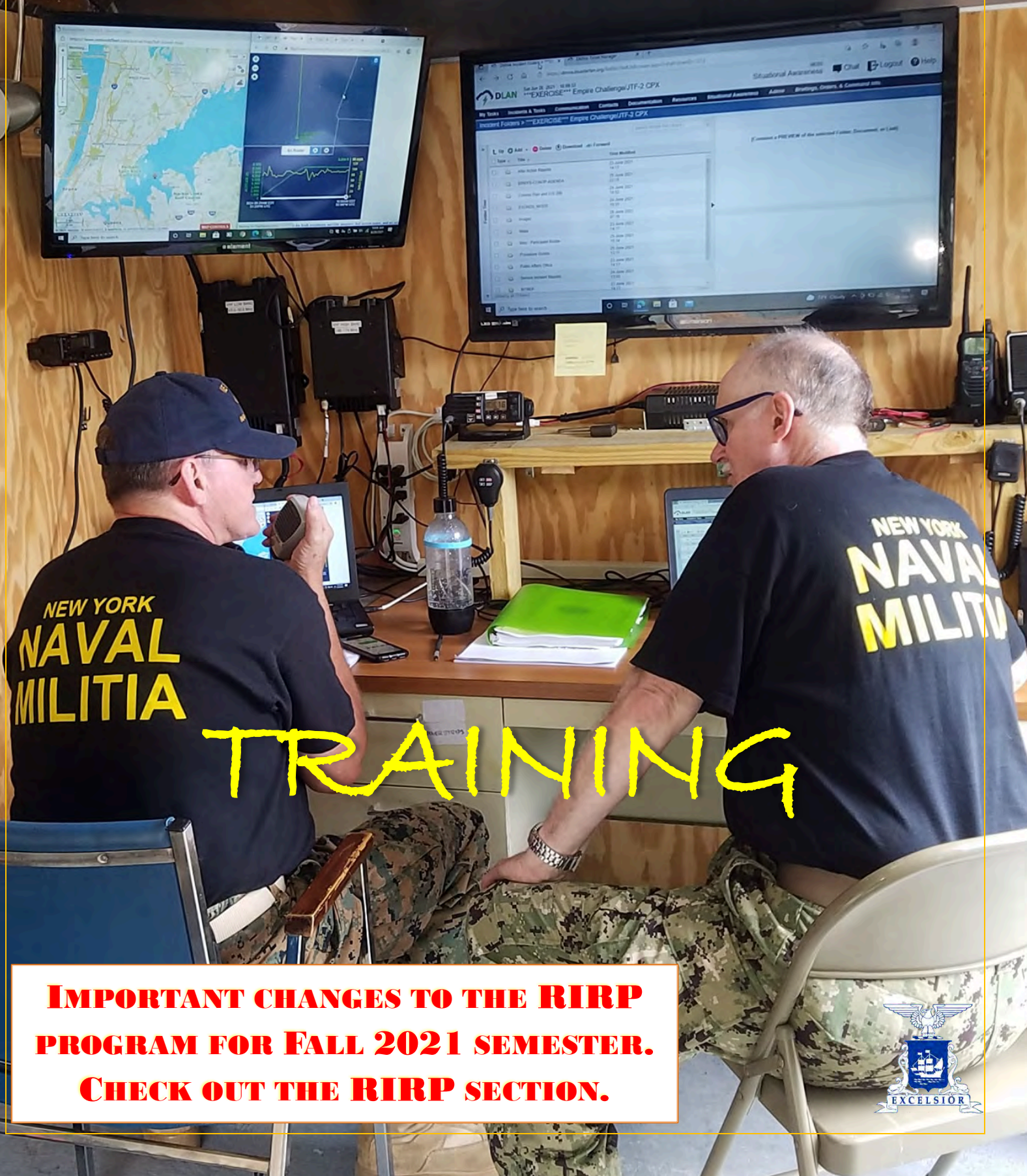


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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE RIRP PROGRAM FOR FALL 2021 SEMESTER. CHECK OUT THE RIRP SECTION.



