



**Acting Director, Army National Guard**

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**Congratulations on the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> annual United States Army Warrant Officers Association meeting. Today, our Army remains at war and the 21<sup>st</sup> century security environment in we operate make USAWOA's efforts on behalf of our Warrant Officer Corps more important than ever.**

**Our Army National Guard Warrant Officer Corps continues to make indispensable contributions to the Total Force. As experienced Soldiers, leaders, and highly skilled technicians, our Warrant Officers serve this Nation by providing valuable skills, guidance, and expertise to commanders and organizations in their particular field, while contributing significantly as members of our civilian community. The Army is harnessing more complex technology every day, and the Warrant Officer Corps prove even more essential in this field.**

**The USAWOA remains on point for the professionals it represents so well and therefore I know I can count on Warrant Officers to continually ensure we are ready to meet the challenges ahead. Thank you for all you do in support of our Warrant Officers, our Total Force, and our Nation, and best wishes for a most productive and successful annual meeting.**

**Sincerely,**

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