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NY Naval Militia personnel conduct sandbagging operations at the Schenectady Water Treatment Plant on 29 August. Schenectady Water Commissioner Paul Lafond praised the New York Naval Militia efforts that prevented the city from having to order a health advisory.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MEBS Underway Training	Schenectady	19 OCT
MEBS Underway Training	Islip	26 OCT
MEBS Underway Training	Verplanck	2 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Ronkonkoma	3 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Albany	4 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Ronkonkoma	5 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Ronkonkoma	6 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Albany	9 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Verplanck	10 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Ronkonkoma	12 NOV
SOUTHCOM Regional Training	Bronx	12 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Verplanck	14 NOV
MEBS Underway Training	Verplanck	5 DEC
MEBS Underway Training	Verplanck	12 DEC
MEBS Underway Training	Verplanck	16 DEC

Spring 2012 Semester applications are due by 15DEC11

### Welcome:

**New SOUTHCOM Commander.**  
**CAPT Jeff Flumignan**

**New Force Medical Officer**  
**CAPT Bruce Barron**

**New C.O. of NOSC Rochester,**  
**LCDR John Lo**

**New C.O. of NOSC Syracuse,**  
**LCDR Kevin Newman**

**New C.O. of NOSC Buffalo,**  
**LCDR James Morton**



## Commander's Corner



**Major General Robert Wolf**  
**Commander, New York Naval Militia**



Bravo Zulu to the 200 Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard Reservists, who are voluntary members of the New York Naval Militia, and who were mobilized to provide support to civil authorities in the wake of Hurricane Irene. Our Militia members traveled from all four corners of the state and quickly contributed to the disaster relief efforts. As part of Joint Task Force Irene, the Naval Militia augmented New York Military Forces to stem flooding, support sheltering operations, and stand watches in the Joint Task Force Irene and Joint Force Headquarters NY (JFHQ-NY) Joint Operations Centers (JOCs). On Sunday they were among the first volunteers on station for sheltering operations in New York City, and starting at 0300 Monday 29 August, Naval Militia members, operating as a detachment under Task Force 109, filled and placed nearly 5000 sandbags around the Schenectady sewage treatment plant to protect this critical infrastructure from damage.

Our Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) crews spent countless hours ensuring our boats were safe prior to the hurricane making landfall. Once the hurricane had passed and conditions permitted, they quickly put our boats back in the water so they could resume maritime security missions in support of Joint Task Force Empire Shield (JTF-ES).

Petty Officer Stacy, from the Rochester area, provided a very succinct and important comment that I share here:

"I know there was some frustration among us that we were there a short time, and wished we could have done

more given the level of disaster in some areas of the state." The following points are important to be clear on:

1. The primary mission was the threat to NYC and to have a 'strategic reserve' of personnel ready, and nearby to respond. Some of our members arrived at Camp Smith before (Sat.), during and right after the hurricane for this purpose. The major threat to NYC passed, but the mission of having NYNM volunteer members there, close by, ready to respond - was accomplished. The Governor and The Adjunct General knew they had NYNM resources ready to deploy if, and when, needed.

2. The NYNM members arriving Monday were diverted to the second mission, which was to be prepared for the imminent threat of the Gilboa Dam failure. Along with the sandbagging efforts, our mission was, again, 'readiness' -- a force nearby that could spring into action if needed. Since this threat also passed, our orders to standby terminated. Had the dam failed, or the hurricane centered on NYC, we would have most certainly been engaged as first responders in disaster relief efforts.

3. This call-up, and the response of those of you who dropped everything in your life and fought the weather, and the traffic to show up, solidified the NYNM's role as part of the state's military forces. It demonstrated that we were a volunteer force ready, willing and prepared for emergency response. It was also a great coalescing effort with the state's other branches (Nat. Guard, Air Guard and State Guard). And, to be clear, as a member of the state's Naval Militia, you stand somewhat apart from these other state forces because you have voluntarily added your service to the state on top of your primary federal duties. That makes the NYNM member unique. As I like to point out, you're three times the volunteer: you serve your country and community as a citizen, you serve in your branch of service, and as a member of the state's forces."

