NYNM on the same day. Then helped assign me to an “assistant to assistant” N4 billet toward the very bottom of the NYNM Headquarters Staff.

From there, I had a front row seat to watching the NYNM evolve from what had become a primarily social organization to undoubtedly the best Naval Militia in the nation. Becoming its first Incident Command System (NIMS) instructor before the days of online courses and among the first NYNM officers qualified to stand officer in charge duties in both the NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) Joint Operations Center and NYS Emergency Operations Center. Responding to dozens of activations to State Active Duty, including serving at Ground Zero in the wake of 9-11 and forward deployed during the state’s response to Superstorms Sandy and Irene. Eventually stepping back a bit to focus upon a series of USNR Command, Major Command, and Joint Force Commander tours and mobilizations. Yet, always maintaining my NYNM roots as best I could until my retirement from the USNR in 2019, which allowed me to resume focusing upon NYNM support.

Fortunately, that was right before COVID and just in time to volunteer for activation to help establish the Javits New York Medical Station from March through May of 2020. Thereafter, assuming command of NORTHCOM when then NYNM Deputy Commander Captain Hawley called me to say, “The NYNM needs you!” to step up into a more senior leadership role on the NYNM Headquarters Staff. Thus, I carefully looked, and then leapt, into the NORTHCOM billet. Then looked and leapt again into the Chief of Staff billet. Obviously, I am glad I did.

Thus, I am repeating that call today. Right now. To all of you! Please step-up and volunteer to help fill some key senior billets. Billets that either are or will soon become vacant from within

our senior enlisted and officer ranks and current Headquarters and Regional Staffs. As well as helping recruit completely new members. For example, perhaps you know of someone who is approaching USNR, USMC, or USCG Reserve retirement or has yet to apply for NYNM membership? If so, please reach out to them to help build our ranks.

Specifically, could you step up as well? Like several others have recently done into our Regional Commander, Chief of Staff, and Senior Enlisted Leader billets? All with outstanding success. Who knows unless you try and make your interests known. How? By emailing a short bio and note of interest to our new Chief of Staff, Captain MaryEtta Nolan, via the NYNM mailbox at [ng.ny.nyarnng.mbx.nynavalmilitia@army.mil](mailto:ng.ny.nyarnng.mbx.nynavalmilitia@army.mil) at your earliest convenience to help ensure we fully and fairly consider all possible candidates. Having recently stepped into several positions of increased responsibility, she can also help advise you regarding the roles and responsibilities of available positions. The point is, give it a shot, and make your interests known.

With that introduction and challenge made, congratulations, many thanks, and fair winds and following seas to our outgoing Commander, Rear Admiral (Lower Half Retired) Weill. Few, if any, members have donated as much of their time and effort to the NYNM or made a bigger impact upon our success. Thus, thanks again to everyone who helped coordinate and conduct among the best and most well-deserved changes of command and retirement ceremonies that The Adjutant General had ever seen. A few of the many recent accomplishments under Rear Admiral Weill’s leadership include:

- Completing our COVID field support and helping establish a financial tiger team, which is recovering hundreds of thousands of dollars per week in Federally reimbursable COVID costs, and consistently listed at the top of DMNA’s weekly

accomplishment report to the Governor;

- Initiating our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Program;
- Adding an 11th boat to our Military Emergency Boat Service and progressing plans to obtain a 12th boat;
- Coordinating two highly successful Empire Challenge Exercises, including one featuring first-ever cost orders and integration with a foreign navy affiliated with the New York National Guard (NYNG) State Partnership Program;
- Updating several foundational NYNM Instructions and expediting their consideration and approval, and;
- Activating an unprecedented nearly 15% of our over 3,100 members as necessary to provide up to 453 members at once in support of NYNG requirements, including approximately 20% of the military personnel needed to support the ongoing Asylum Seeker Support Mission.

