

Preface

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This manual describes the missions, functions, organization, and operations of an area support group. The basic functions of all ASGs are standard. ASGs perform maintenance and supply support operations for most of the items in the theater. However, each has a unique, tailored organization and set of responsibilities. The capabilities and resources associated with each ASG are tailored to the needs of the local area supported and to the theater.

This manual serves as a basis for understanding the support role of an ASG. It is intended to serve as a guide. It does not attempt to describe all of the possible variations of the ASG mission. It should not be construed as limiting commanders' freedom of action. Commanders should apply the doctrine and information presented in this manual in any manner appropriate to their particular situation and mission.

AUDIENCE

This manual is intended to assist commanders and staffs assigned or attached to an ASG. It delineates ASG headquarters staff responsibilities and their relationships with staff officers and subordinate battalions. Interrelationships and interdependencies between the ASG and other organizational elements in the theater are identified. Personnel assigned to other organizations can use this manual to increase their understanding of ASG missions.

RELATED DOCTRINE

This manual is based on doctrine in FMs 100-5, 100-10, and 100-16. FM 100-5 is the Army's keystone doctrinal manual on Army operations. FM 100-10 is the Army's keystone logistics support manual. FM 100-16 describes army operational logistics.

To plan for support arrangements when ASG elements are attached to a corps support group's multifunctional corps support battalion or to a rear corps support group's functional battalion, refer to FMs 54-30 and 63-3.

ARTEPs 63-622-MTP and 63-622-30-MTP provide a mission-oriented training program for ASG headquarters staff. They provide guidance on how-to train staff to perform ASG critical wartime missions.

PROONENT AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES

The proponent for this publication is HQ TRADOC. Submit changes for improving this publication on DA Form 2028 and forward it to Commander, US Army Combined Arms Support Command, ATTN: ATCL-AL, Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-6000.

Unless this publication states otherwise, masculine nouns and pronouns do not refer exclusively to men.