I could not be more proud of your contributions to Joint Task Force Irene. Once again, you proved that the New York Naval Militia is "Ready, Reliable, and Responsive." Your ability to flex to different mission sets from Long Island to Schenectady was truly amazing.



## Operation IRENE



Sandbagging Ops - Schenectady



TF 109 Formation



Reception and Staging - Glenville



JTF 3 LNO Team



Camp Smith Arrivals



## Naval Militia Responds To East River Helicopter Crash



The New York Naval Militia's PB440 responded to a helicopter crash in the East River on 4 October 2011. A veteran pilot was at the controls with a family of tourists aboard that he had known for years. The crash occurred on Tuesday afternoon, killing a woman despite a frantic rescue effort that involved a flotilla of police and fire vessels, and dozens of emergency workers. PB 440 was the second vessel on the scene.

At the time of the helicopter crash, the crew of PB 440 (MKC Sean Lynch, BM1 Kurt Schneider, and MK3 Ken Stefandel) were providing a harbor vulnerability assessment to RADM Wendy Carpenter, President of SUNY Maritime College; MajGen Wolf; LTC Pete Riley, Commander JTF Empire Shield, and CWO2 Dennis McCoy, JTF Empire Shield.



PB440, tasked to JTF Empire Shield responds.

## MEDICAL NEWS

For all Naval Militia members who are not drilling Reservists of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard:

You are required to have a current (within one year) physical exam record on file at Headquarters, NYNM.

For those who do not have a physical exam file on record, you have until 31DEC11 to complete and submit an exam record. NYNM FORMS 88 and 93 can be found on the website for this purpose.

Failure to comply with this requirement will place you in an inactive status.

No member without a current physical exam on record may be placed on State Active Duty (SAD), either paid or unpaid.

## Boat Service News:



This year, MEBS assigned a vessel and support vehicle to JOA 2 (Long Island). PB 230 and its prime mover were originally staged at NOSC Amityville. When that facility was closed, the boat and truck were relocated to another state facility, the Army Aviation Support Facility #1 at MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma. The vessel is available for operations and training on the waters of Long Island.

Operation Lake Champlain took place again this past summer. This was the third time in the past four years that MEBS has supported the U.S. Border Patrol at Rouses Point. In the months of July and August, there is a significant rise in the number of recreational boaters entering U.S. waters from Canada. In the past, these boaters frequently did not conduct their required immigration check. In Operation Lake Champlain, vessels entering from Canada are directed into the immigration checkpoint. This was a good op for MEBS as we were usually the only ones on the water during our

timeframe, directing the foreign vessels into the inspection station. On weekends between the middle of July and the middle of August, PB 220 and the assigned crews conducted this mission.



purchases for the state. This applies to purchases for fuel, supplies, and repair parts. Each boat and vehicle has a dedicated state purchasing card that is used to make authorized purchases.

All non-fuel related purchases must have prior authorization from Headquarters, NY Naval Militia. Call 518-786-4584/6021.

Procedures for fueling MEBS trucks:

Locate an EXXON or MOBIL gas station, and use the assigned EXXON/MOBIL fleet card. When requested by the gas pump, enter the current mileage of the vehicle. When requested by the gas pump, enter the 4 digit driver I.D.

This number is the last four digits of the state license plate number. It is also located on the fleet card as shown below. Upon completion of fueling, ensure that you keep a receipt and place it in the RECEIPTS section of the Fuel and Maintenance Record.

Enter the amount of fuel and fuel cost on the monthly Vehicle Cost Record (NYNM OGS Form CS 918).

## NEW UNIFORM GUIDELINES FOR NYNM STATE SERVICE

MajGen Wolf, Commander NYNM, has made his final modifications and released the New York Naval Militia Uniform Regulation. These uniform regulations only apply to personnel serving in a state status, not a federal status.