Going forward, a few of our goals and objectives include:

- Finalizing implementation of our UAV Program and definition of its supporting Federal Aviation Administration certification and NYNM Personnel Qualification Standards;
- Seeking opportunities to get our Regional Commanders into the field to witness their members in action and personally deliver more of the awards, promotions, and congratulations that they are largely responsible for facilitating;
- Modernizing our Regional Command Instructions to reflect the far more off-site and virtual nature of today's reserve centers and absolutely mission critical importance of our Regional Commanders in maintaining the reserve center relationships that facilitate provision of 95% of our training and personnel;
- Updating our Uniform Instruction to authorize the award and wear of prestigious UAV Pilot, Regional Commander, and Military Emergency Manager Specialist uniform devices to those members who have earned the right to wear

them;

- Implementing the new Promotion Policies and Procedures Instruction with all candidates being reminded that a 30 BMI weight limit will be enforced this year and that they are primarily responsible for satisfying the specified submission requirements within the prescribed deadlines;
- Expanding Empire Challenge 24 to include some logistics and/or medical, as well as afloat and communications, components;
- Seeking further creative recruiting techniques, such as participation in the NY Air Show, Tugboat Roundup, and veterans' groups, to ensure we can sustain activating up to 429 members at once in support of the Asylum Seeker Support Mission, and;
- Further enshrining and documenting our NYNM legacy in places like the New York State Military Museum and US Navy Memorial.

Again, I could not be more pleased or proud to assume command of among the oldest, largest, and most productive state defense forces in the nation. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you during my more than 32-year NYNM career to date and look forward to meeting the rest of you in the following months and years. Meanwhile, best wishes for a safe holiday season paying careful attention to responsible alcohol use or prohibitions, particularly if you are on State Active Duty.

## Change of Command

November 3, 2023, the Change of Command Ceremony between RDML Lawrence Weill and RDML Michael Perry took place at DMNA. I wish to thank RDML Weill for his decades of Military service both federal and state. NY Naval Militia will miss his leadership, dedication, and mentorship.

With the promotion of RDML Michael Perry, the new Chief of Staff is CAPT Mary Etta Nolan who remains as NORTHCOM Regional Commander until a replacement is found.

## Chief of Staff News:

*By CAPT MaryEtta Nolan, NYNM*

Greeting Shipmates,

I will try to fill the shoes of our former CoS and now Commander, RDML Perry. With his guidance, I will help him achieve his goals for the NY Naval Militia. I am looking forward to traveling with him and the other Regional Commanders throughout the State and meeting our many service members both on mission and drilling in the reserve centers.

My short term goals will include:

- Updating some outdated instructions – starting with NYNM INST 5401.2 New York Naval Militia Regional Commands from 15 Oct 2010 and NYNM INST 5210.1 Regional Command Turnover Files from 26 Jan 2011.
- Streamline the process to submit awards by making it easier for senior enlisted to submit awards for their subordinates up the chain of command. The plan will be to have easily accessible templates available for use.
- Informative site visits to the Asylum Seeker Mission with the Admiral and Regional Commanders to better understand the problems faced by our junior Sailors and Marines. When we visit, I want to know what is working and what isn't. How can things be improved.
- Continue our great recruiting efforts especially for MEBS within our over 3,000 Marines and Sailors.
- Visit with Reserve Center Commanding Officers and discuss the opportunities to get Militia members on boats during the Spring and Summer

drill weekends, with the approval of the MEBS Commander.

One serious issue that has occurred this year is the falsifying of records. These service members will be prosecuted and removed from the ranks of the NYNM. Integrity is one of the highest standards to which we are all held as members of the military. It is one of the core attributes by which we are judged by both the military and civilians. I bring this to your attention as our organization is dealing with separate incidents of one member falsifying rank and pay and another on drilling status on financial applications. These types of incidents bring dishonor to the individuals.

