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**New York Naval Militia
Change of Command**

**Rear Admiral (LH) Larry Weill
relieves
Rear Admiral (LH) Warren Smith**



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Newly promoted and installed Commander, RDML Larry Weill addresses the audience after assuming command of the New York Naval Militia on 29 April 2022.

Commander's Corner:



Rear Admiral (LH)
Lawrence Weill, NYNM

From the Commander: Greetings. It is an honor and a privilege to introduce myself as the 23rd Commander of the New York Naval Militia. Assuming this position is very unlike my previous command billets in that I've been a member here since 1986, so I already know many of you through various operations and exercises. I've always been impressed by our people, both through their experience and their dedication to duty. It is these qualities that ensure our success, both today and in the future.

For the past two years, I have served as your NYNM Chief of Staff, "learning the ropes" from retiring RDML Warren Smith. Prior to those years, I filled the billet of Western Region Commander, as I reside in Rochester. As I take this new assignment, I am pleased to announce the appointment of the next Chief of Staff, CAPT Mike Perry. Like most of us, CAPT

Perry has been a NYNM member for many years, and brings with him a “boatload” of organizational knowledge and experience. As a Supply Corps Officer and logistics specialist, he served as our N4, in addition to other Deputy staff billets. He then assumed the Regional Commander spot of NORTHCOM, where he has served for the past year. CAPT Perry and I both look forward to working with everyone here to move our organization forward.

It goes without saying that these are challenging and ever-changing times. We currently have over 140 NYNM personnel on SAD orders supporting the COVID-19 mission. A few short years ago, COVID-19 was an unknown matter, yet we have adapted and grown into the mission and provided invaluable aid across the state. In similar fashion, on April 30 we will christen a new landing craft, LC-351. This platform, the second of its type in our inventory, will enable us to perform new roles and new missions that were previously unfathomable.

As we seek to grow our force and our mission set, all of us will be asked to develop and learn new skills and capabilities. These next few years will be filled with new challenges as we are tasked to perform in roles previously unimagined. I would like to call on all our members to step up and commit to our ever-expanding mission set. Please don't forget to share your thoughts and ideas to expand and grow our organization; my door is always open. I look forward to serving with you!

Deputy Commander News:

Greetings from Naval Militia Headquarters in Latham, NY.

Spring has finally arrived in New York and the COVID 19 operation may be winding down as of the end of May 2022. I am sure many of us have seen the many memes identifying 2020 as the year of COVID – then

2021 continued the year of COVID and after over 700 days of this mission, two vaccines and two booster shots maybe it is ending. (Unless I write about it in our Summer Newsletter)

I want to thank everyone for supporting the COVID Mission on the front lines and supporting from the rear echelons. There is a COVID 19 Mission participation ribbon that will be authorized as soon as we have final numbers. Not surprising the ribbon colors will be black and blue.

I want to thank everyone for participating and supporting the Promotion of RDML Weill, the Change of Command for RDML Weill and RDML Smith and the Retirement of RDML Smith. It was a great set of ceremonies, and everyone performed in an outstanding and professional manner.

Looking forward: The last day in May is the traditional deadline for applications for promotion for those Naval Militia members no longer in a drilling status. Our promotion instruction is self-explanatory and in prior Newsletters I have provided step-by-step details on completing your application. The Promotion Board will be scheduled in June and also in June we will hold our Admiral Josephthal Awards Board.

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.

The Commanding Officer of the New York Naval Militia awards two awards of \$300 each: one to the individual Militia Person of the Year and \$300 divided among those members of the New York Naval Unit of the Year. The “Unit of the Year” can be an Ad Hoc unit of members performing like duties. For example,

in the 2020-2021 year the Unit of the Year was the combined members supporting the COVID Mission at the Javits Center in New York City. If anyone in the New York Naval Militia wants to nominate an individual or Unit for the Josephthal Awards – please send a message to my email address:

David.h.hawley1.nfg@army.mil.

COVID 19 OPERATIONS UPDATE

THE STATS:

133 Naval Militia members currently on mission.

794 days since mission start.

392 Naval Militia members have served on COVID state active duty orders. Many have served two or more times and a small number continuously since mission start in March 2020.

Per EXORD MOD 83, the 85 Nursing Home support missions will end no later than 31MAY22, and the ten Vaccination Point of Distribution (POD) missions will shut down no later than 17JUN22. Close out support will continue until 01JUL.