The regulation (NYNMINST 1020.1) can be found at this link:

[http://dmna.state.ny.us/forms/nynm\\_inst\\_1020.1.pdf](http://dmna.state.ny.us/forms/nynm_inst_1020.1.pdf)



## PURCHASES FOR THE STATE

An individual should NEVER have to use their personal credit card or cash to make

## COMMUNICATORS NEEDED

Gen Wolf has identified a need to develop communications teams to support JFHQ-NY's two JISCCs (Joint Incident Site Communications Capability). The JISCC is a communications bridge between first responders and other local, state, and federal agencies. Deployed in each state by the National Guard Bureau, the JISCC is able to arrive at an incident site, providing global communications within 1 hour. If this



program is something you are interested in, contact Headquarters.

## UNIT INFORMATION CHANGES

In order to better organize unit coding in the NYNM, we have changed the unit numbering system. Below are the changes. All other unit codes remain the same.

001 (5% State Active List) is now:

901 SOUTHCOM (5% State Active List)  
902 NORTHCOM (5% State Active List)  
903 WESTCOM (5% State Active List)

004 (Non-prior Service) is now:

904(5% State Active List,  
Non-prior Service)

811 is IRR USMCR South  
822 is IRR USMCR North  
833 is IRR USMCR West

991 (Federal Component List, Retired Reserve <age 60) is now:

991 SOUTHCOM  
992 NORTHCOM  
993 WESTCOM

998 (5% State Active List, Retired Reserve >age60) is now:

981 SOUTHCOM  
982 NORTHCOM  
983 WESTCOM

911 is IRR Navy South  
922 is IRR Navy North  
933 is IRR Navy West

William E. Pries,  
Deputy Commander, NY Naval Militia  
promoted to Rear Admiral (LH).

On 8 July, William E. Pries, Deputy Commander, New York Naval Militia was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (LH). The ceremony took place at Camp Smith Training Site near Peekskill.



MG Murphy, TAG-NY and MajGen Wolf, Commander, NYNM pin Rear Admiral stars onto the uniform of William E. Pries, Deputy Commander.

## NYNM MARCH PREMIER FIRST PUBLIC CONCERT

Patterson, N.Y. 6AUG11

The Patterson Town Recreation Center hosted the 42nd ID Band and the 89th Army Band for a summer concert. During that concert, the new "New York Naval Militia March" received its first public airing.

The song, composed by CPT Douglas Hedwig, NY Guard reflects on the Naval Militia's long maritime history to the State of New York.

An MPEG of the song can be heard via the link found on the homepage of the website at: <http://dmna.state.ny.us/nynm/naval.php>

## RECENT AWARDS

### Josephthal Award History.

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.



CPT HEDWIG AND MAJ GEN WOLF

### Recent Retirees

The following personnel have recently retired from the New York Naval Militia:

- ISCS Robert McLoughlin, Bayshore
- CAPT Richard Murray, Albany
- YNC Andrea Litterer, Buffalo
- LS1 Ann Schultheis, Binghamton
- ET1 Thomas Bieber, Lyons
- LCDR Jim Walsh, Burnt Hills
- CDR Dan McCartan, Buffalo
- HM1 Hassan Uddin, Yonkers
- OSCS Ronnie Rojas, Valley Stream
- MSGT Scott Nicolai, Hamburg, NJ

### TAPS

CDR James Crawford, East Concord  
7 September 2011

### Congratulations 2011 Josephthal Award Winners

"NY Naval Militia Member of the Year,"  
**EO1 Rick Stacy, Bergen**



"Naval Militia Unit of the Year,"  
**India Co., 3/25 Marines, Buffalo**





**MEDAL FOR HUMANE SERVICE TO NYS  
For Operation IRENE**

**NYS Medal for Meritorious Service**



Captain Bill Higgins, New York City

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**Recruiting Medal**



MA1 Daniel Armstrong, Lyons  
HMC Jason Rodriguez, Bronx

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**DUTY IN AID TO CIVIL AUTHORITY MEDAL  
For Operation Lake Champlain**



SW1 Jeffrey Alexander, Berne  
MM2 Robert Hill, Petersburg  
IT1 Garrett Aldershoff, Scotia  
EO1 Don Hart, Whitehall  
CSC Wayne Hurlburt, N. Granville  
ME1 Steve Gauci, Whitehall  
YNC J. Michael Smith, Tarrytown



