



Military and Naval Affairs

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor
Commander-in-Chief

ANTHONY P. GERMAN
Major General
The Adjutant General

MNAG-TAG

1 JUN 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Financial Guidelines for the Presentation of Gifts and Social Functions

1. Applicability: This policy is applicable to all members assigned to the State's Organized Militia, including the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Naval Militia, New York Guard, and all State and Federal employees of the Division of Military and Naval Affairs (Division) and Joint Headquarters- NY.

2. The two main social activities which typically occur in relation to DMNA are:

a. Officially authorized activities which may involve monetary collections from attendees. This would include agency holiday or similar type gatherings, picnics or award ceremonies, dining-ins and dining-outs and;

b. Non-official gatherings such as retirement lunches and dinners.

3. The following guidelines are meant to prevent the perception of or actual impropriety in relation to the presentation of gifts, and applies to honorees and their spouses:

a. Contributions for gifts must be voluntary.

b. Individual contributions may not exceed \$10.00 per member.

c. The total value of the gift from any organizational entity may not exceed \$300 for each honoree. If the total contributions exceed the \$300 limit, the excess funds should be applied to enhance the function (e.g., additional snacks and or/flowers, etc.) so that all attendees benefit. Excess funds should be returned in equal parts to all contributors, and not given to the person honored at the event.

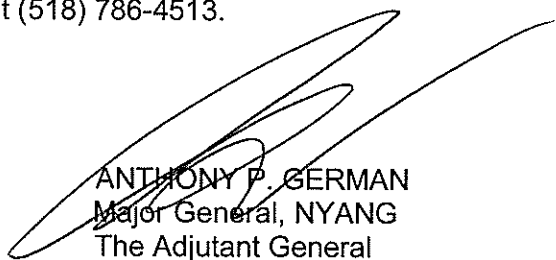
d. Gifts may not be in the form of cash.

e. Announcements of a social function should indicate the cost to attend the function (meal, entertainment, etc.) and the contribution amount of the gift (not to exceed \$10) separately.

MNAG-TAG

SUBJECT: Financial Guidelines for the Presentation of Gifts and Social Functions

4. No governmental fund can be used for the deposit of revenue derived from the aforementioned activities. Unofficial bank accounts established for a social function cannot bear the name "New York State" or "Division of Military and Naval Affairs".
5. Excluded from the above-mentioned guidelines are activities conducted in regard to everyday bottled water clubs or coffee clubs.
6. If there are any questions in relation to these guidelines, please contact Mr. Robert A. Martin, Director of Budget and Finance (MNBF) at (518) 786-4513.



ANTHONY P. GERMAN
Major General, NYANG
The Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

AA
BB
BR
C
D
E
F1-F8
S