

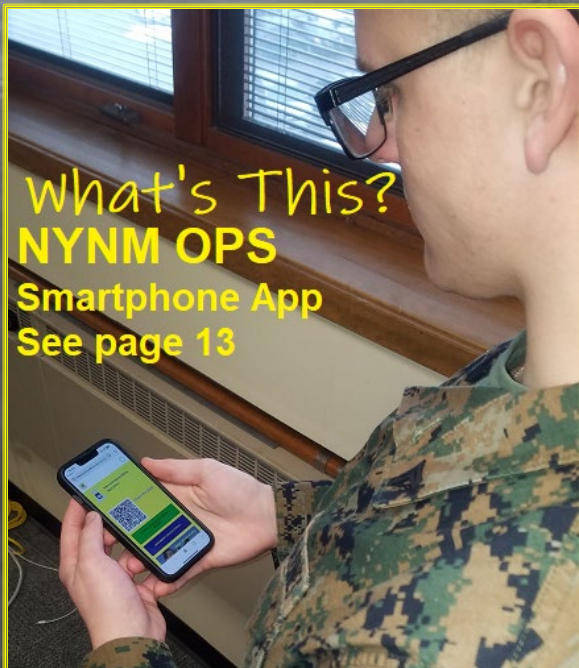
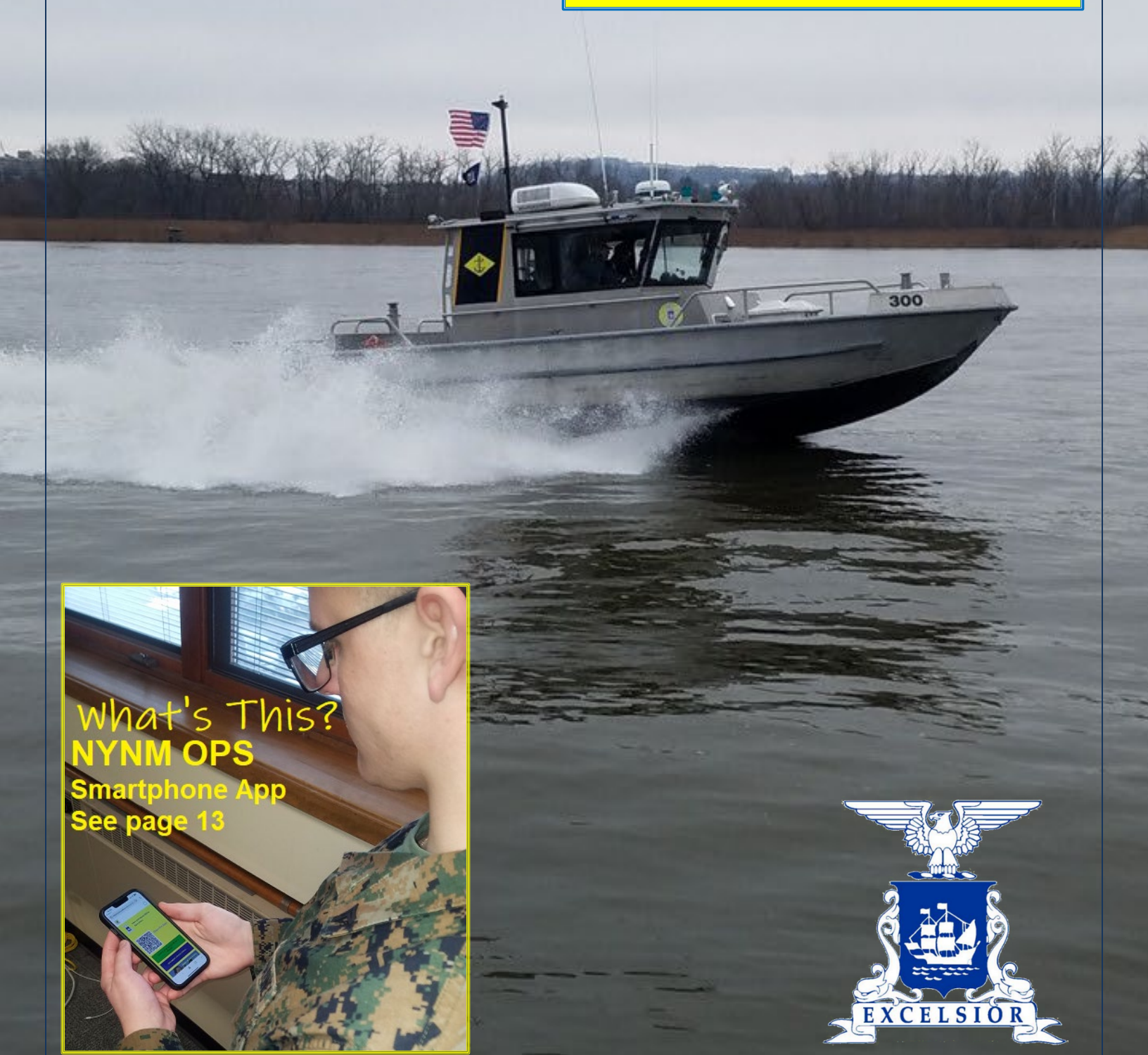
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Cover photo:



