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Celebrating 120 years of service
to the State of New York

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The New York Naval Militia, 120 years old on 23 June 2011.

The Naval Militia was formally mustered in New York City on 23 June 1891, as the First Battalion, Naval Reserve Artillery.

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RECALL EXERCISE

Your participation in the production of the **Newsletter** is welcomed and necessary to make it successful.

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*PB 281 locks through the Erie Canal at Baldwinsville.
EO1 Matt MacDowell (Oswego) tends the line, while
Chief Mike Porter (Mohawk) supervises.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEBS Training

North (Albany, Schenectady, Waterford)
July 21

August 11, 31

September 8, 10, 21

October 5, 8, 19

November 4, 9, 12

South (Verplanck) (Amityville)
July 20

August 1-2 Aug 1, 2, 5,

August 5, 12, 25 12, 25

September 9, 12, 22 Sep 9, 12, 22

October 6, 7, 20 Oct 6, 7, 20

November 2, 10, 14 Nov 2, 10, 14

West (Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse)

JUL 20, 23 Rochester

AUG 2, 6 Rochester

SEP 9, 14, 17 Buffalo

October 1 Buffalo

October 5 Rochester

October 13, 15, 22 Syracuse

15 JUL-14 AUG-Operation Lake Champlain,
Rouses Point, Weekends

1-4 August NYNM Recall Exercise

1-4 August -Exercise Trojan Horse, SUNY
Maritime College, Bronx

3 August - Exercise Bonacker, South Bay

6 August - First Public Performance

New York Naval Militia March

By the 42nd Infantry Division Band and the 89th
Army Band, Patterson, N.Y. 7 p.m.

16-18 August - JFHQ-NY Joint Operations
Conference, Saratoga Springs

Commander's Corner



Major General Robert Wolf
Commander, New York Naval Militia



COMMANDER'S 120TH BIRTHDAY MESSAGE TO THE NEW YORK STATE NAVAL MILITIA 23 JUNE 2011

On the occasion of the 120th birthday of the New York State Naval Militia, I would like to express my best wishes to all of our volunteer sailors, marines, and coast guard reservists and to our cadre of "Five Percenters."

It is your efforts and sacrifice that have made us the unique and significant organized militia that we have become! Today we operate in all parts of our state maritime domain working alongside federal, state and local municipal agencies. You have every reason to be proud and I want to personally thank you for your service to your community, your state and your country.

Remain Vigilant, Ready and Faithful

Happy Birthday

Robert Lawrence Wolf

Robert L. Wolf
Commander, NYNM

We welcome our new Deputy Commander,
Captain William E. Pries.

In a brief ceremony held on 10 June 2011 at Camp Smith, Captain Bill Pries assumed duties as my Deputy Commander, New York Naval Militia; from retiring Rear Admiral John Ingram.



Captain Bill Pries is a native of New York City. He is a graduate of Fordham University, and received his Juris Doctor degree from St. John's University School of Law.

In 1973, he received a direct commission into the United States Navy, and served as defense counsel at Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan in Yokosuka; and then as trial counsel, foreign criminal jurisdiction officer, and *ad hoc* military judge at Naval Legal Service Office Yokosuka through 1976. He then transferred to Italy, serving as senior defense counsel, senior trial counsel, and foreign criminal jurisdiction officer at Naval Legal Service Office Naples.

In 1980, he transferred to the inactive Reserve, serving in various capacities as executive officer and commanding officer of units supporting the International Law and Criminal Law Divisions of the Office of the Judge Advocate General. He also served as Staff Judge Advocate to Commander, Naval Reserve Readiness Command Region TWO, and later as Staff Judge Advocate to the Naval Space Command in Dahlgren, VA.

Captain Pries was promoted in the United States Navy to his current rank of Captain, in May 1991.

