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**On the Occasion of the
34th United States Army Warrant Officers Association Annual Meeting**

Congratulations to the United States Army Warrant Officers Association on the occasion of your 34th annual meeting. In these challenging times, your support of our Warrant Officer Corps is more important than ever.

Eighty-eight years after its inception in 1918 in an increasingly technology-centric Army, the role of the Warrant Officer Corps continues to grow and evolve. As our Army prosecutes a protracted war against terror while simultaneously transforming for the future, the Warrant Officer Corps is providing significant contributions to the war while also posturing for future service to the Nation.

Through the continued support of the United States Warrant Officer Association, our Warrant Officer Corps is an essential part of our current force structure and is well postured to meet future challenges. Thank you for all you do in support of the Warrant Officer Corps, our Army, and our Nation. Best wishes for a productive 34th annual session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Peter J. Schoomaker".

Peter J. Schoomaker
General, United States Army