Recently, the DMNA held its annual training course for the operation of the JOC (Joint Operations Center). I highly recommend this course to better understand the process needed to conduct any mission. Although, E7 and above must complete the FEMA training 100, 200, 700 and 800, I recommend it for everyone. The NYNM had three participants this year, NYNM HQ staff, QMC



Timothy Peterson,



Deputy Commander MEBS, LCDR William Washington and myself.



The next DMNA course “Joint Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration Training Course (JRSOITC) will be Tuesday, January 23 to Thursday January 25, 2024. If interested, contact Senior Chief Spain at NYNM HQ.

## Director’s News:

By CAPT David Hawley, NYNM (ret)

Every year at this time I remind Naval

Militia Non-Drilling members that the promotion cycle is only 6 months away. THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT! There is a new Naval Militia Promotion Instruction published on our web site: <https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=forms> NYNM INST 1410.F Promotion Policies and Procedures.

Key changes this year: (this is not an all encompassing list of requirements, the full application requirement are found in NYNM INST 1410.F Promotion Policies and Procedures)

1. In keeping with the growing professionalism of our Force we are requiring that applicants for promotion must have a BMI of 30 or less.
2. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they are time in grade and time in service eligible. No notices will be sent to the individuals or to Commanders.
3. In addition to the Current Photograph in Uniform an applicant must submit two photographs in PT gear (front and side views).
4. Candidates should include military and civilian evaluations for at least the past 5 years to provide the promotion board a clear “whole person” concept of the candidate.

### BENEFITS:

I also try to remind everyone of some of the benefits to being a member of the NY Naval Militia. December 13th is the deadline for your initial application for Spring 2024 Tuition Assistance. (RIRP) This is a great benefit for Drilling Reserve members working toward their first Bachelor’s Degree or Associate’s Degree. This benefit pays your College or University up to SUNY Tuition: \$3,535 per Semester or \$7,070 per year. Do not use your GI Bill to pay for what the Naval Militia tuition benefit will pay for just filling out the forms. State Active Duty:

As of the publishing of this newsletter the New York Naval Militia has over 450 personnel on Missions across New York State.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Naval Militia members that participated in the November 3rd Change of Command. Rear Admiral Lawrence Weill retired from the NY Naval Militia after serving the United States Navy and the NY Naval Militia for over 42 years. He is relieved by Rear Admiral Michael Perry to become our 24th Commander. Fair winds and following seas to RDML Weill and welcome to RDML Perry.

## Jury Duty Summons?

If you are serving on State Active Duty and receive a summons for jury duty, contact headquarters for an exemption. NYS Military Law Section 170 exempts persons on active duty from jury duty.

## Military Emergency Boat Service News:



**New Remote Pilot in Command badge authorized.**  
 The Commander has approved the new device for those NYNM individuals who qualify as Naval Militia drone operators. In addition to the

FAA Part 107 certification requirement, candidates will also have to complete internal requirements. The device is worn above the left breast pocket like any other warfare device.

NYNM drone operations are wrapped up under MEBS in Detachment 50.



## MEBS Fall Roundup Recap

*Guest contributed by Nicholas McKnight*

This October was the occasion of the annual Fall Roundup, where members of the Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) relocated the boats from their deployed locations across the state to their winter base at Leeds.

For many years, the Fall Roundup commenced on a single weekend, where training occurred both in the water and the classroom of the Leeds armory. Every time, opportunities are granted to meet and socialize with people from across the state who have yet to make their acquaintance. Typically done at the end of October, training and operations are standardized as the counterpart to the Spring Kickoff. From the 27th to the 29th, twenty-five members of MEBS under the leadership of **Lieutenant Commander William Washington** and **Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy Otty** gathered the boats and moved them to the Leeds armory. Some were towed, some driven up the river; either way, they got to where they were going. Once they arrived, the boats were subject to maintenance and storage for the winter, while the personnel proceeded to standardize the training for new operations. This will proceed to the Spring Kickoff, where training begins and the

boats are deployed.

