

# NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA NEWSLETTER



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## Events / Training

**Training Information**  
From JFHQ-NY J7:

(Joint Staff Training Course)  
· 14-16 Mar 14- Buffalo  
· 22-24 Aug 14- Staten Island

MEBS Train the Trainer -  
December 13 at Leeds.

NYNM Leadership  
Conference -  
January 24, 2014

Expeditionary Logistics  
Support Team Org Mtg -  
February 1, 2014

LNO Training,  
February 6-7, 2014

Marine Patrol Vessel  
Operator Course,  
Lake George, May 2014

## Naval Militia's Strategic Plan



I would like to wish our Naval Militia Family and friends good health and warm wishes for this 2013 Holiday Season. It is difficult to express in words my sincere appreciation to all of you for your hard work and commitment to serve!

I have asked our leadership to print our 2020 Strategic Plan in order for you to review and improve upon it. Like in all things it is important to be transparent in our planning and the implementation of our plans so that we may always attack as one, regardless of the task or mission.

This strategic plan provides the mission; vision, values, objectives and future plan for the Naval Force provider to the Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA).

The Naval Militia will remain vigilant, competent and ready to mobilize. It is incumbent upon our leadership that the New York Naval Militia remains focused on its mission, and adaptable to all future challenges.

Our mission has always been to provide, when directed and upon order, fully capable naval forces prepared to execute missions in support of the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

*See Strategic Plan P.5*

## What Is The Military Emergency Boat Service?

New York is a maritime state. In water area, the state ranks 8th out of the 50 states, even though it ranks 30th in total area. With well over 9,000 miles of shoreline, the state also shares a 330 mile international water border with Canada.



In 2001, the State of New York identified the need to develop a boat service to support homeland security efforts, particularly in the Hudson River, at the Indian Point Energy Center, in Buchanan. This effort developed into the New York State Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS).

This fleet of patrol boats was built specifically for the New York Naval Militia. The all-aluminum, high speed boats operate in waters throughout the state, including the Atlantic Ocean; Lakes Champlain, Ontario, and Erie; the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, and throughout the state's canal system. The boats are crewed by Naval Militia men and women; many of whom also serve their country in the reserve forces of the United States Navy, Coast Guard, and Marine Corps.

*See Boat Service P.6*

## NAVAL MILITIA'S NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

Captain Mark S. Woolley graduated from Villanova University and was commissioned as a Navy ensign in 1980. He was a surface warfare officer and served on ships based in the Atlantic and Pacific commands, making deployments to the Mediterranean, Western Pacific and Persian Gulf regions.

In June 1998 Woolley assumed command of USS KINKAID (DD-965), based in San Diego. Under his command, the ship deployed to the Arabian Gulf where it conducted Maritime Interception Operations to support United Nations Security Council resolutions. His crews were involved in four rescue and assistance operations, including a rescue that saved a sinking container ship.



In April 2002 Woolley was assigned to Commander U.S. Third Fleet as Assistant Chief of Staff of Operations, where he oversaw commands from the west coast of the U.S. to the International Date Line. He was also director of the Homeland Security and Defense Directorate.

Captain Woolley's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merits, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Captain Woolley spent the last three years of his career as commanding officer of the NROTC unit on the campuses of University of San Diego and San Diego State University. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 2010, and affiliated with the New York Naval Militia.

**Take Note!**

**For all new enlistment and commissioning applications, we need COMPLETE social security numbers. You cannot go on State Active Duty orders without a complete SSN on file.**

## Josephthal Winners!

The Commander, New York Naval Militia is pleased to announce the 2013 Josephthal Trophy Award winners. They are:

**NY Naval Militia Member of the Year:**  
EO1 Scott Pease, Macedon, NY

**NY Naval Militia Unit of the Year:**  
NYNM Personnel Action Team

## Physical Exam Requirement

A year goes by quickly, and before you know it, you are due for another physical exam. If you are no longer an active drilling Reservist, this requirement applies to you. Make sure that you complete NYNM FORM 93 and have your doctor complete NYNM FORM 88 and submit them both to Naval Militia Headquarters.

## Become a Member!

The State of New York offers to members of its State Military Forces benefits and opportunities beyond that available to just federal Reservists of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

Members of the Naval Militia support New York State at the same time they continue their Navy, Marine or Coast Guard Service. In return, New York provides tuition assistance incentives... up to \$5,270 per year at any accredited college in New York State. For more information, see the Naval Militia Education page.

Interested in the New York Naval Militia?

- Review NYNM FORM 1121 for full details and requirements.
- Fill out an Enlistment Application or Commissioning Application and fax it to NYNM Headquarters - (518) 786-4427 and we will contact you.

