



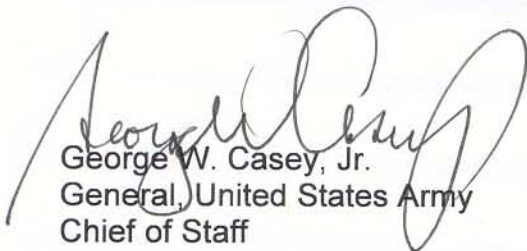
### To the United States Army Warrant Officers Association

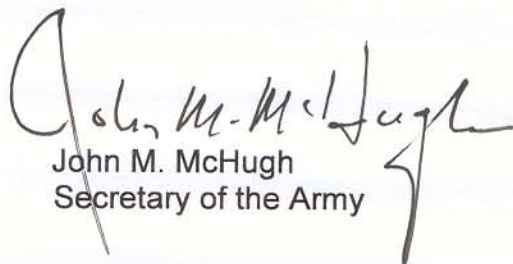
Congratulations and best wishes to the members of the United States Army Warrant Officers Association on the occasion of the 2009 Annual Meeting of Members in Salt Lake City, Utah.

For nearly eight years, our country has been at war against a global extremist network. The Soldiers and Families of our Army know what's at stake in this struggle, and they are making a difference every day. That our Soldiers and Families so willingly sacrifice to preserve our way of life says much about the Army's strength – a strength that comes from our values, our ethos, and our people.

In the years ahead, our Army will continue to rely on the skill and commitment of its Warrant Officers. The 21st Century security environment puts a premium on leaders of character. Army leaders must be competent in their core proficiencies and broad enough to operate across the spectrum of conflict. They must be adaptive and innovative, culturally astute and courageous, and – above all – grounded in our professional military ethic. In short, our Army will depend on leaders with the high level of technical expertise and professionalism that we have to come to expect from our Warrant Officers for the better part of a century.

Thank you for your distinguished service and for your continued support of today's Soldiers and Families.

  
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