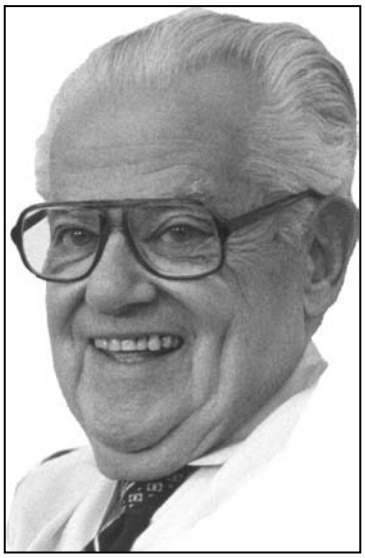
U.S. ARMY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORPS
HALL OF FAME



MR. JOHN J. DINNIEN
RANK / GRADE: GS-13
DATE DECEASED: 22 DECEMBER 1995

1. LIST OF POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

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2. NARRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mr. John J. Dinnien served as an Army civilian employee for 50 excellent years as part of the U.S. Army's Adjutant General's Corps.
- Mr. Dinnien established the USAREUR AG Liaison Office in Heidelberg, Germany and its counterpart in Alexandria, VA, which provided personnel services to Soldiers for well over 30 years.
- Mr. Dinnien also established the General Officer Management Office (GOMO), Europe.
- The AG Corps Regimental Association created a medal in Mr. Dinnien's name to acknowledge the honorable service and dedicated commitment of U.S. Army civilian employees.

3. POSITIVE, LASTING AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT PERPETUATE THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. ARMY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CORPS:

Mr. John J. Dinnien served as an Army civilian employee for 50 excellent years as part of the U.S. Army's Adjutant General's Corps. His extended family was the Soldiers of our great Army and he spent his entire life taking care of them. When presented by a personnel issue, whether a Private or General, Mr. Dinnien gave each and every Soldier the same degree of care, respect, and urgency. Taking care of Soldiers was his watchword, his daily goal, and the standard he lived by. His selfless

service and commitment as a member of the AG Corps and to Soldiers and their families was second to none. Before becoming a civilian in the AG Corps, Mr. Dinnien served in WWII as an Enlisted Soldier with 7th Army and USAREUR HQs. This would be the beginning of a long and fruitful career in the Army's human resources community.

Mr. Dinnien established the USAREUR AG Liaison Office in Heidelberg, Germany and its counterpart in Alexandria, VA, which provided personnel services to Soldiers for well over 30 years. The Liaison Office was the primary source of communication between the USAREUR AG and Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA). Both offices were manned by USAREUR AG personnel who were able to provide a constant flow of information between the two headquarters. The HQDA office was able to reach out to all major Army Headquarters throughout the world and provided USAREUR the most up-to-date information and assistance. Consequently, USAREUR was able to process personnel actions and handle Soldier special cases expeditiously. This resulted in thousands of Soldiers, civilians, and family members receiving the best possible personnel assistance. The liaison offices were so productive and successful that other Army Headquarters, throughout the world, established liaison offices to gain the same superior personnel assistance for their people.

Mr. Dinnien also established the General Officer Management Office (GOMO), Europe. He coordinated with DA GOMO everyday and personally completed all general officer personnel actions for USAREUR. He coordinated all general officer internal assignments within Europe and Africa, and created GO assignment instructions and orders. He assisted USAREUR general officers in creating job descriptions and position analysis for every GO position in Europe. These documents were essential in maintaining general officer positions throughout the European theater. Because of his ability to articulate and justify general officer needs through coordination with the Commander in Chief, USAREUR (CINCUSAREUR), over one-third of all Army general officers were assigned to USAREUR during the cold war years and were managed by John Dinnien.

The AG Corps Regimental Association created a medal to acknowledge the honorable service and dedicated commitment of U.S. Army civilian employees. The Dinnien Medal is named after John Dinnien and recognizes civilian employee excellence in Military Personnel Management. Mr. Dinnien personified the outstanding contributions that civilian employees make in support of the Army's mission, and to Soldiers and their families every day. Mr. Dinnien's commitment to the highest degree of service deserves the greatest credit and admiration. He will always be remembered as a "servant of the Soldier… and service before self."

AG CORPS DUTY POSITIONS HELD AND DATES
USAREUR from 1945 to 1st PERSCOM, USAREUR at Time of Death

EDUCATION
BA from Cathedral College, Douglaston, New York
Studied Theology for two years at St Joseph College, Yonkers, New York

AWARDS / CITATIONS

Meritorious Civilian Service Award w/ oak leaf cluster
Decoration for Exceptional Service; Horatio Gates Gold Medal