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Cover photo:

Training during Exercise Empire Challenge '21. SSGT Paul Hauschen transmits on VHF radio under the observation of MTC Bob Morisseau (MEBS N6), in the MEBS Command Post "Dolphin," on 25 June 2021.



With the conclusion of the COVID-19 Response mission in all its various aspects and locations, the New York Naval Militia can again focus attention on our broader training requirements which were deferred of necessity during the past 16 plus months. A real world mission will take precedence over routine training every day, which is as it should be since the whole point of our volunteering for the NYNM is to serve the state in its hours of need. Needless to say, this particular mission has been of longer duration than any large scale mobilization in recent memory and that fact more than anything else means our training readiness metrics have suffered. Yet even as we ramp up to reengage with training demands we face a familiar challenge in that funds allocated by the state to DMNA are extremely limited. Exercises are often

conducted on no-cost orders, but we await clarity on whether or not travel expenses will be paid. Regardless, a new requirement from the Director of the Joint Staff in Latham mandates that all NYNM members on duty for Joint Task Force Empire Shield must complete an Indoctrination course (available online) in order to qualify to continue serving on that mission. This requirement will also pertain to all newly affiliating members of the Naval Militia, and likely to all 900-series members. More about that will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Other online training opportunities exist too, including the FEMA series of Emergency Management Institute courses. I strongly encourage all members to complete these courses for the knowledge they will acquire.

Our Empire Challenge exercise was modest this year, focused on communications – always the weak link of any operation. Next year we can look forward to a more robust evolution, perhaps at Seneca Lake as was originally planned for 2020. MEBS has managed to conduct some training this year in addition to their ongoing missions, and with vessels at New Rochelle, Massapequa, New York harbor, Indian Point, and Waterford, many of our MEBS crew members have managed to accrue a little underway time to permit requalification in some essential skills. In August a joint exercise with the U.S. Coast Guard will demonstrate MEBS capacity to assist with an oil spill containment boom deployment as well as the embarkation and debarkation of the 2nd CST maritime strike package using LC 350 and PB 220.

Hurricane season is upon us, and we need to remain prepared to respond on short notice should a coastal storm be forecast to track in our direction. Given all the rain in the northeast so far this year, many areas have already experienced flooding, and in numerous locations the ground is saturated, unable to absorb additional water. Already this month

some lines of the MTA's subway system in New York City have been closed by flooding, recalling some of the conditions of Superstorm Sandy in 2012.

Have a safe summer, keep your eye on the weather, and be ready to respond to the next call to duty in whatever form that next mission comes.

Deputy Commander News:

TRAINING –

Training is vital to your ability to respond to emergencies. However, equally vital is the good will you project to your civilian employer. When you are looking at New York Naval Militia opportunities for State Active Duty, for Emergencies or for Training, you must inform your employer in a timely manner. This is true for your DoD Reserve orders and for your New York Naval Militia orders. Let your employer know that you are a member of the Military Reserve Community – Federal and State. Give your employer the opportunity to find ways to work around your military commitments and if you are an “essential employee” understand if your employer asks you to change the dates of voluntary training orders.

How often in the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard do we hear and dread the word “Training”? In the New York Naval Militia our training can often associated with how we are going to interact with our Joint (National Guard, Air National Guard and New York Guard) partners. In order to do that the basics of our common training are the FEMA National Incident management System (NIMS).

The Incident Management System provides a common communications and management framework for all agencies in the United States to work together without misinterpreting basic

language and chain of command. I highly recommend everyone log onto the FEMA emergency management institute web site and take the basic courses.

New York Naval Militia general training can be accomplished by looking at (and reading) our web site. Your chain of command is identified in the leadership pages. The history of your Naval Militia is on our history pages. The way we do business is located on our "Forms/Instructions" page.

