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From JFHQ-NY J7:

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

NYNM Leadership
Conference - APR 4 -
NOSC Schenectady

Marine Patrol Vessel
Operator Course,
Lake George, May 2014



Northern Maritime Security Exercise



With the Great Lakes frozen over almost completely for the first time in more than 20 years, it's hard to imagine that in six months the annual Northern Maritime Security Exercise will occur on Lake Ontario in August. The Naval Militia has participated with two MEBS boats and crew since 2010, where we actively serve with many Federal, State, local agencies, and Canadian RCMP and Coast Guard. Our WESTCOM staff met on Grand Island early in February, for initial meetings with our partners.

With the Adjutant General's approval, we stood up what are called ELST's or Expeditionary Logistical Support Teams, in each region of the State. These are teams of our logistics experts who can be called up to unload, inventory and dispense vital supplies in case of another disaster. Check them out. LS's, Seabees with forklift licenses, Supply Officers wanted.

Plans are in place to continue our mission with the 174th Attack Wing this year, as the Naval Militia helps train MQ-9 Reaper drone forward air controllers on the waters of Lake Ontario. These drones operate from Fort Drum and fly over approved military air space over the lake, while the forward air controllers are embarked on a MEBS vessel operating out of Oswego.

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Promotion Policy Update

Based on comments from the NY Naval Militia Promotion Board, the current instruction (NYNMINST 1410.1) will be updated with revised policies.

First, the board will be moved earlier in the year. Instead of taking place in the fall, it will occur no later than the end of July. Actual promotion dates will continue to be the 1st day of January of the following calendar year.

Second, the promotion packages will standardize the set up of the candidate's photograph. The image must show the candidate with $\frac{3}{4}$ pose in service dress uniform, uncovered, taken indoors with a plain, neutral background.

Submission packages will also include an updated Civilian-Military Skills Questionnaire (NYNMFORM 1070), a letter of recommendation from the member's current command, and a completed Individual Inactive Duty Training Record (NYNM FORM 1570) for the year preceding the board meeting.

Candidate's need to provide a comprehensive, yet concise package for the board's review. It needs to paint a clear picture to someone that does not know the candidate.

A revision to the base instruction will be forthcoming.

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CALL FOR ELST MEMBERS

What do all operations have in common? Logistics! Logistics sustain operations. Similarly, planning sustains logistics. As a result, this article describes planning to better organize the vast logistical talents of the New York Naval Militia (NYNM) into pre-defined teams of personnel that can rapidly provide well-defined logistics capabilities during future activations.

In particular, expeditionary logistics require planning for operations in remote locations under adverse conditions. The United States Navy recognized this by establishing a Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group in 1993 to ensure it possessed the plans and units required to respond, "Anytime, Anywhere," as implied as its motto. Nearly entirely comprised of Navy Reservists, NAVELSG has successfully supported numerous emergent and sustained operations located around the world.

The New York Naval Militia (NYNM) recently established a similar group of Expeditionary Logistics Support Teams (ELSTs) under the leadership of its Regional Commanders. As compared to the admirable, but ad-hoc, logistics support that the NYNM has provided recent operations, the ELSTs offer predefined teams of personnel who can immediately "fall in" on Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) supplied facilities and equipment as necessary to rapidly establish expeditionary logistics. This provides known capabilities that Joint Force Commanders can proactively incorporate into their operational planning. In fact, the Adjutant General recently highlighted expeditionary logistics as one of the most important capabilities that the NYNM could offer DMNA.

Each ELST includes ten personnel as follows as necessary to independently support the around-the-clock "port and starboard" operations of a warehouse of up to 2,500 square feet:

- An OIC at the E7 to O5 level and AOIC at the E7 to O4 level;
- Two stock record keepers at the E6 to E7 level;
- Four warehouse personnel at the E3 to E6 level, and;
- Two equipment operators at the E3 to E6 level.

While Supply and Seabee Rates, Designators and similar Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) make excellent ELST candidates, ELST members can be any Rate, Designator or MOS provided they possess the required experience. For example, many NYNM members either have or currently do support warehouse operations or possess a commercial driver's or forklift license as a result of current or past military or civilian assignments.

Candidates must be a member of the NYNM, but need not drill in New York State. Out of State drillers will be aligned with an ELST located near their home of record. Also, joining an ELST does not absolutely require activating if called, just being among the first called during an activation. Activated members will receive State military pay and allowances comparable to their current Federal military pay and allowances. Refer to NYNM INST 5401.3, which is available at <http://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=forms>, for additional details.

So far, the NYNM has recruited approximately half of the at least six ELSTs that it hopes to establish by the end of this year under the leadership of LCDR Kevin Fernandez in SOUTHCOM, LTJG Steve Carroll in WESTCOM and EOC(SCW) Christopher Bidwell in NORTHCOM. Additional candidates interested in joining an ELST should e-mail CAPT Mike Perry at NYNMN4@yahoo.com. Be certain to include your complete contact data, home address, current unit and NOSC information and summary of any current or previous warehouse, forklift and or truck driving experience that you may have to offer.

