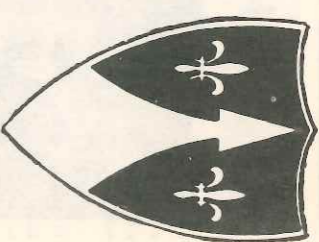


# Commander's Role Stressed



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## Command Information Program Not New

HEIDELBERG--The idea of keeping the soldier informed is not new. General George Washington, during the long and arduous winter at Valley Forge, urged each of his commanders to tell their men "what it is we are contending for."

So the new Command Information program is not really so new. It is simply re-emphasizing the importance of the commander in giving his men the background they need to understand what they are doing, why they are doing it, and why they must do it well.

To clarify this point, every officer in USAREUR will receive a personal copy of "Officers Call No. 4" this month, which explains in detail the new concept of Command Information.

In the forward to the pamphlet, Gen Paul L. Freeman Jr, USAREUR commander-in-chief, places the responsibility for the success of the program squarely on the shoulders of the unit commanders.

"The commander's role in the program--at all levels--cannot be overemphasized. It is extremely important that all officers appreciate the true significance of this vital tool of leadership," Gen Freeman declared.

The "Officers Call," designed to acquaint all USAREUR officers with the recently published AR 360-81, "Command Information," points out some of the major changes in the former Troop Information program.

In addition to the change from Troop to Command Information, the weekly Troop Information period was renamed "Commander's Call," to stress the importance of the commander's participation in the regularly scheduled presentations.

"You are entrusted with the Army's greatest asset -- its soldiers," Gen Freeman said in a preface to the July Officers Call.

"These men rely on your leadership.... The success of your mission and that of the entire Army depends on their performance.

"They perform best when they understand what they are doing and why they are doing it. I desire that all officers review their Command Information responsibility and give it their continuing personal support," the USAREUR commander-in-chief concluded.

For his part in the apprehension of the man, Sgt Woods was commended by the postal authorities.

He has returned to his home unit in Orleans pending possible recall for the court hearing.

## Freedom Foundation '64 Awards Contest Begins

VALLEY FORGE--Freedom Foundation has announced its 1964 National and School Awards Program.

In its annual contest, the Foundation assembles expressions, projects and programs that help create a better understanding of the American way of life.

Members of the armed forces on active duty may submit letters of from 100 to 500 words on the subject, "My Votes Freedom's Privilege," in the letter awards program.

Letter entries should stress the obligation of all American citizens to take part in their government by voting, not only in national elections, but also in State and local elections.

Prizes totaling \$8,500 will be awarded to the top 101 contestants with the first prize of \$1,000.

The entries must be postmarked not later than Nov. 1, 1964.

The top winners from each service will be invited to Washington for the Presidential Inauguration, Jan. 20. They will also meet top officials of their respective services and the U.S. senators of

their home States.

Military entries--individuals or Army units and organizations--may be submitted in many other categories.

Materials should be in keeping with unit missions and command objectives and should not be produced solely for the awards program.

Some of the other categories are:

GEORGE WASHINGTON AWARDS: most outstanding individual contribution during 1964 to the understanding of the American way of life will receive \$5,000.

Nominations must be based on a well-documented summary of current activities, presented preferably in scrapbook form. Activities before Nov. 1, 1963, may be used as background material only.

CARTOONS: One \$500 award and additional \$100 awards will be presented for published editorial cartoons. Submit tear sheets or original artwork, artist's name and address, and the name and date of the publication. COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: Programs and projects carried on

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## Orleans Sgt Foils Mail Robbery While on Emergency Leave

ORLEANS--It was on the night of July 7, the last day of his emergency leave at 2 am. SSGT Francis J. Woods Jr., 37th Trans Comd personnel sergeant, was having trouble getting to sleep.

He walked over to the window of his room at the McGuire AFB transit billets and lit a cigarette when he noticed a car parked on the street below.

What bothered him about the car was that the headlights were trained on the tumbler lock system of a mailbox.

A man in civilian clothes bent over the box and the 29-year-old soldier rushed downstairs and asked an airman getting out of a cab if this was normal procedure for men in civilian clothes to pick up mail at 2 am.

The answer sent Sgt Woods racing for the mailbox, but too late. The man jumped into his car with a handful of mail and sped away.

But Sgt Woods got the last three numbers of his license plate and immediately alerted Air Police who picked the man up trying to deposit mail in another box two miles away.

Investigation revealed that the apprehended man was an airman who had once worked at the McGuire base post office.

At the time of his arrest he possessed many envelopes belonging to service and civilian personnel at the base.

Further investigations were made by postal authorities in conjunction with the CID and the FBI, and the alleged mail robber is awaiting trial in New Jersey.

## 18 Get Nod For Sgt. Maj. In USACOMZEUR

COMZ--Stars and stripes were flying throughout the command last month but they weren't all flags.

A record-breaking 18 men in COMZ were promoted to the Army's highest enlisted grade.

The new sergeants major are Norman L. Ball, USAGD Kaiserlautern; James E. Denton, 32d Engr Gp; Marlon A. Etheridge, USAGDC Ingrandes; Richard R. Gray, Seine Area Comd; John G. Haller, USANZCEUR.

Frederick R. Bamelings, Bq, COMZ; John J. Harson Jr., USAGDC Verdun; Jack A. Hoelker, USAGDC Verdun; Mik Korada, USAGDC Ingrandes; Clair A. Newman, USAGD Nabollebach. Joseph C. Northrup, USAGDC Nancy; Rubin Patrick, Orleans Area Comd; Warren B. Peyer, 59th Ord Gp; Wade S. Pierce, USAGDC Nancy; Frederick F. Ra-bideau, USAGDC Nancy; Beryl X. Smith, 1st Sig Gp Bq; William A. Thomas, USAGDC Nancy; William C. Weeks, 819th Hosp Comd.

## Army Chief of Staff's Message

I assume the heavy responsibilities of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army with humility and the trust and confidence that has been placed in me and sustained by the knowledge of your professional abilities and your devoted dedication to the defense of the nation that we serve.

First and foremost, our every effort must be pointed toward a high state of preparedness for the Army which, in cooperation with our sister services and our allies, will insure the defense of our nation and the preservation of freedom throughout the world. To accomplish this task, we must continue the intensified effort initiated by General Wheeler to develop the doctrine and materiel necessary to sustain our Army forces in the land battle. It also requires that we cherish and uphold the Army's eternal standards of duty, honor, and country.

There is no more important task than contributing to the defense of our country, and you may be assured that I shall maintain a personal interest in the welfare and well-being of the men and women who comprise the Army's segment of the national defense team.

I know that I can count on each of you to pursue our great endeavor, secure in the thought that with God's blessing and guidance we can succeed.

HAROLD K. JOHNSON  
General, US Army  
Chief of Staff



A HEALTHY MARGIN - Twenty-six French employees of the U.S. Army General Depot Complex, Ingrandes, Transportation Division surround their bosses after receiving letters of appreciation for having compiled a record of 997 total months without time

Loss to sick leave. Circled by the group are (from left) Mr Robert W. Krowacky, chief of the transportation division; Col James S. Griffin, CO of the Complex; and Capt La Dietrich Coggin, deputy for support services.