PB300 underway on the Hudson River at Athens, 4JAN23. The boat's port engine had been giving a bit of grief. After repairs and a break in the mid-winter weather, the vessel was taken for an a successful OPTTEST.

Commander's Corner:



**Rear Admiral (LH)
Lawrence Weill, NYNM**

From the Commander:

Welcome Aboard...Again!

Greetings, and welcome to 2023. I know that this title ("Welcome Aboard...Again") will have many of you raising your eyebrows. What does "again" mean? Over the years, I've had the good fortune of welcoming so many new members into our organization. Reservists from the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, from Montauk Point to Alexandria Bay and Niagara Falls have pledged their time and abilities to support our missions. And then they return to their Reserve units and their daily lives, seldom becoming involved on any of our active missions or programs.

Much of this is on us. There are many times

when we do not have State Active Duty (SAD) orders that are available for the taking. However that is certainly not the case right now. As of today (December 2022), we have about 96 NYNM members on Asylum Seeker mission orders and about 36 members on Enduring Covid Support mission orders. The members staffing these billets are not sitting in an office waiting for something to do. They are “hands-on” in facilities working with people and equipment to respond to rapidly evolving conditions. And while immediate orders may not be available on a daily basis, we certainly welcome you to contact our HQ office and let them know of your availability.

Besides volunteering to serve on SAD orders, there is another way that you can be of service and play an integral role in our day-to-day operations. WE NEED LEADERS to run our organization and provide direction and continuity inside all our Reserve Centers and facilities as well as our senior staff. This is critical. It’s also important to realize that “senior” does not mean you have to be a Captain or Colonel to step up. We need leaders at all levels, from mid-grade enlisted to those at the O-3 and O-4 point in their careers. We have immediate openings at several important staff billets, as well as liaison and coordinator positions inside Reserve facilities. Most of these positions require only small commitments of time yet make a big difference to how our NYNM functions on a daily basis.

Additionally, if you would like to hear more about these available positions, or you would like to participate in our planning cycle, I’d welcome you to join us in one of our quarterly Leadership Conferences, which are held in Latham. These are valuable because not only you will get to see what happens “behind the scene,” but you will get to meet the other leaders who make us function successfully across the state.

So once again, I’d like to say “welcome aboard,” and I look forward to seeing more of

you in the coming year.

Deputy Commander News:

The next promotion cycle is less than six months away. Soon we will be forwarding to Regional Commanders and Senior Enlisted Advisors the names of members that are potentially eligible for promotion in the 2023 NYNM Promotion cycle.

You must submit a Promotion Application in accordance with New York Naval Militia instruction 1410.1D to be reviewed for promotion.

https://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNMINST_1410_1D_PROMOTION_POLICY_AND_PROCEDURES_20211.pdf

The 2019 checklist located on our website provides a simple guide to follow to ensure all your documents are included in your application.

http://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/NYNM_Form_14_20_Promotion_Board_Checklist_2019.pdf

A Walkthrough for the applications package follows:

1. Recommendation for Promotion: This is from your Regional Commander or your MEBS Commander.
2. Narrative Justification: This is a letter from you to the Board President
3. Minimum time in grade: From the instruction (usually 3 years)
4. Recent Photo: this shows you in Working or Dress Uniform. Show the Board you have good Military Bearing
5. Current Fitness Report: Probably written by your Commander (can be more than 1 year)
6. Minimum of Five years of Fitness Reports or Evaluations: If you have Reserve

evaluations within 5 years include those (Do Not send more than 5 years)

7. Current medical exam on file: Check with NYNM HQ

8. Civilian Skills Questionnaire: From the web site fill out a new one to ensure your current skills are represented to the Board.

