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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.



RADM David Tucker Retires

New York Naval Militia Rear Admiral David Tucker, a Marcellus resident retired from the state's naval force on Wednesday, Nov. 4 after over 33 years of service.

Tucker served in the Navy Reserve from 1982 to 2001 and prior to that spent two years as an enlisted Sailor from 1967 to 1969. He also served in the Navy Reserve from 1969 to 1972.

At the time of his retirement, Tucker was serving as the deputy commander of the 2,900-member state defense force.

The New York Naval Militia is the naval component of New York's Military Forces.

Most of the 2,900 members of the Naval Militia are also members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserve who volunteer to perform state missions during security or weather emergencies. Five percent of the members are retired service members, like Tucker who serve in state mission status only.

The Naval Militia operates a fleet of nine patrol boats which can support federal, state, and local agencies. Naval Militia members also serve in other capacities when required.

Tucker joined the Navy Reserve at age 17 and spent two years of active duty on board the USS Boxer as a machinist mate. After leaving the Navy Reserve in 1972 he attended Alfred State College and the Syracuse University School of Architecture. He is a registered architect and is sole proprietor of an architectural firm designing schools, homes and commercial properties.

In 1982, Tucker rejoined the Navy Reserve and was direct commissioned as an Ensign into the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. He served in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 13, and held a number of leadership positions, eventually serving as the battalion's Echo Company Commander.

He later served in a Navy Reserve unit in Rhode Island and was called to active duty in 1994 and seconded to the United Nations in Bosnia, where he served as Engineering Coordinator for the Government of Bosnia-Herzegovina and in the Krajina Region of Croatia during that conflict. His responsibilities included providing basic infrastructure for 35 refugee camps. He was subsequently awarded the Joint Meritorious Service Medal.

In 2008, he was selected as Commander of the Naval Militia's Western Command, and worked to integrate the Naval Militia and its Military Emergency Boat Service in to many joint exercises such as Vigilant Guard in 2009.

He planned missions to assist the Coast Guard in establishing a safe zone in Lake Ontario for the 2009 ESL Air Show in Rochester. The most recent venture was the Northern Border Security Exercise May 2012 in Rochester, where the Naval Militia crews hosted the Rochester Police Department and Greece Police in patrolling Lake Ontario and the Genesee River. Naval Militia members integrated with local police departments, FBI, Border Patrol, ICE, RCMP, Coast Guard and many other agencies.

Tucker and his wife Helen have four children and three grandchildren.



Fall/Winter 2015

Morisseau and Stacy Promoted to Chief Petty Officer

The promotion of NY Naval Militia Missile Technician 1st Class Robert A. Morisseau to Chief Petty Officer/ Missile Technician was conducted in a ceremony following intensive Chief Petty Officer's indoctrination training at Camp Smith Training Site in Cortlandt Manor, NY. The time honored and intensive transition training was conducted by the Chief Petty Officers of the New York Naval Militia according to the curriculum established by the United States Navy and incorporated many Leadership and History aspects of becoming a Navy Chief Petty Officer.

MTC Morisseau was born and raised in Albany N.Y. and graduated from Albany High School in 1978. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1979 and completed 20 years of active duty. He joined the NY Naval Militia in 2001 and served as part of the recruiting staff. Morisseau is employed for the past 16 years as a Network/ Computer Technician with Albany County. His military awards and medals include: the Josephthal Award for Outstanding 2015 Unit, Military Commendation Medal, the NY State Humane Service Medal for participation during Hurricane Sandy. Among his many accomplishments and activities, Morisseau serves as an: Albany County Commander of the American Legion, NY Naval Militia Personnel Action Team Member, Military Emergency Boat Service Team Member and provides ongoing computer technical support to the NY Naval Militia.

EOC Stacy grew up in the Rochester NY area. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1976 at 17 years old and served with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Forty out of Port Hueneme, CA and participated in three deployments. He then served at Naval Operational Support Center (NOSC) Rochester with Reserve Naval Mobile Construction Battalions 20 and 13. EOC Stacy currently serves as NOSC Rochester NY Naval Militia Liaison and Genesee Valley, Det 51, Military Emergency Boat Service area coordinator. His NY Naval Militia awards include two Conspicuous Service awards (Hurricanes Irene and Sandy), the Recruitment medal, NY Naval Militiaman of the Year 2011, Western NY Armed Forces NYNM Award 2013, and the Humane Service Award for Buffalo's Operation Lake Effect. He resides in Bergen, NY with his wife and four children where he works as a self-employed Contractor and Home Inspector.

Chief Petty Officer's Morisseau and Stacy feel a great sense of achievement with promotion to Chief Petty Officer and look forward to their continued service with the NY Naval Militia.