This past year and a half while fighting the COVID-19 mission the most used training we called on from our members was located on your "Civilian-Military Skills Questionnaire" (NYNM FORM 1070) – this PDF Fillable form provides the Naval Militia Headquarters an overview of your specific civilian skills. We called on EMTs, Nurses, Warehouse operators, Logistics personnel, accountants, engineers, and many more... all based on what you told us that you were trained to do in your civilian specialties.

Thank you for volunteering and stay trained. The Hurricane Season is upon us and we may call on you based on your training.

From the Chief of Staff

**NY Naval Militia
Leadership Changes
Announcement**

The following changes in leadership are hereby announced:

SOUTHCOM
Commander, SOUTHCOM
Col Chris RUST

Deputy Commander, SOUTHCOM
CAPT Marylynn Marrese

NORTHCOM
Commander, NORTHCOM
CAPT Mike Perry

Naval Militia Staff
ACoS Administration (N1)
CAPT Maryetta Nolan

Personnel Action Team Leader/Deputy N1
Capt Michael Golden

Inspector General
CAPT Tony Buanno

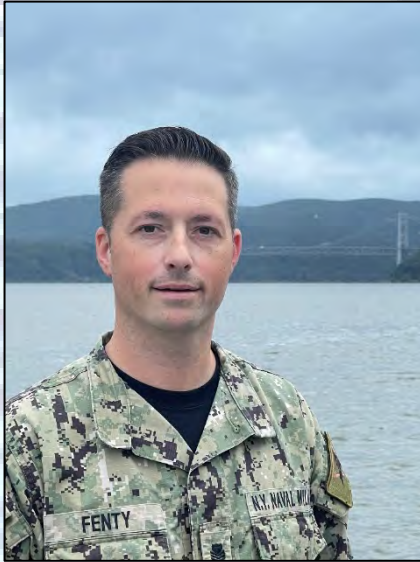
UNIFORMS UPDATE

A change to NYNMINST 1020.1D has been issued authorizing the wear of the Military Emergency Management Specialist (MEMS) insignia on NYNM uniforms. The MEMS program is administered by the State Guard Association of the United States (SGAUS). Persons interested in pursuing the MEMS designation must be members of SGAUS.



AWARDS

2021 Josephthal Trophy Winners:
N.Y. Naval Militia Member of the Year
MK1 Wilson Fenty (MEBS DET 1)



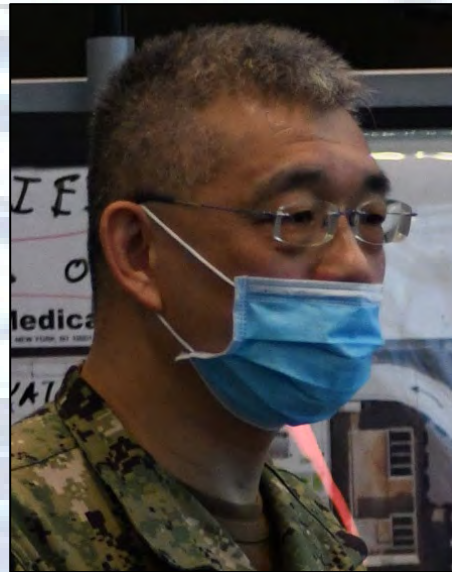
N.Y. Naval Militia Unit of the Year
Naval Militia Det, Task Force JAVITS



NYNM PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following members who were selected for promotion by the 2021 NYNM Promotion Board. The Commander has approved the selections of:

CWO3 **Lester CHANG** to Chief Warrant Officer 4.



ABECS **Charles DICK** to Master Chief Petty Officer.



EOC **Scott PEASE** to Senior Chief Petty Officer.