Training

2014 Exercise Update:

Homeland Response Force Exercise Evaluation (HRF EXEVAL), to take place at Oriskany, 28 April to 03 May 2014.

Expeditionary Logistics Support Team TTX, at the Bronx, in June or July 2014. Date TBD.

Northern Border Security Exercise at Rochester, Buffalo, and Oswego, 14-15 August 2014

Joint Training:

The Joint Force Headquarters - New York (JFHQ-NY) training directorate has scheduled the Joint Staff Training Course for Brooklyn, 22-24 AUG14. This course is for E5-O5

Commander's Spring Gala



NOSC Schenectady and the Capital District Maritime Center are sponsoring the Commanders Spring Formal, to take place 4 APR 14. See details at this website: <http://themaritimecenter.org/special-events/>

MEBS Update

MEBS Update: MEBS will kick off the boating season with a training session on the weekend of 26-27 April 2014, at Leeds, N.Y. This Saturday and Sunday event will allow MEBS personnel to meet their fellow operators, learn the standardized procedures, get underway on the Hudson River, and then deploy the boats across the state for the boating season. In addition, proficiency training dates are available for underway boat operations in each of the state's Joint Operating Areas. Members are encouraged to participate.

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.



Public Affairs

We encourage all members of the N.Y. Naval Militia to promote the force. We have the Naval Militia website, Facebook page, Guard Times magazine, and of course this Newsletter. We ask that member's submit quality photographs of our people in action to carlzeilman@gmail.com or to: NYNavalMilitia@aol.com



MEBS Kick-Off Weekend 2014



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.

APRIL 26-27 2014

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

Sign Up:
with Petty Officer Garrett Aldershoff
@ 518-786-4584 or
Garrett.i.aldershoff@navy.mil

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

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:

- Underway Operations
- Boat Launching and Recovery
- Towing
- Navigation
- Electronics and Radio



Join The Military Association of New York State



The 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 for more information.

Recent Promotions

RUST PROMOTED TO COLONEL



Christopher Rust was promoted to the rank Colonel, on Dec 7, 2013 at the West Point Club, USMA. Col. Rust is seen with With MajGen Wolf.

FENTY PROMOTED TO COMMUNICATIONS SENIOR CHIEF



Robert Fenty, Jr. was promoted to Interior Communications Senior Chief, on January 24, 2014 at the SUNY Maritime College, Bronx, NY Senior Chief Fenty is seen with With MajGen Wolf and COL Rust.

MACH PROMOTED TO FORCE MASTER CHIEF



Force Master Chief Charles Mach is seen at his swearing-in ceremony held on Saturday, January 4 in Schenectady.

New For Boating



New York State just introduced a new program that will now permit you to elect having your New York Boating Safety Certificate noted on your driver's license or other identification document issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Anyone successfully completing the New York Safe Boating Course may opt to have their driver's license, non-driver ID, or learner's permit indicate completion of the course. A small anchor icon will be placed on your DMV document, attesting that you have earned a New York State boating safety certificate.

The advantage to this program is that you will no longer need to carry your boating safety certificate with you when boating, provided you have your DMV credential with you. DMV will maintain a record of your having completed the boating safety course, and automatically place the icon on your license each time it is renewed.

If you have a previously issued safety certificate, DMV will be offering you the option to visit any of their offices in order to complete the process in person. Check with your local DMV office. Or another option is to simply fill out the NY State Safe Boating Certificate Optional Credentialing of your DMV Document Form (pdf) with the required information and any necessary fees and forward it to the address indicated. State Parks will forward your choice to have the safe boating icon added to your DMV document.

If you plan on taking a New York Safe Boating Course in the future, your instructor will provide you with paperwork that will allow you to have your boating safety icon placed on your driver's license.

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Our Indian Point MEBS security missions in support of Joint Task Force Empire Shield continue as usual, and it's easy on this cold February day to forget about them, but don't. They serve a vital mission every day especially with recent concerns over our energy grid.

Master Chief Charles Mach has been selected as the new Force Master Chief. Master Chief lives in Amsterdam and is central to visiting NOSCs all over the State. He has already met with the Chiefs' Community at Fort Schuyler and expect to see him at your location sometime soon. He has been tasked with organizing the senior enlisted community. Meet and greet him as he is a former Navy Seal and works directly for Major General Wolf for all enlisted issues.

In September, a retired Navy Captain from California met us in New York City, where he was tasked by his Adjutant General to look into reinvigorating their Naval Militia. He had a tour of the harbor on the PB-440 boat. This is just one of several states that have reached out to the New York Naval Militia looking into what it will take to start up naval militias of their own. We are proud that we are the template for successful Naval Militias.

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.

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