Chief Petty Officer Indoctrination October 22nd



Standing: Left to Right: MMCM Gagnier; ITC Menendez; ABCECS Dick; OSCM Robinson; ENCS Wittenzellner; STGCS Tarulli Seated: Left to Right: SOCM Mach; MTC Morisseau; EOC Stacy; MGSgt Rignola -- Photo: (photo By CDR Don McKnight)

Navy RDML Tom Moore Visits Militia



United States Navy Rear Admiral (RDML) Thomas Moore Executive Officer, Aircraft Carriers, met with Naval Militia RDML Trip Powell in July, to discuss the role of the Naval Militia in New York State and the overall positive impacts that those active Navy Reservists who are Militia members have on the mission. Pictured is: LCDR Christopher Bilinski, Special Assistant-State to the TAG Michael Friess, Navy RDML Thomas Moore, and Naval Militia RDML Trip Powell.

Exercise Rapid Gunwale

Seventy-five members of the New York Naval Militia, the state's naval self-defense force, conducted training at the New York National Guard's Camp Smith Training Site on Saturday, July 25.

The training involved patrol boat maneuvers in the Hudson River, and logistical operations, and realistic medical response exercises at Camp Smith itself.

The training scenario tested the Naval Militia's ability to mobilize forces in response to a coastal storm hitting New York. The Naval Militia's personnel section also tested its ability to contact members of the force and bring them on duty in a timely manner.

The New York Naval Militia is the maritime component of the New York Military Forces which also include the Army and Air National Guard and the New York Guard, a volunteer state defense force.

Founded in 1891, the New York Naval Militia has about 2,500 members. The bulk of these members are serving members of the federal Navy Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve who volunteer to perform state missions when called by the governor of New York. Five percent of the members are retired service members who serve only in a state status.

The members of the federal reserve forces put the skills they have learned in the military as Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen at the service of New York State.

The New York Naval Militia also maintains a fleet of nine patrol boats which conduct maritime missions in conjunction with the United State Coast Guard, the United State Border Patrol, other state agencies and local law enforcement on lakes and rivers across New York.

Rapid Gunwale in Photos



CAMP SMITH- Naval Militia members conduct forklift training on Saturday, July 25, during the New York Naval Militia's "Rapid Gunwale" exercise at Camp Smith Training Site. The exercise provided an opportunity for Naval Militia members to exercise skills they would need in a state emergency.



CAMP SMITH- Naval Militia medical conduct emergency response training on Saturday, July 25, during the New York Naval Militia's "Rapid Gunwale" exercise at Camp Smith Training Site. The exercise provided an opportunity for Naval Militia members to exercise skills they would need in a state emergency.



Congratulations to Naval Militia Scholars

When you drill in the next few weeks and you meet a member of your Unit that is attending a NY College or a University... Congratulate them if they are a member of the Naval Militia!

Every one of these individuals that is working on their first Associate's or Bachelor's Degree is eligible to receive \$6,170 per year in tuition assistance.

This semester 140 of your fellow Naval Militia members took advantage of this program. Many of these members joined the Naval Militia just to participate in this program. Smart move on their part, no wonder they are getting a college degree!

<http://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=education>

If you are going to college/university and are not in this program - check it out!

I want you to reach out and congratulate your fellow Naval Militia members. Congratulate them because if they had just received a "\$6,170 Tuition Scholarship at a NYS College or University" their name would be in all the newspapers. But they have volunteered to be part of the Naval Militia and be part of an emergency response force to help New Yorkers in need. No newspaper headlines or TV recognition - just the great feeling of being part of a great Militia in a great State. And if you are reading this you are also to be congratulated and thanked: You have volunteered to be part of New York State's Defense Forces to assist our neighbors and friends when emergencies call us.

Thank you and Congratulations!

And if you meet a Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Reserve member that is going to college and is not a Naval Militia member - sign them up so they can get this great NYS Tuition benefit next semester!

CAPT David H. Hawley
Chief of Staff
New York Naval Militia



Zakriski Named Deputy Commander



On November 1, 2015 CAPT Timothy Zakriski assumed the position of Deputy Commander New York Naval Militia upon the retirement of RDML David Tucker.

