

NATIONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP

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Definition

An Aide-de-Camp is "an officer attached to the person of a General to assist him in his duties." In Royal Rangers, he is a promotional assistant to the National Commander and a member of the National Aides-de-Camp Council. There shall be one Aide-de-Camp appointed from each district.

Qualifications

1. Each Aide-de-Camp must be a layman with membership in an Assemblies of God church.
2. Each Aide-de-Camp must meet the qualifications of a Royal Ranger Commander as listed in the "Leader's Manual."
3. Each Aide-de-Camp must be thoroughly familiar with the overall Royal Ranger program.
4. Each Aide-de-Camp must be willing to devote time to the Royal Ranger program and travel in his district on behalf of the program.
5. Each Aide-de-Camp must be nominated by his District Commander.

Appointments

1. After being nominated by the District Commander, Aides-de-camp are appointed by the National Royal Ranger Committee. The appointment is for two years.
2. Prior to the appointment date, a survey and analysis will be made of the activities of the Aide-de-Camp by the National Committee. At that time it will be determined if he should be reappointed for another two years.
3. Each Aide-de-Camp will be commissioned to the rank of Lt. Colonel.
4. An official identification card and name tab will be issued to the Aide-de-Camp at the time of appointment.

Duties

1. Become completely familiar with the overall Royal Ranger program in order to correctly and properly present the program and to answer questions regarding it. Also, keep informed as to the latest developments in the Royal Ranger program in his district so he can properly represent them on the National Aides-de-Camp Council.
2. Assist local churches, at their invitation, to begin Royal Rangers.
3. Strive to bring all local outposts in the district into conformity with the national program by chartering and renewing their charter. (An Aide-de-Camp should encourage all groups who have not chartered or renewed to do so. They can be of valuable assistance to the National Office by doing this. The National Office will supply information on the status of each outpost.)

4. Accept invitations to speak at conventions, retreats, pow wows, rallies and training seminars as a representative of the Royal Ranger National Council.
5. Maintain the highest degree of courtesy and respect toward pastors and district officials.
6. Cooperate with and assist in every way possible, the District Commander in his Royal Ranger activities.
7. Keep the National Office informed regarding Royal Ranger activities in his district.
8. Wear uniform during Royal Ranger activities and always endeavor through conduct, appearance and attitude, to create the proper image of Royal Ranger leadership.
9. Make a consistent effort to attend the Royal Ranger National Council Meeting each year.

Relationship to District Commanders

1. All district related Royal Ranger activities should originate with, or with the approval of the District Commander and/or the District M. F. Director. It is proper procedure for Aides-de-Camp to encourage and suggest different district projects and activities; however, the actual initiation of these events should come from one of these district officers.
2. Since an Aide-de-Camp is a representative of the National Aides-de-Camp Council, we encourage the District Commanders to use the ministries of these men as much as possible. We believe the caliber of these Aides-de-Camp is such that their assistance will be very helpful in promoting Royal Rangers in any district.
3. A good, congenial relationship should be maintained between District Commanders and Aides-de-Camp at all times. Each should respect the position of the other and extend proper courtesies.

THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT AIDES-DE-CAMP

An Aide-de-Camp has an almost unlimited opportunity of service in Royal Rangers. However, to reach the full peak of efficiency he must have a thorough understanding of his role and relationship to the over-all program.

In order to involve key laymen leaders in an advisory capacity on a national level, the Aide-de-Camp program was launched and the National Council was organized. Therefore, when an Aide-de-Camp is appointed and becomes a member of the National Council, he represents the other Royal Rangers leaders in his district. For this reason it is very important that he has a complete knowledge of the program and projects the proper image of Royal Ranger leadership.

Because he does not represent himself, but his district, he should maintain close communication with his District Commander so he can more efficiently evaluate the needs and achievements of his district. He should keep in touch as much as possible with various local outposts in order to stay familiar with the "grass root" level of the program.

No doubt the most valuable function of the Aide-de-Camp is serving as a member of the National Council. Therefore it is very important that he attends the council sessions each year. In this capacity alone the Aide-de-Camp can render an invaluable service to the program.