Out and About on the COVID Mission

**Rear Admiral Weill conducted visits to COVID mission sites during the second week of May.*

As we scale down on the COVID-19 mission, we visited a number of facilities in Western NY to thank many of the personnel (NYNM as well as Army and Air Force troops) who are out supporting the mission. Senior Chief Pease acted as guide as we toured several nursing homes and a warehouse between Geneva and Rochester. Additional visits are planned for days spanning through May 18, and will cover a

number of facilities in Buffalo as well.

The first stop on the tour was the



View down isle of COVID supplies inside Geneva warehouse.

warehouse facility in Geneva, where a large crew of our personnel across the services manages vast caches of COVID-related supplies. The sheer volume of these supplies is mind-boggling. Literally millions of COVID test kits sit stacked in endless rows of pallets as far as the eye can see.

Other sections hold stocks of surgical masks, gloves, and other forms of protective clothing. Still other parts of the floor are used



Crew of the Geneva warehouse, many of whom have been on duty "since the beginning."

to store mountains of emergency stores of hospital gurneys, body bags, and caskets. It's all a grim reminder of the severity of the disease that has claimed the lives of so many New Yorkers.

The warehouse in Geneva has a large staff of military personnel (eight) who are tasked with managing the storage and distribution of the supplies. Often, they are the ones unloading the inbound trucks which are laden with countless pallets of boxed provisions. They also perform the next steps, which include packaging the specific items required by individual nursing homes and then getting them on their way.

It is hard work that requires long hours of physically challenging labor. But this crew has persisted over many months of this mission, with quite a few having been serving since the start in March of 2020.

"For many of these individuals, it has become their full-time job" said Senior Chief Pease, who oversees the operations of the warehouse crew. "They've all been working here for two years now, and have come together as a fine work team. They know their jobs, and it's a pleasure to watch them operate."

The next stop on the tour of Rochester centers was at St. Ann's Community facility, where another large cadre of personnel are stationed to serve the residents of the home. Once again, many of these troops have been on station for up to two years, and have adapted well to the job.

"We get here in the morning and dive into our work" said LCPL Perez. "There is always so much to do that there is never time to get tired. It's go-go-go from the time we arrive until the time we sign out at the end of the day."

Pease and Weill also stopped into the Monroe Community Hospital, which is known for its impressive structure on East Henrietta Road in Rochester. Most local residents recognize the building for its foreboding gargoyles and other impressive architectural features, although the work that goes on inside

this facility is truly lifesaving.

Kristen Schulmerich, the hospital's Administrator of Nursing Services could not say enough about the Naval Militia, Army, and Air Force workers performance throughout the



Military staff working at St. Ann's in Rochester

pandemic.

"These young men and women arrived at the very start of the crisis and dived right in. They demonstrated an amazing "can do"



TSGT PEREZ with Kristen Schulmerich, Monroe Community Hospital's Administrator of Nursing Services

attitude right from the beginning, and often tackled tasks that were causing 'burnout' in our own employees. Not only that, but they came in with little or no experience, but with the

determination to learn on the job. Some of these men and women worked 15, 16, 17 days in a row without taking time off. I can honestly say that we could not have gotten through this without them. Their dedication to the mission was truly awesome.”

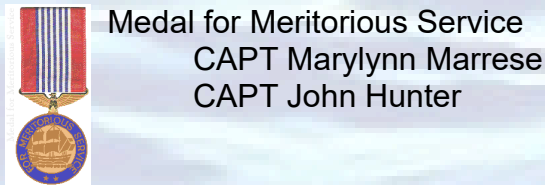
UNIFORMS UPDATE

All members who are no longer drilling Reservists of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard are to update their component tape on the blouse with N.Y. NAVAL MILITIA. Appropriate tapes are available from NYNM headquarters. Drilling Reservists may also change over the NY NAVAL MILITIA component tape if they have a spare blouse to do so.

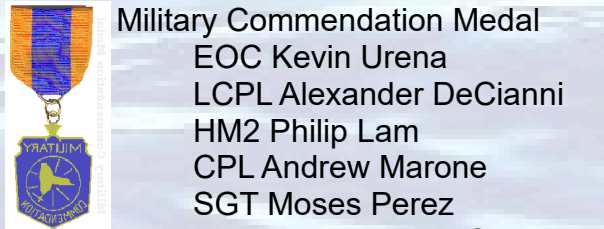
RECENT AWARDS



Conspicuous Service Medal
RDML Warren Smith



Medal for Meritorious Service
CAPT Marylynn Marrese
CAPT John Hunter



Military Commendation Medal
EOC Kevin Urena
LCPL Alexander DeCianni
HM2 Philip Lam
CPL Andrew Marone
SGT Moses Perez
MA1 Atiba Marson-Quinones
SSGT John Eckhardt