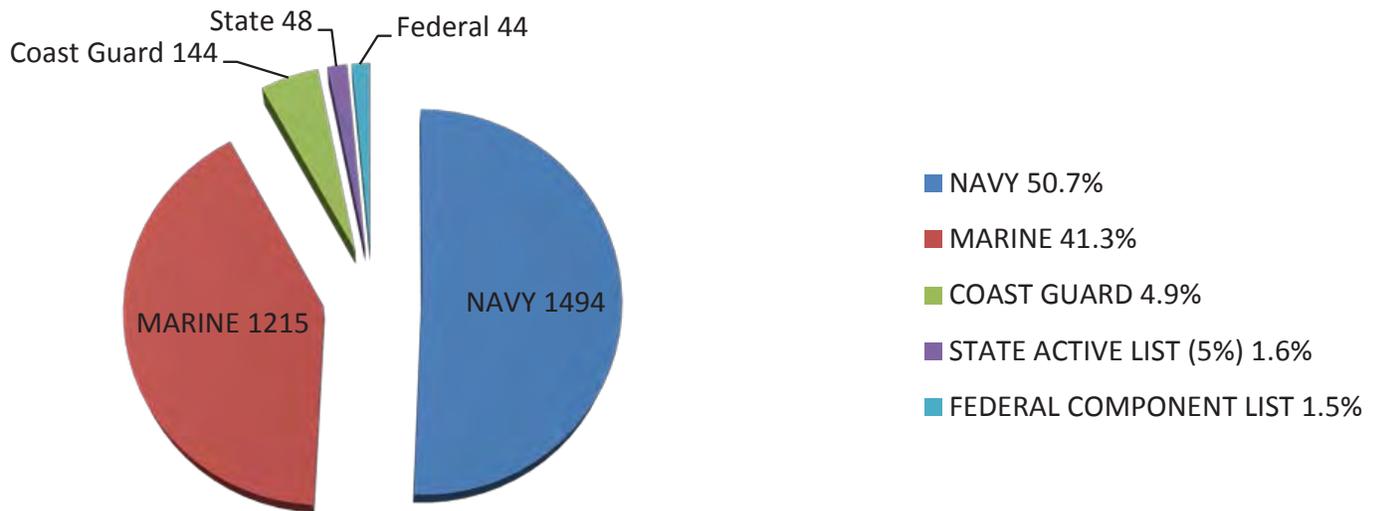
Training on Lake Champlain Canal



On 17 August, Naval Militia personnel participated in an Underway Training on the lake Champlain Canal. Crews conducted anchor drills, man overboard drills, and rescue exercises. Participating in the drill was: CWO2 A. Nolan, MK1 Gauci, Chief (select) R. Morisseau, EO1's D. Hart and R. Hill and IT1 Aldershoff.

Naval Militia Census Report

2-Nov-15	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	159	35	42	236
WARRANT	15	5	5	25
ENLISTED	1922	351	411	2684
TOTAL	2096	391	458	2945
NAVY	1036	152	306	1494
MARINE	887	195	133	1215
COAST GUARD	140	2	2	144
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	17	22	9	48
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST	16	20	8	44



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.

(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.

USN Retirement Ceremony and NYNM WESTCOM Change-of-Command

The Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) in Buffalo, NY served host to an impressive double ceremony this month. CAPT Lance "Hurricane" Mauro capped a 36- year Navy career with a formal retirement ceremony, which took place in the second floor of the CAPT Frank Bailey Boathouse Building next to the NOSC complex. The ceremony also doubled as the WESTCOM Change of Command, with CAPT Mauro turning over the reins of the New York Naval Militia Western Command to CAPT Thomas Hurley.

CAPT Mauro's career has been both long and eventful, commencing with his enlistment as a Seaman Apprentice in 1977. A supply and logistics expert, his early enlisted experience and college degree resulted in his appointment to a direct commission as a Supply Corps Ensign, with follow-on tours of greater and greater responsibility. He has been mobilized multiple times for various operations, including a tour supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom in 2004 and other assignments in Iraq, Kuwait and Djibouti in 2006-2009.

The retirement ceremony was presided over by Rear Admiral Ten Eyck B. "Trip" Powell, III, Commander, New York Naval Militia. Numerous friends and relatives were in attendance, along with many fellow officers who have served with CAPT Mauro throughout his career.

Immediately after the retirement ceremony, CAPT Mauro was relieved of his duties of Commander, NYNM Western Command by CAPT Thomas Hurley, USN. CAPT Hurley is a Special Duty Officer (Merchant Marine Deck) who has served since his commissioning in 1986, following his graduation from SUNY Maritime College. His 29-year career has featured a wide variety of tours in everincreasing levels of responsibility, including two recalls to tours of active duty. He is a resident of the Buffalo area, where he works in multiple capacities within the Williamsville School District.



CAPT Thomas Hurley assumed command as the new WESTCOM Commander following CAPT Lance Mauro's retirement.

Militia Mission and Values

As part of the NY State Military Forces, the NY Naval Militia is trained, organized and equipped for Maritime Domain Operations in the waters of New York State.

Elements of the Mission:

1. Provide individuals and or detachments for service with National Guard, and or other federal, state and or local municipal agencies as directed.
2. Develop in coordination with DMNA: Naval doctrine, tactics, and equipment employed in the support of aid to Civilian Authority.
3. Perform such duties as The Adjutant General may direct.

Values:

We are three time volunteers first and foremost, we volunteer to serve our country, we volunteer to serve our specific service and we volunteer to serve the State of New York.

We are competent in our rate, military occupation specialty and /or our civilian occupation.

We have the minuteman mind set, physically fit to respond, sea bag packed for contingencies and personal affairs sorted out for immediate deployment.

We are ethically minded and keep our moral compass calibrated.

In sum we are volunteers, competent and ethically committed Minutemen/Minutewomen proudly serving in the Military Forces of the State of New York.