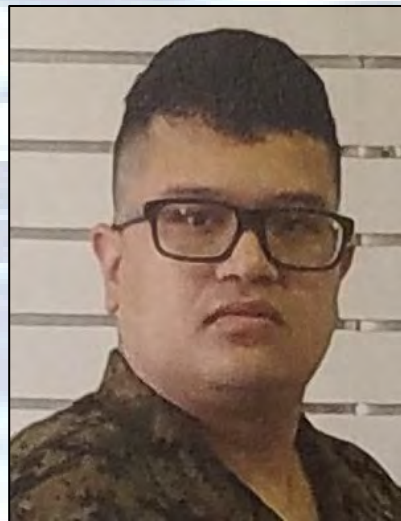
BM1 **William KAUL** to Chief Petty Officer



SSGT **Anthony EGAN** to Gunnery Sergeant



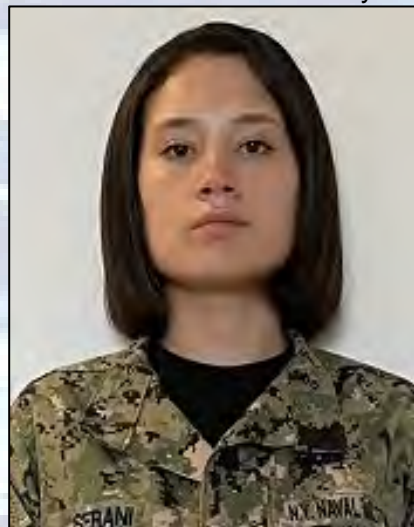
CPL **Christopher HERNANDEZ** to Sergeant.



EO1 **Kevin URENA** to Chief Petty Officer



EN3 **Maria SERANI** to Petty Officer 2nd Class.



TRAINING NEWS



We are placing an emphasis on TRAINING in this issue of the NYNM NEWSLETTER. As a military force, we need to make sure we are preparing our personnel for whatever contingency may arise. We also understand that the many competing factors can limit a member's ability to commit the time to complete training. We are taking advantage of technology to offer training through online sites, not only from the Naval Militia, but through partner agencies such as FEMA.

One of the things we do with our training records is to develop and track our training readiness, a part of our measures of readiness. We track numerous training and qualifications. Some training applies to many members. Some training is applicable to only a few members.

Our Naval Militia has been recently updated and now has a significantly improved ability to track training and qualifications. We can now easily generate reports on each area of expertise. If you have previously completed relevant training, you should send a copy of your certificate of completion to NYNM HQ so that we can include it in your general record.

The New York Naval Militia has established training requirements that help improve our ability to respond when called upon. Most of the information can be found in our Naval Militia instruction NYNMINST 3502.1 (series), Training

and Exercise Management. Some of the key take-aways are the requirements for our members who are no longer drilling All E7 and above (and recommended for everyone) are to complete the following online training found in the National Incident Management System. They are:

IS 100c. Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS)

IS 200c. ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS 700b. National Incident Management System Introduction

IS 800d. National Response Framework, An Introduction

These courses can be found online at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute website, at <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

We have established a Naval Militia online training site through Google Classroom. At this time, you can find the following courses which will increase your readiness and awareness:

New York Naval Militia Indoctrination
dmna.ny.gov/nynm/training/NYNM_INDOCTRINATION_Link_Information.pdf

Privacy and Security of Health Information in New York State
[Health Information Privacy Link Information.pdf \(ny.gov\)](https://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/training/Health_Information_Privacy_Link_Information.pdf)

A short list of training that is relevant and tracked by NYNM HQ:

CHAIN SAW	Chain Saw Operator Certification
COM-L	Communications Leader
COM-T	Communications Technician
COXSWAIN	MEBS Coxswain
CRAFTMASTER	MEBS Craftmaster
ETHICS	ETHICS COURSE

FECO	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER
FORKLIFT	Forklift Operator Training
G-139	EXERCISE DESIGN COURSE
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability
ICS 100	ICS 100 Introduction to ICS
IS 200	IS 200 ICS For Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
IS 700	ICS 700 National Incident Management System introduction
IS 800	ICS 800 National response framework introduction
JOC	Joint Operations Center
JRSOI	Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement
JSTC	Joint Staff Training Course
LNO	Liaison Officer
NYNM INDOC	NYNM Indoctrination Course
SAFE SERVE	Food Service Safety Certification
TOWING	TRAILER TOWING FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

The Training Officer (N7) provides periodic reports on Naval Militia training readiness. Our latest snapshot of readiness is found on the next to last page of this NEWSLETTER.