“Smooth” was how OSCS Otty described the commencement of the operation. As the senior enlisted in charge of maintenance, Otty organized the logistics and coordinated personnel from wherever they came and directed them to Leeds. He handled the hotel reservations, coordinated the local VFW-sponsored hosting, and provided the food for the personnel; from pizza on Friday to potluck on Saturday. Training was conducted in the classroom of the armory, where they would go over a number of tasks. This included **Chief Bill Kaul** conducting training on checking the boat before getting underway, safety checks and what to log while on mission. They also went through SDS information, tech manuals for each boat and how to pull up and read information on another boat during cross training. Given the beneficial training which commenced, coupled with the fact that there were no injuries, nor any loss to man hours or equipment, Otty found the operation to be a very productive 48 hours. As the usual officer in charge CAPT McKnight, was unavailable, this responsibility fell on the shoulders of LCDR Washington.



Highlights included **Petty Officer Wilson Fenty** being made CraftMaster after an oral board,

and **Master Chief Glenn Niemitalo**, who oversaw a question-and-answer session for the attendees who inquired about the naval militia, MEBS or the future.

## COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

### A MESSAGE from NYNM FORCE MASTER CHIEF

*By Master Chief Mineman Glenn Niemitalo*

#### 382 and a “Wakeup”

Time waits for no one and the one unavoidable truth is we get older regardless of any efforts we take. The infamous “AGING OUT”, High Year Tenure (HYT), or what ever label you want to put on it is on the horizon for me. I hit 68 next December the 8th 2024 and then it will be my turn to go home.

But change is good and creates opportunities for others to step up and take on the challenges of Senior Enlisted Leadership. As detailed in our Commanders Corner message there are numerous opportunities for taking on leadership roles through out the Naval Militia.

With respect to the NYNM Force Senior Enlisted role, I had the opportunity to shadow Master Chief Mach during his final year before assuming the duties as Force Senior Enlisted Leader and I would like to afford the same opportunity to my relief. As such, I welcome any Senior Enlisted who may be interested in the position to contact me and I can share my reflections, experiences, and answer any questions perspective candidates may have.

Based on my discussions with our Commander there will be more to follow regarding the selection process for the next Force Senior Enlisted Leader, but while 382 days & “a Wakeup” seems like a long time to go, but it is not and will go by in a flash. If you are interested pick up the



phone or drop me an email.  
MNCM Sends/////

*The Mineman's Motto – "Every ship can be a Minesweeper ONCE!!!"*

## Brazil Navy Partnership



The following is an update to the status of the New York State Naval Militia Brazil State Partnership Program Initiative.

Since April 2019, rather stuttering efforts have been made to initiate a partnership between the Brazil Navy (MB) and the New York Naval Militia. Although some efforts later in that year had the blessing of US 4th FLEET, no actual integration with MB took place.

The COVID 19 pandemic severely impacted efforts for this project. In essence, everything stopped.

In 2022, a proposal to invite a small contingent to Exercise Empire Challenge in September was floated, but there was never any action taken. However, the proposal did generate some interest on behalf of MB to come to New York for an exercise. This materialized into the visit by **Capitao de Corveta Gustavo Lemos** in October 2023 for Exercise Empire Challenge, in New York City. The escort group (the party) consisted of **CWO4 Chang, CAPT McKnight, BM2 Teixeira (translator and driver), CAPT Dutcher, CAPT Pedersen, Maj Golden, and RDML Weill.**

This visit started with his arrival on Sunday, 10OCT23 at Fort Hamilton.

On Monday, 20OCT23, he witnessed the NYNM promotion ceremony of **MKC Kenneth Stefandel** onboard PB 440 in the vicinity of the

Statue of Liberty. Later that day, he made an afternoon and a separate evening tour of New York Harbor onboard PB440.

On Tuesday, 30OCT23, the party participated in the preparation and training phase of Exercise Empire Challenge. This included:

- i. JTF Empire Shield pre-brief in the Army Reserve Center, Ft. Hamilton
- ii. Visit to MEBS DET 3 at Jones Beach. This included an underway demonstration of beaching operations and drone operations afloat.
- iii. A return to Fort Hamilton, where the party met RDML Weill and set off for Manhattan where they visited FDNY Fireboat 343. Later, dinner and a quick tour of Manhattan took place.