For help with these forms and additional information on the MEBS Program, call the NYNM Headquarters at (518) 786-4583

## Uniform Update! Please Take Note

All Naval Militia members who are no longer in a drilling Reserve status (SELRES, or VTU) are required to modify their working uniform to comply with NYNMINST 1020.1A. The federal component name tape (U.S. NAVY, U.S. MARINES, U.S. COAST GUARD) is replaced with N.Y. NAVAL MILITIA. In addition, the embroidered federal component logo found on the blouse pocket is covered with the Naval Militia blue and gold patch. Patches are available from Naval Militia headquarters. Questions, please call (518) 786- 6021.



## NYS DMV Photo Document 'Veteran' Status

If you are a qualified U.S. military veteran, who was honorably discharged, and you have a NYS driver license, learner permit or non-driver photo ID card, you can have the word "Veteran" printed on the upper left hand of your photo document.

There is no additional fee for the veteran status designation on your document, but all regular transaction fees will apply.

To apply for the veteran status designation: Click here: <http://www.dmv.ny.gov/armedforces.htm#vetstat>

You must send or provide proof of an honorable discharge. If you apply by mail, send a photocopy of the proof(s). If you apply at a DMV office, you must show the original proof(s), which will be returned to you. Acceptable proofs are:

- a U.S. Department of Defense Form DD-214 that indicates an honorable discharge, or
- a form DD-215 that indicates an honorable discharge, or an Honorable Discharge form WD AGO 53, WD AGO 55, WD AGO 53-55, NAVPERS 553, NAVMC 78PD or NAVCG 553, or
- an "Enlisted Separation Paper."

You can apply for the veteran status designation when you renew your driver license by mail using your renewal notice (MV-2) and a photocopy of your proof of honorable discharge.

You can apply at a DMV office for a renewal or a replacement document with the veteran status designation. Use the Application for Driver License or Non-Driver ID form MV-44.

The veteran status will be printed on all of your future NYS DMV photo documents.

## Hiring Heroes



Hiring Our Heroes, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, was launched in March 2011 as a nationwide initiative to help veterans, transitioning service-members, and military spouses find meaningful employment. Working with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's vast network of state and local chambers and other strategic partners from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, our goal is to create a movement across America in hundreds of communities where veterans and military families return every day.

Hiring Our Heroes has hosted more than 600 hiring fairs in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Through March 31, 2013, 20,200 veterans and military spouses had obtained jobs.



## 2013 Annual Holiday Gala Invitation

WHERE - The Historic West Point Club, West Point Military Academy, 603 Cullum Road, West Point, NY 10996

WHEN - Saturday December 07, 2013 (Cocktail Hour 1830 hrs, Dinner 1930 hrs)

### ATTIRE

- Military: Blue Mess/Dress Blue (Bow Tie)
- Civilian: Tuxedo (Black Tie)/Formal Dress

### DINNER INFORMATION

- COCKTAIL HOUR: Italian Sausage en Croute, Asian Chicken Skewers w/Pineapple, Assorted Finger Sandwiches & Garlic Baguette with Tenderloin
- ENTRÉE CHOICES: Select one of the following: Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus, Citrus Basil Salmon, Almond Garlic Toasted Chicken or Eggplant Manicotti
- BAR - Cash Bar will be available

### RESERVATIONS

- INDIVIDUAL RESERVATION (Less than 10 seats) - \$55.00 per person and will be open seating only.
- FULL TABLE (10 seats) - \$550 per reserved table. Full payment for all seats must be made at one time.
- INCLUDE Name/rank/title & entrée choice for each seat. If no entrée given you will get chicken
- CHECKS PAYABLE to "NY Guard"
- MAIL TO: LTC Chester Edwards, 96 Hawley Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573

SEATING - Individual reservations are open seating. Full table reservations (10 seats) will be reserved seating

DEADLINE - All reservations must be received and paid for by Saturday November 30, 2013

ALL COMMUNICATIONS - [HolidayGala2013@gmail.com](mailto:HolidayGala2013@gmail.com)

For further information contact LTC Chester B. Edwards 914 937-4443 Home / 914 260-2122 cell

## Training

### Safe Boating Course

The NY Naval Militia will sponsor the 8 hour USCG (ABS) Safe Boating course to be held on 2FEB14 in Massapequa NY. All Naval Militia personnel are invited to attend. Contact BMC Towart at: [nynavalmilitia@aol.com](mailto:nynavalmilitia@aol.com) for information and registration.