Military Emergency Boat Service



News:

Boats have been deployed for the 2022 training season. This year we have added two new sites with DET 11 in Tottenville, Staten Island, and DET 22 in Coxsackie on the Hudson River. DET 11 is equipped with PB 300, a 34-foot patrol catamaran. DET 22 is equipped with LC 350, a 39-foot landing craft. Additionally, we have PB 301 at DET 12, now located at Jones Beach Coast Guard Station on Long Island; PB 230 at the DET 21 “Black Jacks” in New Rochelle, on the western end of Long Island Sound; PB 221 will be at Waterford on the Erie Canal; PB 280 with DET 51 at Rochester; and PB 281 with DET 52 at the Buffalo Coast Guard Station.

The new coordinator for MEBS in NORTHCOM is MMC Robert Hill. He is the coordinator for training with DETS 22 and 33.

Meet OSCS **Tim Otty**, the new MEBS Maintenance Supervisor at the Leeds Facility. Senior Chief and Petty Officer Keith White are tasked with the maintenance and repair of the fleet.



On Saturday, 30 April 2022, LC 351 was

christened into service with the New York Naval Militia at a ceremony in Catskill. Mrs. Patricia Weill is the boat's sponsor. Immediately after the ceremony, the vessel was moved to Verplanck in Westchester County where it will serve on a regular basis with DET 1 at Indian Point.

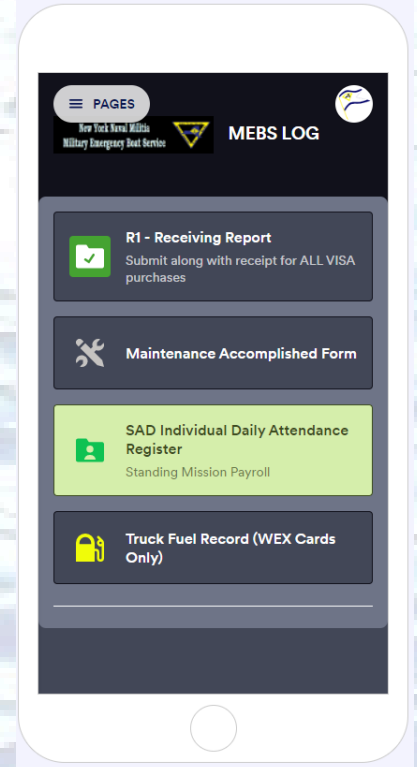


The new MEBS LOG app is available for use on your phone, tablet, or computer.

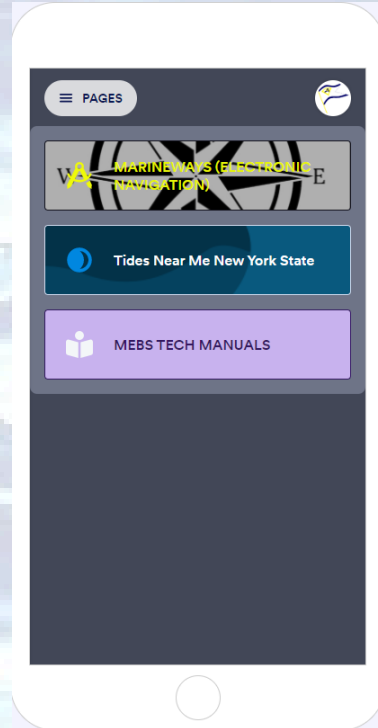


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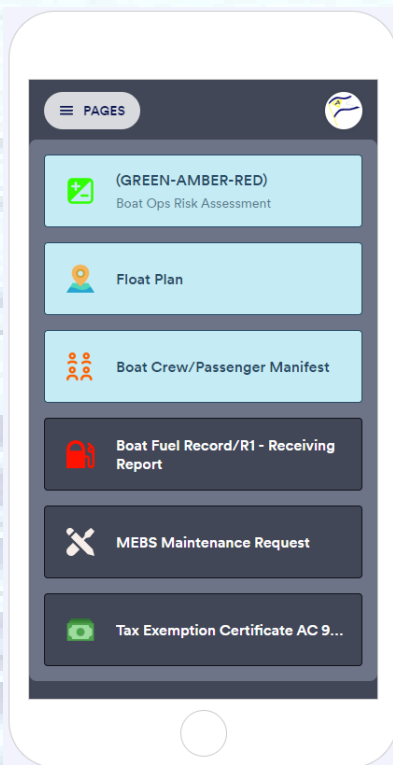
Features include:



Maintenance Form Links to the R1 Receiving Report, Truck Fueling Report are on Page 1.