9. Individual Training Record: This Form is no longer used – HOWEVER – Write to explain to the Board what you have done in recent years to support the Naval Militia

10. Billet Description: Explain what you do now and what you expect to do when promoted

11. DD-214's: contact HQ to ensure we have your DD-214s

12. Meets Grooming standards: this check in the box is from your photo submitted above

13. NYNM application on file: contact HQ to ensure we have your application

14. Age less than 68: this check in the box is taken care of by HQ

15. **Unique to OPERATION COVID 19/Enduring COVID/Asylum Support: many members have supported these missions this past year. A letter of recommendation by an Officer or Senior Enlisted member in your State Active-Duty chain-of-command supporting your State Active Duty work can be helpful –THIS DOES NOT REPLACE A RECOMMENDATION BY A NAVAL MILITIA OFFICER.**

(Do not submit extra "I love Me" stuff. However, A photo of you on State Active Duty is good and copies of additional FEMA (or rate related) course training certificates are acceptable)

The New York Naval Militia is fortunate to have dedicated men and women that give up their time in the service of New York State. As we know the opportunities for accolades, rewards, and pay are few and far between. However, for those members that are no longer part of the Drilling Reserves there is still a measure of recognition and appreciation: Promotion.

The referenced instruction provides the guidance on submitting a promotion package to Headquarters. The Promotion Board will meet after 1 JUN 23 this year. Please have complete promotion packages submitted by 30 May 2023, to the "President, 2023 Promotion Board c/o CAPT David Hawley, Deputy Commander, NYNM, DMNA, 330 Old Niskayuna Rd., Latham, NY 12110." If you believe that you are eligible for promotion you are encouraged to submit your application. The first duty of the Promotion Board is to verify eligibility.

Applications for Promotion should be sent via US mail, email with .gov or .mil addresses, or by FAX. (you may also drop off the application to the NYNM Office) Do not send your SSN or private personal identifying information (PII) by email.

A very important First Step in any promotion package is a letter of recommendation from your reporting senior. In most cases this will be your Regional Commander. This is in addition to a current evaluation or fitness report. Fitness reports and Evaluations for NYNM members may encompass more than one year.

I cannot stress enough to talk to your Regional Commander and/or Senior Enlisted Leader about what you can do to improve your promotion application.

It is extremely important that members that wish to be considered for promotion provide a complete promotion package. Nothing provides the promotion board with a better "first impression" than a complete and well organized promotion application.

Applications for promotion to E7, E8 and E9 must be reviewed by the Command Senior Enlisted Advisors before the Board reviews your application. Contact our Command Senior Enlisted Advisors: Master Chief Niemitalo and MGySgt Rignola for guidance.

Key on last year's Promotion Board was the question:

"What has this individual done for the New York Naval Militia lately?"

If you cannot answer that for yourself then contact your Regional Commander to get involved. The answer is not: "Once I get promoted I'll do lots of great things."

If your NYNM activities in the past year are not obvious then explain what you have done in the past year in your letter to the Board President.

The Promotion Board looks at what have you done for the Naval Militia and what can you do in the future.

What is the Admiral Josephthal Award?

Every Year the Commander of the New York Naval Militia awards the Josephthal Award to a Militia Person of the year and a Militia Unit of the Year. The 2023 Award Nominations can be provided anytime before June 1st, 2023, to the Commander. New York Naval Militia, C/O Naval Militia Headquarters, 330 Old Niskayuna Rd, Latham NY 12110.

Admiral Louis M. Josephthal was the Commander of the New York Naval Militia from 1925 to 1929. In his last Will and Testament he left a sum of money to New York state 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."

There is a cash award that accompanies the award: \$300 for the individual and \$300 to be distributed evenly among the unit members.

The format for the award is simple:

In an Email or in a Letter nominate a member

or unit based on the outstanding things they have done during the prior NY State Fiscal Year (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023). The exact details are in the Josephthal Trophy Instruction:

https://dmna.ny.gov/forms/naval/nynm_inst_1650.1.pdf

Key elements for consideration:

1. The individual must be a member in good standing of the NY Naval Militia.
2. A Unit may be an Ad Hoc or formal Unit of the NY Naval Militia or the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard reserves. If a unit is nominated at least 50% of the unit must be members of the NY Naval Militia.
3. Performance of duty or accomplishment must be described in detail enough to justify the award.
4. The members must be up to date in medical readiness.
5. If a unit is nominated a roster of the members must be include in the nomination.