The Outgoing Deputy Commander RDML John G. Ingram

Captain Pries was the founding Commanding Officer of the elite unit supporting the Oceans Law and Policy Department of the Naval War College in Newport, RI. He served as a member of the Crisis Action Teams at U.S. European Command in support of Operation Allied Force (NATO bombing campaign in Kosovo), and at U.S. Joint Forces Command in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He was recalled to extended active duty in 2002 as Deputy Legal Counsel for Operational Law to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, until his mandatory retirement from the United States Navy.

Affiliating with the New York Naval Militia shortly after joining the Naval Reserve, he has most recently served as Senior Legal Advisor to the Commander.

Captain Pries' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Kathleen Gallagher of New York City. They live in Brookville on Long Island.



Rear Admiral Ingram's distinguished New York Naval Militia career spanned more than 44 years of service in ever demanding positions of increasing responsibility. As Deputy Commander, he oversaw tremendous changes and improvements in the management and functioning of this State Defense Force.

Rear Admiral Ingram was instrumental in the creation of viable and lasting operational partnerships with numerous federal, state, and local agencies that have furthered the effectiveness and responsiveness of the Naval Militia. He was critical to the nationally acclaimed cooperation between the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, and United States Coast Guard Sector New York. As a result of his efforts, the United States Department of Homeland Security routinely relies on New York Naval Militia assets in order to complete federally assigned missions in the Port of New York and New Jersey. Furthermore, he was instrumental in the Naval Militia becoming integrated into all six of New York State's Joint Task Forces.

Rear Admiral Ingram ensured New York Naval Militia contributions were highlighted in media thereby



Retirement ceremony at West Point 10JUN11.

increasing public awareness of the naval component of the New York Military Forces. As Deputy Commander, he oversaw Naval Militia efforts in the post-crash events of USAir Flight 1549, the "Miracle on the Hudson." During this response, the New York Naval Militia Patrol Boat 440 was the only New York State asset on the water assisting with rescue and recovery operations.

Rear Admiral Ingram provided essential leadership for the Naval Militia through his role in statutory and regulatory administrative processes. He chaired numerous promotion and awards boards and guided the revision of force regulations and instructions.

Rear Admiral Ingram carried his responsibilities with distinction during this critical period in New York State history. His dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the sea services of the United States.

Admiral Ingram continues his service to the state as a Superior Court Judge in Brooklyn.

Meet Katharine Keller



NYNM Office Manager and Education Officer
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At one time or another, you've probably had the need to speak with Katharine. Need educational

benefits information? A NYNM ID Card? Bridge passes?

Katharine started working in the Naval Militia Office at Division of Military and Naval Affairs Headquarters in Latham, NY on 29 August 2005.

Mrs. Keller is the Office Manager and is responsible for the day to day administration of the office, to include: entering new enlistments in to the data base, keeping the data base updated, and supplies all the units in the state with Bridge/Tunnel and Thruway passes for their Federal drill weekends. She also handles the fiscal responsibilities in the office.

Administering Education Benefits to the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard reservists that are members of the Naval Militia is her main duty and includes accepting the applications, ensuring that they are complete with signatures from the members command and that they have applied for their federal and state required grants as well. This information is then entered in to a state data base that is updated each semester. It is Mrs. Keller's responsibility to ensure that this information is correct and completed by the proper state deadlines so that the members receive their tuition reimbursement in a timely manner. She is married for 26 years to James Keller Jr., a Navy veteran and member of the NY Naval Militia, and has 3 children. Katharine M. Keller is a resident of Delmar, New York.

Education News:

Fall semester applications for education benefits are due to Mrs. Katharine Keller no later than 15 August 2011.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Frederick W. Green



Fred Green assumed the duties as Command Master Gunnery Sergeant, New York Naval Militia, in June, 2011. He advises the Commander on all enlisted personnel matters and is the senior enlisted representative for Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reservists affiliated with the Naval Militia.

Enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1966, he subsequently graduated from Communications School, and deployed to Chu Lia, Republic of Viet Nam. He served two tours and participated in 10 operations throughout the North sector of Viet Nam. He received the Purple Heart for actions during Operation Union II, in the Quang Tin Valley, in 1967.