On Wednesday, 4OCT23, the party set off for Verplanck where they embarked PB400 for a tour of the lower Hudson River valley.



- i. The party was also visited by NYNG SPP director, Maj Melanie Padilla and TSgt Riley who were able to provide additional insight into the SPP.
- ii. During this tour as far north as West Point, Lemos was briefed on LRAD, RADPACK, and took the helm of the boat.
- iii. Following lunch, the party visited FDNY Rescue 3 in the Bronx. This was of special

interest to Lemos due to their shared diving skill sets.

iv. In the evening, the party was hosted at a Chinese restaurant in Brooklyn by CWO4 Chang.

On Thursday, 5OCT23, the party set off early for Fort Totten where they embarked PB 230 for a quick ride to SUNY Maritime College.

i. The party toured and was briefed on the capabilities of the new Training Ship Empire State VII, as well as visiting the simulators located at the college.

ii. Returning to Fort Hamilton, an out-brief/AAR was conducted for the communicators at Fort Hamilton.

iii. With the departure of all Empire Challenge participants, McKnight, Lemos, and Teixeira visited a local shopping mall so that Lemos could pick up some American items.

On Friday, 6OCT23 he was escorted to JFK after lunch at a Brooklyn delicatessen.

At this point, we are awaiting feedback from both SPP and the Brazil Navy on a path forward.

# NORTHCOM NEWS

By *CAPT MaryEtta Nolan, NYNM*

**CALLING ALL SENIOR LEADERS** to become more active in the NYNM!

Do you want to make a difference and play in the game instead of watching from the sidelines? A great opportunity to serve as Regional Commander of NORTHCOM and join the dedicated NYNM HQ staff is available for immediate appointment. Mentorship is always available! Interested? Contact CAPT MaryEtta Nolan, NYNM Chief of Staff at [maryettanolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryettanolan@gmail.com) for more information.

This Quarter, NORTHCOM continues their fine recruitment efforts in the Reserve Centers in Schenectady and Syracuse. **CAPT Peter Marghella**, the new SOUTHCOM Regional Commander, joined **CAPT MaryEtta Nolan** in NRC Schenectady to meet the Commanding Officer, LCDR Laine Cameron and talk to many of the members. One such member, a newly selected Chief, Andrew McTague was truly interested in the NYNM and the benefits available to members. Unfortunately, he was tragically killed five days later, in a motorcycle accident on October 19, 2023, leaving behind a wife and daughter. We send our sincere condolences to his family, his Sea-bee Unit, and shipmates. This tragedy reminds us that life is precious and tomorrow is never guaranteed, so please be careful when doing day to day activities. We cherish all our service members and veterans, especially our Militia Sailors and Marines!

## RECENT AWARDS



### Military Commendation Medal

SSgt Erik Tjornhom  
GySgt Paul Hauschen  
LCDR Alan Gutman



### Medal for Meritorious Service

MGySgt Salvatore Rignola  
CAPT MaryEtta Nolan  
CAPT Michael Perry



### Conspicuous Service Medal

RDML Lawrence Weill



**BMC Robert Lipp** joined the recruitment team in Syracuse visiting the Marine Corps Reserve Center. Although, the PowerPoint was unavailable for viewing, the team discussed all the benefits in joining the Militia. CAPT Marghella asked the group “who plans to make the Marine Corps a lifelong career.” Surprisingly, only a few raised their hands. With this in mind, they were informed that they can still serve in uniform for the State of New York in the Naval Militia after their tour is completed and can be promoted, become active in the MEBS and State Active Duty Missions. Reminded any Tuition Assistance recipients, they must stay in an active reservist role in good standing to remain in the program.



