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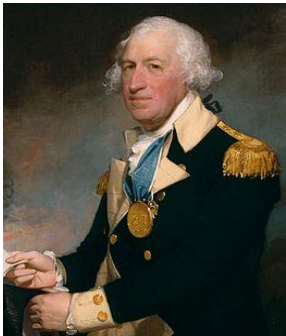
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European Chapter Adjutant General's Corps Regimental Association

**AG Breakfast
October 22, 2018**



**ROB DFAC
Rhine-Ordinance Barracks,
Germany**



Our History

The position of Adjutant dates back to Roman times. The Roman “Adjutare” was a key advisor, who assisted the commander in battle. Since those ancient times, commanders throughout history have relied and depended on their adjutants to dispatch and carry out their orders.

On June 16, 1775, the Continental Congress decreed that there be an Adjutant General in the Continental Army, similar to such positions in the French and British Armies of that day. Congress appointed Horatio Gates, a former British Army Major, as the first Adjutant General on June 17, 1775, and commissioned him in the grade of Brigadier General.

General Gates was the second officer to receive a commission in the Continental Army; George Washington was the first. General Gates proved himself to be an able assistant to General Washington as well as a brilliant field commander. Following the strategic victory over the British at Saratoga on October 17, 1777, Congress awarded General Gates our country’s highest honor, the Congressional Gold Medal.

During the War of 1812, Adjutants General proved themselves to be officers of exceptional character, judgment, and combat prowess. Among these heroes were: Winfield Scott at the Battle of Fort George, Pendleton Gaines for his defense of Fort Erie, Alexander Macomb for repulsing the British in the Battle of Plattsburg, and the famous explorer, Zebulon Pike, killed in battle while leading the victorious assault on York, Canada. Adjutants General became the only officers vested with the authority to speak for the commander. Recognizing this, the Army began appointing West Point graduates almost exclusively as Adjutants General from 1838 through the early 1900’s. The first two graduates so appointed, Samuel Cooper and Lorenzo Thomas, served with distinction as Adjutants General during the Civil War. Cooper served the South, and Thomas served the North.

Our Adjutant General’s troops around the world played key roles that enabled this nation to wrap up the Cold War with a victory for Democracy. For more than 200 years the mission of the Adjutant General’s Regiment has remained constant and clear: to assist the commander in war and peace, and be the vanguard of personnel service support to the Army. Today, through unflagging dedication of quality Soldiers, the Regiment continues to develop new and better means of providing quality personnel service support to Army units, Soldiers, and Families for now and into the future. The AG Regimental motto is “Defend and Serve.”

Sequence of Events

Welcome / Opening Remarks

*Introduction of Board Members and AGCRA
European Chapter Association*

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Introduction of Distinguished Guests

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Guest Speakers

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Awards Presentations

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Administrative Notes

Fundraising

Membership

Upcoming Events

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Raffle / Door Prizes

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Closing Remarks



Symbolism of the Regimental Crest

Dark blue and scarlet are The Adjutant General’s Corps branch colors. The inner red, white, and blue shield is the insignia of The Adjutant General’s Corps and the gold laurel wreath around its base stands for excellence in accomplishing the mission. The color red symbolizes valor and the blood shed in our war of independence. The Adjutant General’s Corps was created in the year 1775.