After being honorably discharged from active duty in 1970, he joined 6th Communication Battalion to continue in the Marine Corps Reserves. In December 2001, he was ordered back to active duty and deployed to the Middle East to participate in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During this tour of duty in Saudi Arabia he was recognized for exceptional work as the Senior Technical Controller, supporting the largest Marine Corps communication network, including satellite, microwave, HF, VHF, digital-analog telephone switch and LAN/secure data links. In conjunction, he assumed duties as the Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Coordi-

nator, providing Navy and Marine Corps personnel the ability to call home via single channel HF radio equipment.

He retired after 30 years from the United States Marine Corps in the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. He affiliated with the New York Naval Militia in May 1981.

His personal awards include the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Combat Action ribbon (two awards), Presidential Unit Citation-Navy, and numerous unit, campaign and service awards. Command Master Gunnery Sergeant Green is a graduate of Westchester Community College and Pace University. He is currently employed as the Supervisor of the Katonah office of the United States Postal Service.

He lives in Mahopac, NY, is married and has two daughters.

ASK THE BRASS

QUES: I was active duty in the USNR for 2 years and was informed to earn the Good Conduct Medal you need 4 years of active duty. I've been told there is no Good Conduct for 2 year Naval Reserve. Can I obtain the Good Conduct Medal in the NYNM?

REP: A Good Conduct Medal must be earned while in the USN, USNR, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

The New York Naval Militia awards the Long and Faithful Service Ribbon after five years of service if the standard requirements have been met.



**By: CDR Bill Kempner,
Roslyn Heights**



QUES: How do I train to qualify for MEBS crew here on Long Island, and if qualified will I have an opportunity to serve on a NYNM vessel?

REP: We are working to extend our small boat program onto Long Island. I am in the process of stationing PB 230 there.

If you are not a member of the Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS), then you need to fill out NYNMFOM 1155 found on the website. Provide all supporting information for previously earned boating qualifications. Fax it all to HQ at 518 786 4427. More information on training requirements can be found in NYNMINST 1550.1, the MEBS Training Manual.

If you are a Long Island member of MEBS, let me know of your interest in conducting proficiency training in the area. Note that nearly all training is conducted in a non-pay volunteer status. We can issue military SAD orders if you are eligible for them at your place of employment.

Opportunities for paid orders are very limited, and generally involve operational support to other agencies, such as the Coast Guard.

By: CDR Don McKnight,
Castleton on Hudson



Boat Service News:



The Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) continues to provide support to other agencies with missions on the waters of the state. Training for missions is focusing on proficiency training for those members who are already in the

program and those that have already received training through Navy and Coast Guard programs. The UPCOMING EVENTS section lists those PLANNED training dates. If you are part of the program and interested in conducting proficiency training in your area, contact CDR McKnight.

NOTE: with the current fiscal restraints in NYS, State Active Duty (SAD) orders for training are only in a non-pay status. However, the orders are usually eligible for military leave from your place of employment.

Let's Be Professional Out There!

Coxswains, **you are in charge of the boat**, and it is imperative that you represent the Naval Militia in a positive way. Your appearance, that of your crew, and your boat are all part of it.

Make sure your crew is properly attired with the right boots, hats, and uniform pieces. Wear your uniform with pride.

When the boat is underway, make sure all fenders are taken in, along with all lines, and flags flying properly. Stow non-essential gear. Remember, keep it **"SHIP SHAPE."**

RECENT AWARDS

NYS Conspicuous Service Medal

Rear Admiral
John G. Ingram, Brooklyn



NYS Medal for Meritorious Service

Captain
"Liam" Murphy, Scarsdale



Recent Retirees

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

“Fair Wind and Following Seas”

RDML John Ingram
CAPT William “Liam” Murphy

Who’s Who in the New York Naval Militia

HEADQUARTERS STAFF

Deputy Commander – Operations
CAPT Mark Woolley, S. Setauket

N1 Administration
CDR David Hawley, Troy

N2 Intelligence
LCDR Bob Breen, Chappaqua

N3/N5 Operations/Plans
CAPT John Cochran, Brightwaters

N7 Training
CAPT Larry Weill, Walworth

Headquarters News:

During the first week of August 2011 (1-4 August), as part of Exercise Trojan Horse 2011, the New York Naval Militia will conduct a personnel recall exercise of ALL members. The goal of this exercise is to validate 100% of members to determine their status, pay-grade, address, phone numbers, and email addresses. The end result should be an updated or validated record at NYNM HQ for each member. Because of the scope of this project advance work in validating your recall rosters prior to the exercise, specifically during the July Drill Weekends, should be accomplished to greatly assist in the recall exercise. These efforts should be made to validate the rosters prior to the end of July, so that the recall exercise will reach as many members as possible.

Civilian Skills Questionnaire:

NYNMF01070 is our way of keeping track of your qualifications. The civilian-military skills questionnaire allows the state to know what skills and resources are available in the NY Naval Militia. If you have not completed this form, it can be found at the end of this *NEWSLETTER*, as well as: http://dmna.state.ny.us/forms/nynm_form1070_fillable.pdf

New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

1-Jul-11	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	132	33	45	210
WARRANT	15	3	4	22
ENLISTED	1195	314	341	1850
TOTAL	1342	350	390	2082
NAVY	835	144	306	1285
MARINE	375	172	68	615
COAST GUARD	94	1	3	98
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	22	16	4	42
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST (retired reserve under age 60)	17	17	9	43

Recruitment is important to the New York Naval Militia.

We are a voluntary organization that exists through the patriotic efforts of our members.

Naval Militia forces are encouraged to recruit new members.

By state and federal law, 95% of our force must also be Reserve component members of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

SHIP'S STORE INFORMATION

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



N.Y. Naval Militia

License Plates

<http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/military.htm>



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BADGES

Naval Militia Association



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BH Military Medals & Ribbons and Accessories.

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718-979-7103

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NAVY & MARINE CORPS

https://www.nexnet.nexweb.org/pls/nexauth/nexauth.wg_shop_online



CAR STICKERS \$2.00 EACH

arcituck@gmail.com

COAST GUARD

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



Off – Duty Activities

The **NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA MARCH** will have its first public performance, by the 42nd ID and 89th Army Bands, on 6 AUG 11 at 1900, at the Town of Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front Street, Patterson, NY 12563. CPT Douglas Hedwig, NY Guard is the composer of this new song and will lead both bands. Come out to Patterson on Saturday evening and enjoy the concert.

2011 Military NCOA Career Expo: West Point

Friday, September 09, 2011 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET) West Point, NY

The West Point Club

Bldg. 603, Cullum Rd West Point, NY 10996 Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/contact-organizer?eid=1030278591>

Thunder of Niagara Air Show

September 10-11, 2011: United States Air Force Thunderbirds Military Jet Team will be performing. This is the 10 year memorial honoring 1st Responders and our U.S. Military.

Niagara Falls AFB will host the best air show this area has ever seen. Headlined by the USAF Thunderbirds.

For Info:

NIMAC, PO Box 231

Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Ph: (716) 283-4008



**Report Possible
Terrorist Activity**
Call the New York State
Terrorism Tips Line
1-866-SAFE NYS
(1-866-723-3697)
All calls are toll free and will remain
strictly confidential.

August 12, 2011

SMGA NE/NY WOUNDED WARRIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

SALUTE the MILITARY GOLF
ASSOCIATION

will be hosting a wounded warrior golf tournament Friday, August 12, 2011 – 1:00 pm Shotgun Start Format – Scramble. at the Watertown Golf Club Thompson Park, Watertown, NY \$260.00 Per Team Golf/Dinner/Prizes Active-Duty Military \$57.00 Watertown Golf Club Memberships Honored ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT GOLF CLINICS FOR THE COMBAT-WOUNDED THIS IS A “FIRST EVER” GOLF TOUR WITH THE TOP THREE TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE SMGA NE/NY CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF AT WATERTOWN GOLF CLUB-SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH WHERE THE WINNING FOURSOME WILL RECEIVE AN “SMGA GREEN JACKET” Awards Dinner at the Commons Restaurant, Fort Drum. Tel (315) 788-4400 for info



The 9/11 Memorial will be dedicated on September 11, 2011 the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in a ceremony for victims’ families. It will open to the public on September 12, 2011, and will welcome visitors who have reserved advance passes.