**AWARDS:**

Congratulations to NORTHCOM members receiving awards during this quarter.



Marine Corps Reserve Echo Co., 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion member, **SSgt Justin Gower** earned the Military Commendation Medal. The Adjutant General awarded, then Sgt Gower for his outstanding service as NCOIC of the Plattsburgh Vaccination site during the COVID 19 Mission.



**CAPT MaryEtta Nolan** who was awarded by the Governor and presented by RDML Lawrence Weill,

Commander NYNM, the Meritorious Service Medal for her role as NORTHCOM Regional Commander.



**LCDR Alan Gutman** who was awarded the Military Commendation Medal for his role as Deputy Commander of NORTHCOM Region and N97 Force Medical Training Assistant. He is involved in all aspects of the NYNM by attending all HQ Leadership meetings, training medical personnel, conducting physical exams, providing medical safety during exercises and recruitment in Schenectady and Syracuse.

outstanding service in NORTHCOM and in MEBS. GySgt Hauschen was awarded the Military Commendation Medal for his role as NORTHCOM Senior Enlisted Leader and his innovative recruiting efforts.



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**GET YOUR MEMS BADGE!**  
*By GySgt Paul Hauschen, NYNM*



**GET YOUR MEMS BADGE!** Earning the Military Emergency Management Specialist (MEMS) designation authorizes Naval Militia members to wear the MEMS badge (not authorized for federal uniform).

The MEMS badge signifies your dedication to learning Civil Support Operations (CSO) within the Incident Command System (ICS). Completing several FEMA courses (including IS 100, IS 200, IS



**GySgt Paul Hauschen** was awarded the Josephthal Award. For the first time in NYNM history, a member was nominated by two separate groups, for his

700, and IS 800 already required for E7 and above promotion) and submitting a practicum are the requirements.

The practicum requires attending a Civil Support Operation and documenting your experiences. For instance, I wrote about my participation in last year's Empire Challenge on Seneca Lake for my practicum. Earning your MEMS badge displays your initiative and looks good in any promotion package.

No cost SAD orders MAY be available for some FEMA training courses within New York State. See the full requirements and curriculum from the State Guard Association of the United States <https://sgaus.org/mems-academy/>.

This designation is from the State Guard Association and not affiliated with the New York Naval Militia. There is an interim change notice to the Naval Militia Uniform instruction allowing the wearing of the device. Contact information 518-

## READINESS OFFICER

389-5881 or email [Phauschen@hotmail.com](mailto:Phauschen@hotmail.com)

### **NYNM NEEDS RESERVE ACTIVITY/UNIT LIAISONS!**

Are you interested in a collateral duty you can add as an Evaluation bullet for your branch of service? This is one bullet example, *"Mentored 30 Sailors/Marines/Coast Guardsmen by guiding them through the process of becoming eligible for the State tuition assistance program, Recruitment Incentive Retention Program (RIRP) resulting in an annual savings of over \$7,000 for each Service Member"*. It's as easy as spreading the word about who we are and what we offer! **Contact our office if you are interested!**

As you know, we are a great organization offering our members outstanding benefits and the opportunity to help our local communities. The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserves all have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Naval Militia which allows you to act as a NYNM Liaison while you are drilling provided you don't impede or interfere with your reserve command. As a NYNM representative you will be the point of contact and mentor between your Unit, NRC, HTC or Sector and the Naval Militia. Becoming a member is the first step that you will guide your fellow reservists through. Simply provide them with the following link <https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/>, then click on the **Join Here** button and follow the directions.

There are many benefits to being a Naval Militia Member and it is your job to ensure everyone you drill with is informed of what is available to them. One example already mentioned is RIRP. RIRP is a tuition assistance program funded by NYS for members of the Naval Militia that are current drilling reservists. It is applicable for up to your first bachelor's degree at an approved NYS college or university

Another great benefit is State Active Duty (SAD) opportunities available to NYNM members. NYNM HQ can't let members know of these opportunities if we don't have up-to-date contact information.