NYNM members and civilians take the NYS Safe Boater Exam at American Legion Post 1291 in New York City, on 29 July 2021.

Military Emergency Boat Service News:



Several issues have arisen that really do not involve the boats.

The first issue is Training. Members assigned to Joint Task Force Empire Shield (JTFES), either as full-time or as a fill-in need to complete the New York Naval Militia Indoctrination Course, found online at dmna.ny.gov/nynm/training/NYNM_INDOCTRINATION_Link_Information.pdf. This training has been mandated by the Director of the Joint Staff. This particular training is recommended for everyone.

The second issue is the readiness of our command post staff and boat crews to conduct voice communications over radios. In the recent Exercise Empire Challenge, we demonstrated the ability to communicate over (normally line-of-sight) 100 miles between the Leeds Armory and PB 230 on Long Island Sound. The reason that we were able to do this was that there a repeater onboard a Civil Air Patrol aircraft operating over Poughkeepsie that was able to provide the communications relay. It was an impressive demonstration of a capability we intend to take full advantage of in the future. In the command post trailer at Leeds, code-named "Dolphin," we were able to track the movements of both the boat and the aircraft on a screen in real-time.

With regards to High Frequency (HF) communications, we continue to improve. Thanks to the efforts of CAPT Mark Pedersen (NYNM N6) and the NYS DHSES team of Mike Carl and Todd Holmes, we have become much more proficient in this area. We have some more work to do, but we have come a long way since we first entered into the HF arena. Our intent is to work with JFHQ-NY J3 and schedule more frequent testing and

experimenting with this equipment.

As a reminder to All MEBS personnel, in order to maintain readiness, a minimum of two training events in the past 365 days is required. We encourage all members to take advantage of the boats in your vicinity to conduct training.

Lastly, before the issuance of the upcoming Fall NEWSLETTER, we will lose AMCS Jim Miller as the MEBS Maintenance Supervisor.



In the time Senior Chief Miller has been with us, he has done an exceptional job running the shop at the MEBS Maintenance Facility in Leeds. Before he detaches, please extend your best wishes for his future. Thank you.

CAPT Don McKnight

READINESS OFFICER

As the COVID support mission in the field starts to scale down, we are ramping up our efforts to increase readiness. Our database has had some recent improvements and

upgrades that enable us to better track readiness. Hurricane season is right around the corner and we need to be prepared to respond if called upon.

Help me keep our readiness up by notifying me of any change to your pay grade, unit, address or contact information. We do not have access to any federal system. If you are a member who is separated or retired from your federal component, an annual medical is required on our forms 88 & 93 to be eligible for State Active Duty orders and remain a member. These can be found on our website under forms and instructions.

Our entire State Defense Force is being utilized like never before. NYNM service members continue to rise to the challenge and I am so proud of all of you.

Send updates to ng.ny.nyarnq.mbx.nynavalmilitia@mail.mil.

Thank you all!
BMCS(EXW) Elizebeth Spain

Education News:

The next eligible semester for Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP) Education benefits is Fall, 2021. The deadline for submission of benefit applications is 13 August 2021.

Important RIRP Information

For those of you who are not aware, the RIRP is a tuition assistance program **available to members** of the New York Army & Air National Guards, and the **New York Naval Militia**. The RIRP is a program funded by New York State with the intention of recruiting and retaining drilling reservists within

New York State. **If approved** for the RIRP, New York State will pay your school a maximum of the current SUNY Tuition rate per semester. The rate for the **Fall 2021** semester is **\$3,535.00**.