Useful links are on the second page, including MARINE WAYS electronic navigation, tide predictions, and the MEBS technical manuals page.



Page 3 is oriented toward **boating operations** and includes links for a risk assessment, a float plan, crew manifest, boat fueling record, a maintenance request feature, and a tax-exempt form for official purchases.

READINESS OFFICER

We asked our membership to step up and volunteer for the COVID Support mission and you have all done an amazing job! The mission even offered an opportunity to become State EMT licensed. As the field portion of the mission appears to be winding down, I am reflecting on how proud I am of you all! Thank you for serving with the pride and professionalism that has become the trademark of the Naval Militia.

We continue to see an increase in new members. Keep passing the word on what the Naval Militia has to offer. Keeping our membership numbers at a healthy level will ensure we are better able to answer the next call to State Active Duty.

To ensure we are prepared for the next emergency mission, help me keep our force



ready to respond by sending me any **changes to your pay grade, address, cell or email**. Remember, your federal branch of service does not share information with us, or the State pay office. Our database is where your pay information comes from. If we show you as an E2 but you are now an E5 and didn't send me an E5 LES, you will not receive the correct pay. If you lived in Buffalo but move to the Bronx and do not update your address, you will not receive the correct BAH.

Updates can be sent to nq.ny.nyarnq.mbx.nynavalmilitia@army.mil or emailed to me directly at elizabeth.a.spain.nfg@army.mil

Thank you all again!

BMCS(EXW) Elizabeth Spain

Education News:

The next eligible semester for RIRP Education benefits is Fall, 2022.

The deadline for submission of benefit applications is 13 August 2022.

Announcements:

NYNM Leadership Meeting

-Latham, 3 June.

EXERCISE EMPIRE CHALLENGE '22

-Seneca Lake, 14-17 July. Contact HQ if participating.



NEW DATE!

The New York Naval Militia/New York Guard Military Ball.

-West Point, Saturday, September 24, 2022.
Ticket information forthcoming.

New York Naval Militia by the Numbers

12MAY22	SOUTH	NORTH	WEST	TOTAL
OFFICER	138	27	37	202
WARRANT	7	0	1	8
ENLISTED	1927	248	407	2582
TOTAL	2072	275	445	2792
NAVY	970	128	263	1361
MARINE	945	120	154	1219
COAST GUARD	89	3	6	98
STATE ACTIVE LIST (5%)	28	4	2	34
FEDERAL COMPONENT LIST (Retired)	41	20	20	81

New York Naval Militia Training Readiness Report			
Ref: NYNMINST 3501.1			
	Month:	MAY	Year: 2022
		NUMBER	PERCENT
1. Personnel Census			
a. Total Force Census:		2792	
b. Percentage of end-strength (3500):			79.77%
c. SAL as percentage of total census: (Less than 5% by law)			1.50%
d. Number of 900 series, E7 and above		60	
2. Training Readiness:			
a. Percentage of 900 series unit members in grade E-7 and above with ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 and INDOC courses:	GOAL	300	175 58.33%
b. Number of trained JTF Liaison Officers (six min):	6	5	83.33%
c. Number of HIPAA trained staff (three min):	3	11	100.00%
d. Number of JRSOI trained PAT members (five min):	5	14	100.00%
e. Number of JOC 101 trained staff (three min):	3	3	100.00%
f. Number of JSTC E-7 and above (five min):	5	5	100.00%
g. Percentage of CDRs/DEP CDRs with Ethics Overview:	7	7	100.00%
			91.67%

PHOTO GALLERY. The Naval Militia in action.

Mrs. Patricia Weill, sponsor of LC-351, christens the vessel at Catskill on 30 APR 22.



Color Guard detail for the Change of Command ceremony at Latham on 29 APR 22.

EMT training at Syracuse. BM1 Cumm and Sgt Oliveras provide the lift in the chair-lift demo.



PREP Exercise, Kingston Point, 11 MAY 2022



(Top left) LC 350 embarks the 2nd CST 4-wheeler
(Top Right) LC 350 and PB 221 deploy oil boom
(Center) CP 8902 "Dolphin"
(Bottom) PB 221 recovers oil boom



**Fair Winds and Following Seas.
Rear Admiral Warren T. Smith**