<http://www.911memorial.org/visit>

If any member is interested in representing the Naval Militia at this ceremony, please contact publisher.nynm@gmail.com

This would be a voluntary, non-orders appearance and at the discretion and approval of HQ N.

**The State of New York
thanks you for your service.**

New York Naval Militia
Civilian-Military Skills Questionnaire

PERSONAL IDENTIFIER INFORMATION:

Name	Last:	First, M.I.	
DOB:	/ /		
Address:			
Phone:	Home:	Work:	
	Fax:	Cell:	
E-mail:	Home:		
	Work:		
Grade:	Rank/Rate:		
Component:	USCGR	USMCR	USNR
	UNIT:	Duty Station:	Non-Drill Group
Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Drilling Reservist	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Military Receiving Military Retirement Pay	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Reservist eligible for pay at age 60.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (Amplify)		
Duty Availability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Within 24 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Within 48 hours	<input type="checkbox"/> Within 7 days
	<input type="checkbox"/> After 7 days		
Duty Duration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 week	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-4 weeks
	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 4 weeks		
Marital Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Married/Civil Union	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced
	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		
Dependent Exemptions Claimed:	_____		

CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE and/or PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (Name and Location)	ATTENDED FROM	TO	DEGREE TITLE	DATE	MAJOR/MINOR FIELD OF STUDY

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

Employer :			
Address:			
City, Zip:			
Phone: ()	Contact Name:		

CIVILIAN QUALIFICATIONS:

Personal Qualifications or Certifications:	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT/Paramedic	<input type="checkbox"/> Firefighter	<input type="checkbox"/> Translator	<input type="checkbox"/> CISM
	<input type="checkbox"/> MD	<input type="checkbox"/> PA	<input type="checkbox"/> CDL _____	<input type="checkbox"/> RN / LPN
	<input type="checkbox"/> DO	<input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain / Clergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Welder MIG/TIG	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (amplify):
	<input type="checkbox"/> NP	<i>Faith:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel Mechanic	
	<input type="checkbox"/> DDS	<input type="checkbox"/> Ferry Pilot	<input type="checkbox"/> Eng Mechanic	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat Coxswain	<input type="checkbox"/> Police Officer	

MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS:List all current military qualifications held:
(MOS, NOBC, NEC, Designator)

Military qualifications (Continued):

Code	Title	Code	Title

FOREIGN LANGUAGE FLUENCY:

FOREIGN LANGUAGE	LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SOURCE CODE	PROFICIENCY RATING			
		SPEAK	WRITE	READ	LISTEN

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SOURCE CODE & DESCRIPTION

A	CIVILIAN SCHOOL COURSE	D	HOME ENVIRONMENT
B	DEFENSE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE (DLI)	E	MILITARY SCHOOL (OTHER THAN DLI)
C	FOREIGN RESIDENCE	F	SELF STUDY

DRIVER LICENSE INFORMATION

ID#:	STATE:	CLASS:	EXPIRES:
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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Signature:	Date:
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1. This form will assist the New York Naval Militia to determine the various skills sets possessed by members of the force. This form asks for comprehensive information on both civilian and military-acquired skills that may prove beneficial to the Naval Militia.
2. Members are to complete this form and return to New York Naval Militia headquarters through their Reserve Unit Point of Contact, or fax directly to 518-786-4427. Enclose copies of certifications, qualifications, diplomas, to support the information provided.
3. Information provided by this form will be maintained in the New York Naval Militia database, and in the member's service record at headquarters.