Chief of Staff News:

Many of our members deserve special recognition for their extraordinary efforts while on State Active Duty (SAD). However, lack of quality award input, misconceptions about Federal award eligibility, and unfamiliar State award processes frequently prevent, misdirect, or discourage recognition of our members. Thus, here are some tips to improve your chances of successfully nominating your top performers for special recognition while supporting an operation:

If asked, neither be bashful, slow, nor shy about providing quality award input. Otherwise, given the tight deadlines at the end

of an operation, when such input is generally requested, you may not be asked again. Rather, view the request like any other assignment that you would normally complete to the very best of your ability and ensure your team does as well. Specifically, invest the time and effort needed to quantify and clearly communicate the impact of your team members' extra effort upon mission accomplishment. For example, input of, "Volunteered to stand eight 12-hour watches due to being the sole site member qualified to operate a Class III 6,000-pound forklift to facilitate loading up to 55 pallets per day of the heaviest and most urgently needed COVID supplies onto up to 5 tractor trailer trucks per day and deliver a total of over 810 pallets or material to 10 different distribution points scattered across the State," is far more useful than, "Provided long hours and rare skills as needed to move numerous pallets of cargo to several sites."

Exact data are always preferable but often unavailable. Thus, reasonable estimates of accomplishments and impact based upon sound supporting logic are frequently necessary and completely acceptable. For example, if your site averaged loading 45 pallets a day during the first 18-days or your 20-day assignment, you could reasonably estimate having moved over 810 pallets by the end of your assignment. Therefore, always creatively consider ways to generate reasonable estimates if needed rather than providing no data for lack of exact data.

Ensure your nominating chain of command realizes that NYNM members solely completing SAD must be nominated for State, rather than Federal, awards. Otherwise, well-meaning, but misguided, nominations for Federal Army or Air Force Achievement or Commendation medals are routinely denied and rarely salvaged and resubmitted as State award. Thereby wasting a great deal of time and effort and resulting in no recognition. Why?

Because SAD is solely State, rather than Federal, duty and solely subject to State award authorizations and regulations. Thus, a Federal award is neither authorized nor appropriate even if the nominee is a drilling Reservist or the mission transitions to a Federally authorized Title 32 event for Army and Air National Guard members. Rather, only State personal awards are appropriate for NYNM members solely completing SAD under any circumstance.

If your nominating command is unfamiliar with State awards, refer them to DMNA Regulation Number 672-1 which prescribes the proper justification, format, and processing of nominations for State military awards and is available via the following DMNA web page: https://dmna.ny.gov/forms/dmna_reg_672-1.pdf. No, "fill in the blanks," form applies. Rather, State nominations are made via a memorandum and accompanying draft citation formatted per Regulation 672-1. While later nominations are possible and occasionally approved, the best and most appropriate chance of nominating your top performers is via your operational chain of command and the J1 shop of the JTF that you are supporting toward the end of an operation or a significant period of SAD for one of your team members.

Similarly, download and read Regulation 672-1 as well to ensure your nominations are as consistent with its required justification and format as possible. For example, while there are four levels of State personal military awards, nomination for the Military Commendation Medal will typically be most appropriate unless truly extraordinary circumstances clearly warrant nomination for a higher award. JTF J1 shops are far more likely to help you smooth and fully submit appropriately justified nominations that at least approximate the required format. Thus, refer to Regulation 672-1 for a description of the typical justification and format for each award.

While you cannot wear State awards while on Federal military duty, you can and should setup a second set of ribbons to wear them while on SAD. They will also help support your consideration for additional NYNM assignments and advancement upon your retirement from the USNR/USMCR/USCGR.

In summary, please remember that recognizing your best performers is part of good leadership and award input need not be letter-perfect. Rather, simply providing the detailed factual data required to single out your noteworthy top performers and ensure it flows through the appropriate State, rather than Federal, nomination formats and processes is at least 75% of the task.

sites were NYNM Chief of Staff CAPT Mike Perry, NYNM Commander RDML Larry Weill, along with MGySgt Rignola and SSgt Erik Tjornhom

The group was able to move between many of the sites used to house the Asylum Seeker residents, including almost a dozen of the hotel facilities spread between the various Burroughs of the city. It was a real eye opener, as the staff was able to see and hear first-hand the various challenges encountered by the personnel stationed in those sites. Considering the diverse background of these service members, including their different assigned service branches, they have been able to quickly form team relationships that have been fully functional and superbly responsive.

SOUTHCAM NEWS

NYNM Staff Visits Asylum Seeker Sites



RDML Weill with staff members inside an Asylum Seeker Mission facility. (Notes the pallets of supplies in the background.)

Several NYNM staff personnel visited a number of the hotels and control centers of the Asylum Seekers mission in NY City during the first weeks of January. Traveling between the



Morning staff briefing inside Harlem armory command post.

“One of the most impressive observations we’ve made is that many of the personnel assigned here are fully-fluent in Spanish, which enhances the communications and trust level with the residents,” noted RDML Weill.

