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United States Army Warrant Officers Association Annual Meeting

Congratulations on the occasion of the United States Army Warrant Officers Association's 33rd Annual Meeting. Today, our Army is at War, making your efforts on behalf of our Warrant Officer Corps more relevant than ever.

Our Warrant Officer Corps makes an immense contribution to our Army. As experienced Soldiers, leaders, and highly skilled technicians, Warrant Officers serve our Nation by providing valuable skills, guidance, and expertise to commanders and organizations in their particular field. The Army is harnessing more complex technology every day, and the Warrant Officer Corps will continue to grow in importance.

I know that I can count on the Warrant Officers of the Army to continue to ensure that we are ready to meet the challenges ahead, as the United States Army Warrant Officers Association remains on point for the professionals it represents so well. Thank you for all you do in support of our Warrant Officers, our Army, and our Nation, and best wishes for a most productive and successful 33rd Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Peter J. Schoomaker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peter J. Schoomaker
General, United States Army