



Thomas G. Lightner

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Dear Mark:

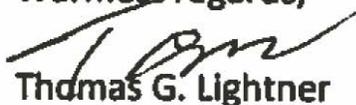
I was delighted to receive your invitation to attend the 50th Anniversary of USASAC! Regrettably, I will be unable to attend either event. I certainly would have enjoyed visiting the Command again!

I must tell you that my command of USASAC was, except for serving with our fellow Cannoneers, the highlight of my career! While I approached the position with some anxiety and trepidation, I quickly found it to be a most interesting, challenging and rewarding command. And the key to this being a wonderful command performing a great service to our Nation was the dedication and professionalism of the employees throughout the command; from the Headquarters to New Cumberland, AMC, TRADOC and our many representatives in countries throughout the world. I had never experienced employees who were on a virtual first name basis with the leaders of many of our Allied nations whom they supported with security assistance!

I know that most of the employees who were there during my tenure have long since departed or retired, but just in case some are still around, I would appreciate your posting this letter somewhere so that I may once again convey my thanks to them for their great contributions to our country and our Allies.

Again, congratulations on reaching this milestone and I wish you and all current members and associates of USASAC the very best for the future!

Warmest regards,



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