The service members assigned to duty in the hotels are tasked with a great many responsibilities, including security, safety, administrative matters, monitoring the daily meal plan, and more. So far, they have exceeded all expectations in ensuring that the residents' messing and berthing needs are met and that everyone is fully cared for in each facility. The mission appears to be expanding in both size and duration, so stand by for updates as they become available.



Exercise Rapid Gunwale 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, Exercise Jonas Bronck and Empire Challenge 2019, 2020. Current assignments include Deputy Commander of NORTHCOM and N97 Training Officer, using his medical skills and expertise to train Corpsman. Contact information: 607-760-8789 or email at ajgutman@stny.rr.com

NORTHCOM NEWS

Introducing the NORTHCOM Senior Leadership.

NORTHCOM Commander:
CAPT MaryEtta Nolan



Joined the NYNM in 2017 but became active after retiring from the Navy Reserves in 2020 after 35 years. Previous position included N1 Admin Officer prior to being asked to take over NORTHCOM as CDR. Worked as

an Operating Room Nurse for over 36 years until retirement. Contact information 518-321-1882 or email at maryettanolan@gmail.com

NORTHCOM Deputy Commander:
LCDR Alan Gutman

Joined the NYNM in 1999. Currently working as a Physician Assistant United Health Services Hospital. Retired from the USNR in 2010 with 22 years of combined Active and Reserve Service. Participated in Field

Introducing our new NORTHCOM Senior Enlisted Leader:
GySgt Paul Hauschen



Joined the NYNM in 2018 he is active in the Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) as a member of DET30 in Waterford, NY. He served 8 years in Information Technology in the US Marine Corps and 2 years in 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, USMCR in Madison, WI. After moving to Albany, he

was project manager for Farm Family Insurance, NYS Business Services Center and NYS office of the State Comptroller until retiring in 2019. Contact information 518-389-5881 or email Phauschen@hotmail.com.

On December 3, 2022, LCDR Gutman put on his training hat and conducted “Field Assessment Training for HMs” with hands on



assessment of Primary and Secondary Surveys along with treatment decision making and ongoing assessments.

The devastating news is the closure of Naval Reserve Center Syracuse!

Members will be moved to other reserve centers in the following months, so we want them to know we support you and hope you have a smooth transition.

On Sunday, 08 January 2023, a Decommissioning Ceremony was attended by the NYNM Commander, RDML Lawrence Weill, Chief of Staff, CAPT Michael Perry, NORTHCOM CDR, CAPT MaryEtta Nolan, the new NORTHCOM SEL, GySgt Paul Hauschen and BMC Robert Lipp who will be the Liaison in the Syracuse area.



CAPT Perry, CAPT Nolan, CDR Toolan, RDML Weill, GySgt Hauschen, BMC Lipp



RDML Weill presented the NRC Syracuse Commanding Officer, CDR Daniel Toolan with a plaque for his support for the NYNM.

WESTCOM NEWS

CAPT Jay Dutcher and RDML Larry Weill traveled to Buffalo on Sunday, December 13 to

visit SELRES personnel at Coast Guard Sector Buffalo. The purpose of the visit was to introduce Coast Guard Reservists to the NYNM and familiarize them with the online enlistment process.

The briefing was attended by about 20 CG Reservists, although many more were absent from the Center that morning. “We sent a large contingent to Highmark Stadium for the flag ceremony at the Buffalo Bills game” said CDR Elisabeth Dorrian, the senior Reservist at the facility. “They were part of the hundreds of military personnel holding up the field-sized flag used in the opening ceremony.”



(From left to right) CAPT Dutcher, CWO4 Doldo, RDML Weill, and CDR Dorrian) at CG Sector Buffalo briefing (photo by LT Black)

Those present at the Reserve facility were extremely interested in the briefing presented by CAPT Dutcher. Most of the interest was centered on the NYNM MEBS Program as well as the membership benefits. Many were surprised at the overall “total package” offered by the NY Naval Militia, especially since a large percentage of them had never heard of our organization prior to the visit.

“It really does offer all of the benefits with no negatives” said one Petty Officer who stated

that he would be signing up the following week. Overall, we expect to pick up a number of new recruits from this visit, and to increase our overall representation inside the Coast Guard Reserves.

RECENT AWARDS

Awards Ceremony at COVID Warehouse in Geneva

An awards ceremony was conducted for NYNM members at the COVID-19 supply warehouse in Geneva, NY on Friday, November 18. Recognized for their superb efforts and dedication to the mission were Senior Chief Scott Pease and Petty Officer DaShawn Bradley.