### MEBS SOP Training

Prepare for MEBS: MEBS SOP Training can be held any January 25, 2014 in Bronx, NY. Please submit your interest in attending to BMC Towart at [nynavalmilitia@aol.com](mailto:nynavalmilitia@aol.com)

### ICS Training

If you are E7 and above, and not a drilling Reservist, your training requirement includes completion of Incident Command System (ICS) online courses. Complete ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses and submit copies of the completion certificate to Naval Militia Headquarters. The fax number is 518-786-4427.

## Driver and Specialty License:

If you hold a valid license as a bus (military, school, or public) driver; commercial truck driver; or forklift operator; make sure we know about it. We track the names and numbers of our members who hold these valuable skills. Fax a copy of your current license to 518-786-4427.

## Aboard the ACU2



ENCS Robert Wittzellner (green uniform) briefs Naval Militia leadership on ACU2 vessels at NOSC Buffalo on 20 SEP 13.

## Strategic Plan Continued

In order to accomplish this, we will provide a self-sustaining, relevant and flexible naval force capable of expeditionary and domestic missions supported by and in support of NY State Military forces. The NYNM when directed and on order will have the capability to augment naval forces with USNR and USMCR equipment upon request by the Adjutant General and/or the designated Task Force Commander.

Our foundation is grounded in our common values. Members of the New York Naval Militia are three time volunteers first and foremost, who volunteer to serve their country, who volunteer to serve their specific service and who volunteer to serve the State of New York. We are competent in their rate, military occupation specialty and civilian occupation. We have the Minute-man mind set: physically fit, sea-bag packed, personal affairs in order, prepared for immediate deployment. We are ethical and keep their moral compass calibrated. In sum, we are volunteers, competent and committed Minutemen/Minute-women, proudly serving in the Military Forces of the State of New York.

Here is what we see for strategic environment. Continually changing technology, weather patterns, state and federal resources, and a significant increase in federal use of state National Guard assets, will continue to create challenges, and opportunities, for New York State Military Forces. U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Reserve components will continue to evolve towards a smaller, mobile, mission oriented force. Anticipated changes are:

- a. Navy Construction Forces (SeaBees) manpower reduced.
- b. Marine Corps Reserve units reduced or re-located out of state.
- c. Continued consolidation of Reserve Support Activities throughout the state.
- d. Increased emphasis on cyber operations.
- e. Increased focus on USNR riverine/small boat operations.
- f. Increased Reserve Intelligence tasking.
- g. Increased travel to drill locations out of state by Reserve personnel.

Finally, in light of our expected environment and values, here are our strategic objectives:

### Leadership

Strengthen senior leadership relationships with USNR, USMCR and USCGR.

### Personnel and Unit Readiness

- a. Expand Maritime Domain training with manned and unmanned aircraft, underwater, and surface remote vessels.
- b. Designation of specific funding to support the administrative and training functions of the Naval Militia.
- c. Information Systems enhancement:

1. Recall of Naval Militia personnel.
2. MEBS maintenance and budgeting
3. NYNM personnel records maintenance
  - a. Emphasis on Naval Militia Medical Support capabilities
  - b. Train and resource Expeditionary Logistics Support Teams
  - c. Exercise communications augmentation of National Guard JISCC and MERC programs

### Equipment Readiness

- a. Enhanced maritime lift – providing movement of cargo and people by water.
- b. Search and Rescue – the ability to provide statewide swift water rescue and recovery.
- c. Designation of a dedicated NYNM all weather maintenance, training and administration facility.

### Training Readiness

- a. Increase focus on professional leadership by developing a program for commissioned and non-commissioned officers.
- b. Provide cross training in logistics, evacuation, and security operations in preparation for coastal storms and other disasters.
- c. Ensure personnel familiarization with a broad range of topics in information technology, to include cyber-crime, hacking, personal security defense and social media.
- d. Sustain training and liaison with New York Military Forces and other federal, state and municipal organizations as directed.



## New York Naval Militia Western Command

New York Naval Militia Western Command encompasses the central and western part of the state including Lakes Erie and Ontario, and the Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Binghamton metropolitan areas. This is the largest region in area, stretching from the western border at Pennsylvania, to the Thousand Islands.



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## New York Naval Militia Northern Command

New York Naval Militia Northern Command encompasses that part of the state from the lower Hudson Valley to Canada, and from the border with New England west to Central New York. It consists of 19 counties that contain over 1.6 million residents. The region includes the international land borders with Quebec and portions of the water border with Ontario.