Another very important part of your job is to notify us of transfers, retirements, and separations within your command. Show your reservists how to **send changes to pay grade, address, cell or email**. Your federal branch of service does not share information with NYNM or the State pay office. Our database is where pay information comes from. If we show a service member as an E2 but they are now an E5 and we didn't receive E5 LES, they will not receive the correct pay if on SAD. Help your NYNM members send updates and

changes to our office and keep pay issues from happening!

Updates can be uploaded to our document upload portal on the website:

<https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=contact>

Or emailed to [ng.ny.nyarnng.mbx.nynavalmilitia@army.mil](mailto:ng.ny.nyarnng.mbx.nynavalmilitia@army.mil)

Thank you all!  
BMCS(EXW) Elizabeth Spain

## Announcements:

### Education Benefits:

The first deadline for RIRP is quickly approaching. Please have your RIRP Acknowledgment and 96-1 to us by 13 December to be considered for the Spring 2024 RIRP program. All documents need to be submitted to us by close of business on 13 February 2024.

**Exercise Empire Challenge '24:** 6-8 September 2024; Greater Capital District

### JRSOI Training Course:

23-25 January 2024; Latham. Sign up with NYNM HQ by 15 DEC 23.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Joint Reception, Staging, Onward movement, and Integration Training Course (JRSOITC): This course is designed for a JFHQ staff responsible for planning or a JTF/MSC responsible for executing JRSOI. The instruction is based on JP 3-35 with significant TTP discussion on its use during domestic operations. There are also two possible levels to this course - Level 1 focuses at the JFHQ level and is designed to support the state leadership in developing an overall strategy / CONOP for conducting JRSOI in the state, while Level 2 focuses on the JTF/MSC tasked to execute JRSOI for a particular response. This phase utilizes the materials developed at Level 1 in order to

develop a viable course of action. Unlike the JSTC, it is not necessary for Level 1 to be conducted prior to Level 2, as long as the state has an existing JRSOI plan and suitable mission analysis details with which the JTF/MSC planners can use.

## General Interest

### Meet BM2 Teixeira, NYNM

*Guest contributed by Nicholas McKnight*

**“More opportunities, essentially a better life.”** This was the reason **BM2 Ricardo Teixeira** gave for why he and his family decided to come to the United States from Portugal. Having been hired as a mechanic for the Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) program since the 28th of September this year, Ricardo would arrive in New York with the rest of the Teixeira family when he was five. In their new home, the Teixeira family ensured Ricardo remembered his origins by keeping the Portuguese language alive in their Yonkers residence.



After seventeen years near the big apple, some stints in both the army national guard and the navy, as well as jobs as a corrections officer for New York state, a diesel technician for a

construction company and a master tech for Toyota, Ricardo Teixeira would find himself up north in the naval militia, where he currently serves in the MEBS maintenance department.

His decision to be in the naval militia was born from his assignment as an Indian Point boat-embarked shooter for Joint Task Force Empire Shield while serving in the army, primarily providing security in that role for three years. Since then, he has been nothing but grateful for his experiences and new home.

It was during the annual Exercise Empire Challenge where he would get to revisit his old home as well. It was also where his fluency in Portuguese would come in handy. Assigned as a driver and translator, Teixeira was to transport his commanding officer, Captain Donald McKnight, across New York City, from Brooklyn to Westchester, from Upstate New York to Long Island and even to New Jersey. Accompanying them was an officer from the Brazilian Navy, Capitao-de-Corveta Gustavo Lemos. Teixeira and Lemos would partake in a Portuguese conversation which evaded McKnight's ears, speaking primarily about the operations of the naval militia, while Teixeira eased the Brazilian officer's curiosity. They still found time to speak on other subjects, like New York itself or Teixeira's family.