Both of these Militiamen have been on long-term SAD orders at the Geneva facility, working long hours to ensure that health care facilities across the region have the COVID supplies needed to combat the deadly virus. The facility contains such vast stores of supplies it defies the imagination. CAPT Dutcher, who helped present the awards with RDML Weill, likened it to the warehouse in the movie “Raiders of the Lost Ark.” Managing that facility takes continuous care and vigilance.



EOCS Pease was awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service, while Petty Officer Bradley was presented with the Military Commendation Medal. Senior Chief has been attached to the COVID mission since shortly after its inception. He has been tasked with overseeing the entire warehouse mission along with its crew of State military members.



Petty Officer Bradley has been an invaluable contributor inside the facility, both moving and transporting the supplies as well as serving as an instructor on fork truck and other devices.

The warehouse itself may be closing sometime within the next six months as the COVID mission winds down. However, the State of New York is highly indebted to the work of these two NYNM members for their outstanding efforts in keeping the facility running at peak capacity throughout the duration of the mission.



Medal for Meritorious Service
CDR William Kempner



NYS Military Commendation Medal

BMC William Kaul
MN1 Arocho
HM2 Beil

READINESS OFFICER

Amazingly the COVID Mission continues for a few NYNM service members. It has primarily become a close out mission. This is the daunting task of ensuring all money spent on this mission since it began in March of 2021 can be reimbursed by FEMA. This is taking place at DMNA HQ, Latham, NY in MNHS, MNBF/J8 and J4. What a perfect example of how NYNM continues to answer the call of the needs of this mission and the State.

We are also still very involved in the New York City mission to support the influx of immigrants seeking asylum in the US. At the time of this article, we have 150 NYNM service members on this mission. This mission began in mid-October and with no projected end date at this time we are always looking for interested NYNM members to add to our stand-by list. We have service members at most of the 33 mission sites in and around NYC, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Harlem. If you would like to be screened, added to the list, and considered for any open position that becomes available, call the office main line (518) 786-4583.

As always, please 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.

Send updates to ng.ny.nyarnng.mbx.nynavalmilitia@army.mil or use the link on the Contact Us tab of our website: <http://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=contact>

Thank you all!
BMCS(EXW) Elizebeth Spain

Announcements:

The following exercises and events are being planned:

US Coast Guard Oil Spill Exercise; 19APR23, Staten Island

MEBS Kick-off Weekend; 29-30APR23; Leeds

Exercise Echo Bay; 13MAY23 (tentative), New Rochelle

Exercise Western Horizon '23; 4-6AUG23, Sodus Point

Exercise Empire Challenge '23; 4-6 OCT23; Brooklyn

Meet Chief Tim Petersen, the Office Manager at NYNM Headquarters



QMC Tim Petersen came to us in September of 2022 to be the Office Manager and Education Officer at the NYNM Headquarters in Latham NY. He graduated from Siena College in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in history. He then went on to earn his Master of Arts in Teaching in 2011 from Sage Graduate school with a New York State Teachers Certification in Social Studies grades 7-12. QMC joined the Navy and attended bootcamp in July of 2012. He then joined the New York Naval Militia in December of 2012 and MEBS in 2017. In 2019 he was selected and accepted as Chief Petty Officer. In the reserves he is currently the N7 Division Chief for LCS MET C Det Tampa. He resides in Brunswick, NY and is happy to be part of the Naval Militia team!

GUIDE TO NAVAL MILITIA JOTFORM APPLICATIONS

The N.Y. Naval Militia has made significant efforts to make communicating with headquarters easier and more secure. Simply, click on the QR code from your smartphone/tablet or use the URL from a computer to reach these applications. We have two accounts with the JOTFORM app (one is HIPAA compliant, and one is not) that support the current four functions.

The purpose of the various apps are several, including the ability to:

- Join the N.Y. Naval Militia at **Go NAVAL MILITIA!** (HIPAA-compliant)
- Securely upload important documents at the **Document Upload Portal** (HIPAA-compliant)
- Request State Active Duty (non-pay) orders and many other functions at **Naval Militia Operations**
- MEBS members use the **MEBS LOG** for many maintenance and operational functions.

Use the NYNM OPS app, or the MEBS LOG app to request (non-pay) SAD orders, or upload photographs!

Use these QR codes and URLs to find these applications:

Go NAVAL MILITIA!