It includes important waterways such as the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lake Champlain, Hudson and Mohawk Rivers, the headwaters of the Delaware River, and the Erie and Champlain Canal systems. The area also includes the State Capital Region; Adirondack Park; and, a large portion of the Catskill Park. Key infrastructure throughout this region includes the Eisenhower and Snell locks, several important bridges to New England and Ontario, and the Port of Albany/Rensselaer.

NORTHCOM personnel actively work with homeland security and law enforcement agencies throughout the region. These departments include U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Sectors New York and Northern New England, and the numerous state, county, and municipal agencies.

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## Boat Service Continued



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Some of the missions and operations for MEBS include:

- Port Security
- Support of Law Enforcement
- Surveillance
- Evacuations
- Maritime Transport

Recent Operations:

- Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Joint Maritime Operations
- Vessel Escort (Force Protection)

## New York Naval Militia Southern Command

New York Naval Militia Southern Command encompasses that part of the state including New York City, Long Island, and the lowest reaches of the Hudson Valley. As the Naval Militia's most populous region, Southern Command's primary focus is the homeland security of New York's metropolitan area.



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## Member Spotlight

**E**rik Tjornhom Jr. enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February 2005. Upon completing recruit training in July 2005, he was sent to Camp Lejeune and obtained an MOS as infantry rifleman. During his training, Tjornhom was promoted to Private First Class (PFC). Soon after, he was sent to the Marine Corps Security Force Training Battalion in Chesapeake VA where he received an additional MOS of, Marine Security Force.

In December of 2005, Tjornhom was ordered to 1st Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team (FAST) in Norfolk VA where he deployed to the Pacific. The deployment was based out of Yokosuka Japan and his platoon was assigned to the USS Blue Ridge. During this deployment, Tjornhom received a promotion to Lance Corporal (LCPL). By May of 2006, Tjornhom and his platoon successfully conducted an Embassy Reinforcement Mission in East Timor. The remainder of the deployment consisted of various training missions throughout Southeast Asia.



Returning from this deployment, LCPL Tjornhom continued training with FAST Company and became a squad team leader. For his efforts, on Oct 1st 2007, he earned the rank of CPL and received orders to Camp Pendleton, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines G. Company where he served as “squad team leader”. In May of 2008, his unit deployed with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) aboard the USS Peleliu which saw duty in the Middle East.

In November of 2008, Tjornhom continued his training and prepared to deploy with the 31st MEU in Okinawa Japan.

CPL Tjornhom ended his active duty enlistment in April 2010 and transitioned into the Marine Corps Reserve and began his career as a NYC Police Officer. On July 1st 2010 CPL Tjornhom was promoted to Sergeant of Marines. USMC Reserve duty has included the, 2nd Battalion 25th Marines G Co., Environmental Service, Detachment D HAZMAT and 2nd Civil Affairs Group Washington DC.

His decorations include, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with Two Stars.

On November 10th 2012, Sergeant Tjornhom joined the New York Naval Militia. The Sergeant. participates in the Military Emergency Boat Service (JOA2) and is training to become a coxswain. He was activated by the NYNM for Hurricane Sandy Relief. NYS medals include the Medal for Merit, Conspicuous Service Star, Recruiting Medal, and Humane Service to NYS Medal. Sergeant Tjornhom resides in New York with his wife.

## Join The Military Association of New York State



**T**he Military Association of New York (MANY), in conjunction with the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS), represents the interests of its members in the New York Army and Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia and New York Guard in the State Legislature, Congress and Executive Branch. [Learn more by clicking here.](#)

(MANY), supports its members by promoting the military policies of the United States and State of New York. MANY assists the development of National and State defense through a professional, well trained and readily available organized State Militia. MANY is the oldest organized Military State Association in the country. Membership in MANY is open to all Officers and Warrant Officers in the four components of the New York Military Forces (New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard). Visit the MANY website: [www.m-a-n-y.org](http://www.m-a-n-y.org) for more information.

## Promotion Selectees



**ICC Robert E. FENTY, Jr.**  
(Cortlandt Manor) to:  
Interior Communications Electrician Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8)



**MMCS James B. GAGNIER**  
(Clifton Park) to:  
Machinist Mate Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9)



**SOCS Charles A. MACH, Jr.**  
(Amsterdam) to:  
Special Warfare Operator Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9)



**LtCol Christopher B. RUST**  
(Goldens Bridge) to:  
Colonel (O-6)



**EO1 Richard A. STACY**  
(Bergen) to:  
Equipment Operator Chief Petty Officer (E-7)

## Naval Militia In Action



*21SEPT MEBS JOA-1 training mission.  
PO3 Liu USCG-Crew, BMC Towart*



*NYNM Sgt Tjornhom at the helm of the PB-280,  
21SEPT.*

