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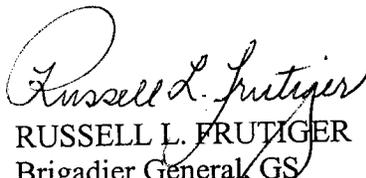
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MEMORANDUM FOR Director, Installation Management Agency, Europe, ATTN: SFIM-EU-Z (Mr. Russell Hall), Unit 29353, Box 200, APO, AE 09014

SUBJECT: Support for the Retired Community

1. Reference memorandum, HQDA G1, 17 March 2004, subject: Support for the Retired Community, enclosed.
2. Over 8,000 Army retirees live in the USAREUR area of responsibility. While in uniform, they made enormous contributions to our country; and many of them continue their outstanding service today. They provide volunteer services, hold key civilian positions, help to fill voids when soldiers are deployed, and serve as ambassadors within the community.
3. During these times of restructuring and reducing personnel, I encourage you to work hard to ensure that retirement services programs are properly established and effective at the community level. Volunteers, also retirees, are depended upon more and more in some of our RSO shops and should have adequate resources to aid other retirees. We must ensure that quality programs and qualified personnel are in place to advise and assist all retirees and annuitants.
4. Establishing or revitalizing local retiree councils, as an extension of the community, not only allows retirees and their family members to voice their needs and concerns, but also provides a means to develop support for current programs that benefit the community as a whole. Effective councils are key to keeping retirees informed.
5. The retiree and his/her family members represent an experienced and knowledgeable population that remains committed to our Army. Our combined efforts for the continued improvement of USAREUR communities are more successful when retirees "Still Serving" and the active Army form a partnership. I look forward to your continued support of this vital program.

Encl
HQDA G1 Memo


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