CAPT BARRON, LS2 CERABONE, HMCM CLARK, EO1 ELLINGHAM, BMC FLORES, HMC GOSNEL, MA2 HUMPHRELT, LT LASKER, EO1 PEASE, EO1 MACDOWELL, LT MAXWELL, EA2 MCKINLEY, LTJG MILAVEC, CM3 MORGAN, MMC PORTER, EO2 PRUCKNO, BU1 PUTNEY, EACN RINALDO, EO1 SCHAPLEY, UT1 SIEBURG, CWO4 SLOMINSKI, EO1 STACY, CAPT TUCKER, CM3 WOODHAMS, LS1 YOUNG, LCPL ADAMS, YN2 ALMONTE, HM3 ANEKE, HM3 AUGUSMA, CPL AZARPAYVAND, LS2 BELGRAVE, IT2 BROWN, CWO3 CASSIDY, HM3 CHAN, ISC CHANG, BM1 CHIAPPETTA, CPL CLARK, LCDR DEVINS, HM3 EDWARDS, MA1 EVANS, SSGT FILOSA, HM3 FOLARIN, HM3 GAMBLE, HM3 GARAY, HM3 GONTA, CWO4 GUEST, YN1 HAREWOOD, MA1 HARRIS, LCPL HOUCK, HM2 JARVIS, HM2 JUMANGIT, JR, BM2 JUSTIN, ENS KAUGHER, MK3 STEFANDEL, OS2 KOWSOLEDISPA, BM1 SCHNEIDER, GM1 LAMBERT, LS2 LIN, AM2 MATTAI, LS2 MAYO, LCDR MOORE, LS2 MUIR, BUCN MURRAY, ABH2 ORRIS, HM2 ODEBUNMI, LCPL OWEN, UT1 PENTA, SGT PILLCURIMA, HM2 POSTEL, SGT PRINCIPE II, MC3 RIBEIRO, AOAN RIVERA, HMC RODRIGUEZ, HM3 RODRIGUEZ, CPL ROSA, LS2 RUIZ, BM2 SADLIER, HM3 SANTANA, MA2 SANTIAGO, MA2 SEMORILE, MAJGEN WOLF, CAPT WOOLLEY, CWO4 ALDERDICE, IT1 ALDERSHOFF, SW1 ALEXANDER, MA3 ARAGONA, BU2 ARCHAMBEAULT, AEAA ARMER, EO2 ATTY, GMC BENJAMIN, ABH3 BHOLA, HMC BISAILLON, HTCS BOWERS, CM1 BRETSCHEER, LS3 BRIGGS, CDR BUANNO, LCPL CHASE, SK2 CONROY, IT2 CRAM, BU1 DAVISON, CPL DEPUY, HT1 DEVAN, CSC DOTT, LS1 DOWGIRD, LCPL FANCHER, UT2 FISH, MMCS GAGNIER, BUC GAIGE, ME1 GAUCI, LCPL GIBSON, RP1 GLADDING, EO1 GRAY, MGYSGT GREEN, YN1 HANS, LCPL HARRINGTON, EO1 HART, CDR HAWLEY, SW2 HECKER, MM2 HILL, LCPL HUGEL, CSC HURLBURT, QM1 ISENBERGH, CDR JACKSON, BU2 KIMBLE, LCPL KISSEL, CDR KLINE, BU2 KLINK, LCPL LENNON, CPL LOCKE, SOCS MACH, CPL MARTIN, CDR McCORMICK, CWO2 McCOY, BU1 MCGILLYCUDDY, CDR MCKNIGHT, CE1 NIGRO, QM1 NUZZACO, BU3OKEEFE, CDR PERRY, HMC POST, CAPT POWELL, SWCS ROGERS, CEC ROJAS, GMCS SCHMIDT, BU2 SKINNER, CAPT SMITH, LS2 SOTO, SW1 SULLIVAN, OSC SUNDHEIMER, BU1 TARBAY, LCPL TASHJIAN, EO1 WRIGHT, CS3 XANTHACKY, CAPT ZAKRISKI.