<https://hipaa.jotform.com/app/221116260289148>

Document Upload Portal



<https://hipaa.jotform.com/app/221514574126148>

NYNM OPS



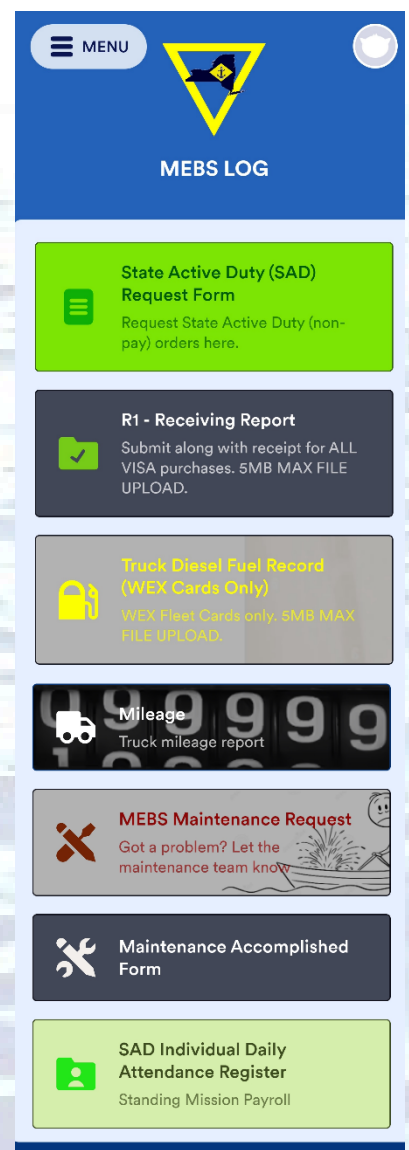
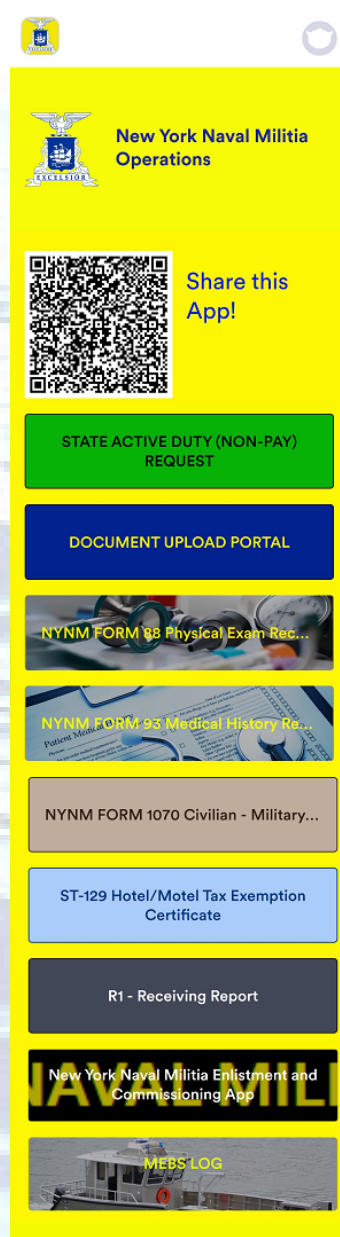
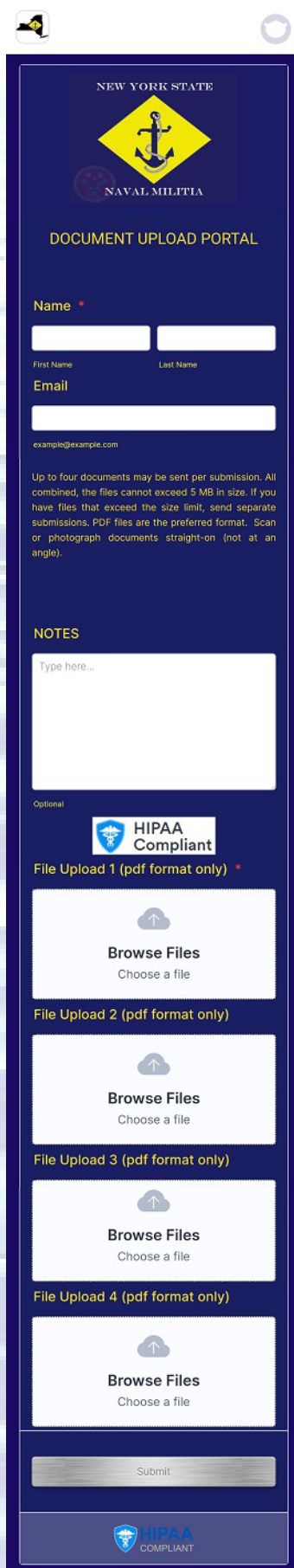
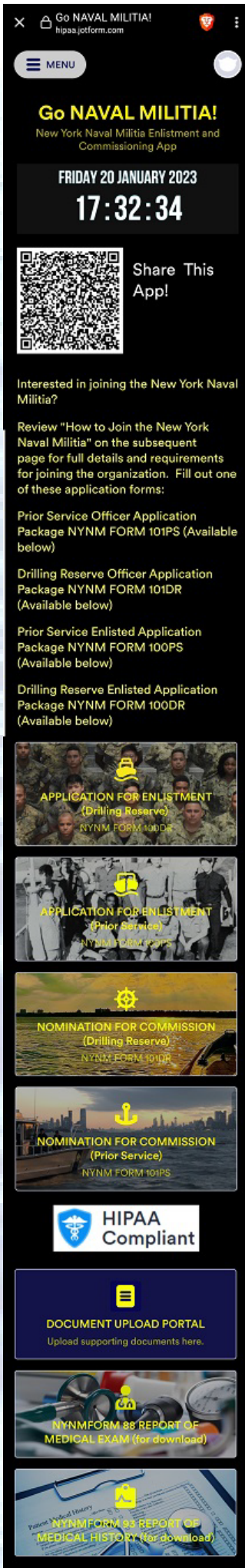
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The four apps as seen on a smartphone.