The function of the Aide-de-Camp is twofold. He not only represents his district on the National Council but he also serves as a promotional assistant for the National Office in his district. In this role he does not have administrative responsibilities, but serves in an advisory capacity. The District Commander has the administrative responsibility for the Royal Ranger program in his district. All district activities, projects and events must initiate from him. However, the Aide-de-Camp may feel free to answer questions regarding policies of the National Office and encourage the District Commander to adopt and develop the programs and activities suggested by the National Office.

The District Commander may wish to delegate certain responsibilities for his district program to the Aide-de-Camp. In this event, the Aide-de-Camp should assume these responsibilities without hesitation. In actuality the relationship of the Aide-de-Camp to the District Commander is similar to that of a Deputy District Commander except he has the portfolio of membership on the National Council and serves as promotional assistant.

There should be no misunderstanding of the relationship of these district leaders if we keep in mind that the District Commander has administrative and promotional responsibilities. The Aide-de-Camp is involved only in promotions unless otherwise delegated by the district. He does not supervise, rather he encourages, suggests and advises. Because he is a promotional assistant of the National Office, he should always endeavor to be an outstanding example in courtesy and diplomacy.

Another important function of the Aide-de-Camp is to encourage the groups in his district to charter or renew their charter. The question is sometimes asked; "Isn't the District Commander supposed to do this?" The answer is yes. There is no conflict in this. When both the District Commander and Aide-de-Camp are contacting the churches we have a "double barrel" emphasis on the importance of chartering and renewing charters. It is also a good way to be doubly sure that the groups are being contacted.

One of the most prominent attitudes of the Aide-de-Camp should be humility. He should not have a "know-it-all" attitude, but rather should create the impression, "I am available if you need me. If I can be of assistance, I will be very happy to do so." An Aide-de-Camp who develops the right spirit will have many opportunities to speak, teach and assist in behalf of Royal Rangers.

It is our hope that the Aide-de-Camp will also become absorbed in the Royal Ranger program in whatever level he is needed and endeavor to be an example to others of the very best in Royal Ranger leadership.

REGIONAL AIDES-DE-CAMP

From time to time certain men are selected from the ranks of Aides-de-Camp and given the status of Regional Aide-de-Camp. They are commissioned to the rank of full Colonel and serve on the National Staff as members of the National Royal Rangers Executive Committee.

Their area of responsibility will be the same as the regular Assemblies of God regions listed in the General Council Minutes.

Duties

1. To effectively serve the Royal Ranger Executive Committee, he must be as familiar as possible with Royal Rangers programs, projects, activities, and needs of the districts within his region. This may be achieved through correspondence, reports, or personal contact with the District Aide-de-Camp within his region. If a district should not have an Aide-de-Camp the Regional Aide-de-Camp shall make his contacts directly with the District Commander.
2. He shall also encourage the District Aides-de-Camp in carrying out their duties and responsibilities.
3. He must display proper courtesy and consideration in his relationship with the District Aide-de-Camp. The District Aide-de-Camp should in turn demonstrate proper respect and cooperation with the Regional Aide-de-Camp. With proper attitude, understanding and cooperation, the endeavors of each of these men will compliment each other.
4. To accept invitations to speak at such events as pow wows, training sessions, and training camps. There will also be occasions when the National Office will assign additional special duties to the Regional Aides-de-Camp.

SPECIAL AIDES-DE-CAMP

This leader is under a special appointment by the National Committee. His activities or position usually limit the amount of time he can spend promoting Royal Rangers for the National Office. However, his position, abilities, or contribution to the program merits a special appointment. His main asset is generally serving as speaker for special occasions, or serving as a special advisor. He is not confined to a given district or region and is free to promote the program wherever he is invited. He does not have a definite list of responsibilities unless specifically assigned by the National Committee. He must always maintain the high standard of Royal Rangers leadership just as the other Aides-de-Camp. His rank will be determined by the National Committee at the time of appointment.

Meetings

Regular meetings of the National Aides-de-Camp Council will be held each year to consider reports, recommendations and other such business as may be properly brought up before it.

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OCCUPATION _____

CHURCH _____ CITY _____

DISTRICT _____

HOBBIES, SPECIAL INTERESTS, OR SPECIAL SKILLS, ETC. _____

PLEDGE

WITH GOD'S HELP I WILL DO MY BEST TO CARRY OUT MY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS
A NATIONAL AIDE-DE-CAMP.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____