# New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

6-Oct-11	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	134	36	41	211
WARRANT	14	3	6	23
ENLISTED	1238	326	376	1940
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1386</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>2174</b>
NAVY	821	151	301	1273
MARINE	421	180	101	702
COAST GUARD	97	1	3	101
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	27	16	7	50
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST	19	19	11	49

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## RECALL EXERCISE RESULTS

The late-July/early-August recall was a success and we will continue to do these using the NEW YORK ALERT system (phone and email notifications), and continue to build and update our personnel system with the latest information. All members are expected to respond to the ALERTS and provide the information requested. The success of the recall we did for Operation IRENE was directly tied to the success of the recall exercise we did a month earlier.

These exercises are important and allow the NYNM to:

- a. To verify existing NYNM member's recall data.

- b. To exercise verified support of key disaster support personnel to civilian authorities.
- c. To determine issues that may affect the future placement of NYNM personnel in the right place at the right time.

## TRAINING

JTF and JOC LNOs are expected to complete training for the NIMS/Incident Command System, Levels 100, 200, 700, & 800. This training can be found online at

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>

Submit copies of completed training to Headquarters for entry into your service record.



## SHIP'S STORE INFORMATION

The New York Naval Militia provides this information for the benefit of our members. The NYNM does not endorse any of the vendors' products.



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COAST GUARD

<https://udcistore.net/istore/loginpage.jsp>



## OFF DUTY EVENTS

### Old Fort Niagara

P.O. Box 169 Youngstown, NY 14174-0169 USA

<http://oldfortniagara.org/>

Oct 7, 2011 Free Friday on the Frontier

Oct 14, 2011 Free Friday on the Frontier

Oct 22, 2011 The Haunted Fortress

Oct 29, 2011 The Haunted Fortress

Nov 4, 2011 French Heritage Day

### New York State Military Museum Opens Modern New York National Guard Exhibit



A new exhibit highlighting the history of the New York National Guard since Sept. 11, 2001 opened on September 9th at the New York State Museum and features equipment carried by Guard members at Ground Zero, in Iraq and in Afghanistan.

Michael Aikey, museum manager of the New York State Military Museum, and Lt. Col. (Retired) Paul Fanning were on hand to discuss the new exhibit with members of the press.

The exhibit includes a respirator worn by a National Guard Soldier at Ground Zero at the World Trade Center site; "Hillbilly Armor" used to protect a New York

Army National Guard vehicle in Iraq; and mannequin dressed in full "battle rattle" worn by Soldiers in Afghanistan. The exhibit also includes a "Faces of the Fallen" memorial commemorating the 32 members of the New York Army National Guard who have fallen in battle since Sept. 11, 2001.

A new exhibit titled "Today's New York Army National Guard and Global War on Terror" is based on the successful Citizen Soldier exhibit the New York State Museum carried last year.

The exhibit will include displays about the mobilization, deployment and service of New York units in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2003 through 2008. The display will feature photos and information panels, equipment and uniforms and personal artifacts along with a video component showing the Guard in action at the World Trade Center, conducting home land defense and combat operations overseas.

It will be the museum's first "modern" military exhibit marking not only the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks but also covering historic operations which continue today.

The "Global War on Terror" gallery is the latest exhibit on deck at the Military Museum following the opening of the "A Call Not Unheeded" in the spring.

Items in the display include:

- A respirator carried by a Soldier at Ground Zero
- The combat gear worn by Major General Joseph Taluto in Iraq. Taluto, a Fort Ann resident, commanded the 23,000 Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division's Task Force Liberty in Iraq in 2005 and later went on to serve as Adjutant General of New York. He also led the New York National Guard task force in New York City after 9/11.
- A section of "hillbilly" armor improvised in Iraq to help protect a New York Army National Guard truck.
- A slab of marble from an Afghan building once used as a headquarters by Osama bin Laden.
- Iraqi military equipment

### Fall Historic Events in New York State

<http://nycivilwar150.org/events.html>