Go NAVAL MILITIA! recruiting.

DOCUMENT UPLOAD PORTAL

NYNM Operations

MEBS LOG

New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

1-Feb-23	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	135	23	33	191
WARRANT	9	0	1	10
ENLISTED	1980	231	385	2596
TOTAL	2124	254	419	2797
NAVY	963	111	242	1316
MARINE	997	122	143	1262
COAST GUARD	90	3	6	99
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	33	3	6	42
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST (Retired)	40	15	23	78
PENDING ACTION				

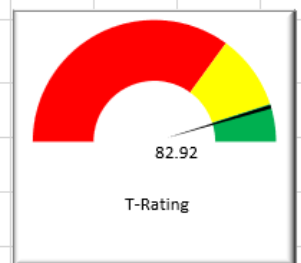
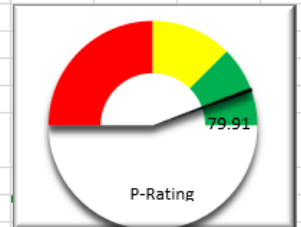
New York Naval Militia Training Readiness Report

Ref: NYNMINST 3501.1

Month: **February**

Year: 2023

	NUMBER	PERCENT
1. Personnel Census		
a. Total Force Census:	2797	
b. Percentage of end-strength (3500):		79.91%
c. SAL as percentage of total census: (Less than 5% by law)		1.50%
d. Number of 900 series, E7 and above	65	
2. Training Readiness:		
a. Percentage of 900 series unit members in grade E-7 and above with ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 and INDOC courses:	325	164 50.46%
b. Number of trained JTF Liaison Officers (six min):	6	3 50.00%
c. Number of HIPAA trained staff (three min):	3	11 100.00%
d. Number of JRSOI trained PAT members (five min):	5	14 100.00%
e. Number of JOC 101 trained staff (three min):	3	3 100.00%
f. Number of JSTC E-7 and above (five min):	5	4 80.00%
g. Percentage of CDRs/DEP CDRs with Ethics Overview:	7	7 100.00%
		82.92%



MEBS Kick-Off Weekend 2023



Spring is the beginning of the traditional boating season in New York State. For our MEBS coxswains and crewmembers, this **Kick-off Weekend** training opportunity is provided to clear out the winter cobwebs, learn the proper way of operating the MEBS fleet of boats and trucks, and get the boats deployed across the state. Hone your boat handling skills and work towards your qualifications as independent coxswain.

SAT-SUN

29-30 April 2023

New York State Armory

**State Route 23, Leeds, New York
(Exit 21 of the NYS Thruway)**

Sign Up:

with CAPT Donald McKnight @ 518-786-6021 donald.k.mcknight.nfg@army.mil

Who should attend?

All MEBS personnel are encouraged to attend. Meet your fellow boat crew operators and enjoy a weekend in the Catskills. 30 slots are available.

FOCUS TOPICS :

- Electronics
- Maintenance Operations
- Training and Readiness Upgrades
- and much more

Details:

- Meals to be provided
 - Travel reimbursement for POV greater than 35 miles
- Note: carpooling, state vehicle use required whenever possible.*

Sign-up Deadline: Friday, 14 April 2023

New York State Military Emergency Boat Service
330 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham, N.Y. 12110