Along with having a good impression on how the exercise was conducted, Teixeira would find himself engaged with the VIP visits and other boat detachments, as well as the various key points of New York City, such as the Statue of Liberty, Manhattan and Times Square at night, Long Island's South Shore, and West Point on the Hudson River. The scuba team of New York City's fire department and the drone ops were of particular interest for him, especially since he managed to see them among good weather in October.



*BM2 Teixeira is presented with a Flag Letter of Commendation by RDML Weill*

He would also come away with a good impression of Lemos, finding him a calm and easy man to talk to, while enjoying hearing his side of the navy in Brazil. But more impressive to him was his opportunity to have met and spoken with another country's high-ranking officer as a mere enlisted man, and in the language of his parents no less. This would just be one of many opportunities that Teixeira would be grateful for experiencing since he came to America and was welcomed into the naval militia.

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### **Another RIRP Success Story!**

We were so pleased to receive this letter from Cpl Ikomi in response to the spring semester **RIRP** notice:

It was so great to see an email from NYNM. I can proudly say I graduated from my combined degree program with my bachelor's in electrical engineering and my master's in business administration. **RIRP** and

to a greater extent the Naval Militia truly were the reason I was able to graduate with no college debt. And in my time in the service, going on orders with you and the rest of the Naval Militia has been some of the greatest experiences I've had.

Fair winds and following seas to you and the rest of the team.

*Cpl Garth Ikomi*





## New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

1-Nov-23	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	140	18	32	190
WARRANT	9	0	1	10
ENLISTED	2299	243	387	2929
<b>TOTAL</b>	2448	261	420	3129
NAVY	1042	113	241	1396
MARINE	1204	130	150	1484
COAST GUARD	96	2	6	104
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	58	4	3	65
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST (Retired)	46	13	21	80
PENDING ACTION				

## TRAINING NEWS

NYNMNOTE 1540 (AUTHORIZED TRAINING NOTICE) has been updated. Below are the lists of required and authorized training.

### NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA REQUIRED TRAINING

Short Title	Course Name	Personnel required
FAA PART 107	FAA PART 107 Remote Pilot	UAV Operators
FECO	Environmental Compliance	MEBS Maintenance Personnel.
HIPAA	Privacy and Security of Health Information in NYS	Headquarters Personnel.
ICS 100	ICS 100 Introduction to ICS	All 900 series E7 and above.
IS 200	IS 200 ICS For Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	All 900 series E7 and above.
IS 700	ICS 700 National Incident Management System introduction	All 900 series E7 and above.
IS 800	ICS 800 National response framework introduction	All 900 series E7 and above.
Mercury Tech	Mercury Marine Outboard Certified Technician	MEBS Maintenance Personnel (including assigned JTFES mechanics)

NYNM INDOC	NYNM Indoctrination Course	All new members and all 900 series E7 and above.
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**NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA AUTHORIZED (NOT REQUIRED) TRAINING**

<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Course Name</b>
COMM-T	Communications Technician
COMM-L	Communications Leader
Cummins Tech	Cummins Diesel Technician
Ethics	Ethics in Government
Serve Safe	Serve Safe/Food Service Sanitation
Towing	Trailer Towing

## PHOTO GALLERY. The Naval Militia in action.

New York Naval Militia  
Change of Command  
3 November 2023, Latham  
RDML Perry relieves RDML Weill





A promotion ceremony near the Statue of Liberty drew the interest of Naval Militia and Coast Guard alike. In the bottom photo, Brazil's CC Lemos meets with the Captain of the Port of New York, RDML (select) Zeita Merchant, while onboard PB 440.





Exercise Empire Challenge  
Communications

Top: the joint NYNM-NYG comms team in the MEBS Command Post Trailer.

Right: The MEBS N6 team erects the high frequency dipole ladder antenna at Fort Hamilton.





Top: Drone Ops onboard LC-350 on the Great South Bay, with MEBS DET 3.

Left: Proficiency Training onboard PB 301, with MEBS DET 11.



MEBS DET 2 onboard PB 440 conducting security patrol during the New York City Marathon on 5 NOV 23.