Eligibility: In order to qualify for the RIRP, you **MUST:**

- Be a current drilling reservist, in good standing both with your Federal component and the Naval Militia.
- Remain a drilling reservist for the duration of the time you are receiving the RIRP benefit.
- Be a current resident of New York State.
- Be working to achieve your **FIRST** Bachelor's degree, or an Associate's degree (**members that already have a bachelor's degree are not eligible**).
- Be a member of the New York Naval Militia for a **MINIMUM** of 1 month (30 days) prior to the first deadline date for the current semester you want to apply for.

The **Fall 2021 application period is now open!** Please begin sending your applications to the **RIRP inbox** (ng.ny.nyarnng.mbx.nynavalmilitia-rirp@mail.mil) with the subject line of "last name, first name **FALL 2021 RIRP**".

Fall 2021 Deadlines:

- **August 13, 2021** – **DMNA Form 96-1** and **NYNM RIRP Acknowledgment Form** must be completed and received in order to be considered for this semester.
- **October 13, 2021** – **NYS TAP Award** and **FAFSA Student Aid Report** need to be submitted in order to be considered for approval.
- ALL other required documents should be submitted ASAP to allow HQ time to review and process.

Note: **There have been revisions made to NYNM's DMNA 96-1 and the RIRP Acknowledgement form. All other versions are now obsolete and will not be accepted. New forms can be located below and on our website.**

Helpful Links:

NYNM Education Page -

<http://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=education>

DMNA REG 621-1 -

http://dmna.ny.gov/education/pdf/dmna621_1.pdf

DMNA Form 96-1 -

http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/DMNA_Form_961_Fall_2021_RIRP_NYNM1.pdf

RIRP Acknowledgement Form -

http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNM_RIRP_Acknowledgement_2021.pdf

RIRP Checklist -

http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNM_RIRP_Checklist_2021.pdf

Gallery



CAPT John Hunter, NYNM Force Medical Officer (N9) makes a keynote speech during the New Rochelle Memorial Day ceremony. New Rochelle was an early epicenter of the COVID 19 pandemic in the United States.



Members of the N.Y. Naval Militia Detachment assigned to Task Force Javits pose together prior to REFRAD, at the Javits Center on 15JUL21.



Taking a break from their duties at the Stony Brook vaccination site, MA1 Walsh leads the team in calisthenics on 29JUN21.

New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

1-Aug-21	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	142	29	39	210
WARRANT	8	1	2	11
ENLISTED	1911	250	403	2564
TOTAL	2061	280	444	2785
NAVY	970	132	264	1366
MARINE	924	113	150	1187
COAST GUARD	86	4	5	95
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	30	8	4	42
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST (Retired)	51	23	21	95

TRAINING READINESS

New York Naval Militia Training Readiness Report

Ref: NYNMINST 3501.1

	Month:	July	Year:	2021	
		NUMBER	PERCENT		
1. Personnel Census					
a. Total Force Census:		2785			<p>P-Rating</p>
b. Percentage of end-strength (3500):			79.57%		
c. SAL as percentage of total census: (Less than 5% by law)			1.51%		
d. Number of 900 series, E7 and above		72			
2. Training Readiness:					
a. Percentage of 900 series unit members in grade E-7 and above with ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 courses:	GOAL	288	135		<p>T-Rating</p>
b. Number of trained JTF Liaison Officers (six min):	6		4		
c. Number of HIPAA trained staff (three min):	3		6		
d. Number of JRSOI trained PAT members (five min):	5		14		
e. Number of JOC 101 trained staff (three min):	3		1		
f. Number of JSTC E-7 and above (five min):	5		6		
g. Percentage of CDRs/DEP CDRs with Ethics Overview:	7		4		
				72.00%	

