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MEMORANDUM FOR: Commanders, Adjutant General's Corp-Related  
Units Europe-wide

SUBJECT: Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association Chapter  
Organization and Activation

The January 1989 issue of "1775", the Journal of the Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association, announced the commencement of a worldwide Chapter Program. Adjutant General's Corps leaders at several locations quickly took advantage of this opportunity and successfully established Chapters to provide better support for their soldiers.

To provide the recognition that activation of each new Chapter deserves, the Association has erected a very attractive wall display on the second floor of Gates-Lord Hall. A special section of this wall has been reserved to mount brass plates to commemorate activation of the first 50 Chapters. These first 50 pace setters will also receive an added bonus by being recognized as our Association's Honor Chapters.

Your initiative in organizing a Chapter for your soldiers and for your unit is a positive step toward capturing the history and posterity the Corps deserves. To help you get started, we have developed a "how to" booklet on organizing a Chapter, a copy of which is enclosed for your information and use.

Organizing a Chapter has many advantages for your soldiers. Some of these benefits are obvious, but there are others which are not so apparent. Consider the following:

o Information and idea sharing. Information and ideas can cover a wide spectrum of subjects or areas which have the potential of contributing to the professional development of our most important asset - our soldiers.

o Esprit de corps. Through organization of a Chapter, soldiers are presented with an excellent opportunity to enhance togetherness and the feeling of belonging. This can be accomplished through the sponsorship of various social functions connected to the Adjutant General's Corps. The potential return from soldiers, in the form of pride in unit, in their Corps and in the Army, is, in my estimation, unlimited and invaluable.

o Networking. Gathering all of your fine AG soldiers together in an informal social environment allows networking and informal mentoring of young soldiers and officers. New Chapters report a marked improvement in overall work operations after just a few meetings as fellow AGs get to know each other.

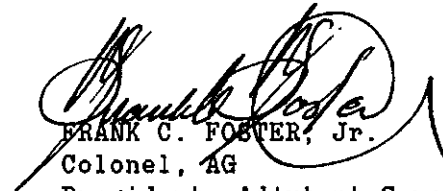
o Suttler's Store Discounts. Members of the Association and all Chapters enjoy a 20% discount on all items purchased from the Association's Suttler Store. The discounted purchase of items, such as sweat pants, sweat shirt, tee shirt, and running shorts has the potential of returning the cost of membership to the soldier. The Association's mail order program is enjoying unprecedented popularity with members from all over the world.

o Chapter rebates. Each Chapter receives a 20% rebate of annual dues paid by its members to the Association. These funds are helpful in sponsoring Chapter programs and activities to directly benefit your soldiers.

The above items are just a few of the benefits available to our membership. Member services are being expanded or developed as the membership of the Association grows.

I believe that you will share my excitement about the progress that the Association is making. We are growing by leaps and bounds in all areas; but, we still need you, as one of our senior AG Leaders, to get involved in this growth. We can't be a great Corps until we are better organized as a Regiment and Association.

Bottom line, I ask you to step forward and activate an AG Corps Regimental Association Chapter at your location. The Executive Council; Colonel "Jim" Fritz, Chairman of the Membership Committee who also serves concurrently as my First Vice President; and I will give you as much assistance in this effort as we possibly can. I look forward to your response and the opportunity of welcoming you and your soldiers "collectively" as our next activated Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association Honor Chapter.

  
FRANK C. FOSTER, Jr.  
Colonel, AG  
President, Adjutant General's  
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