

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association The Ouiet Professionals

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## **Dear Chapter Presidents:**

As 2023 comes to an end, I wanted to thank all USAWOA members for their unwavering support and commitment to the association. Without each of you, our organization would undoubtedly fail.

2023 was likely the most significant year of change for our headquarters staff in recent history. We started January without a full-time Executive Director as CW4(Ret) Jack DuTeil officially retired. Our headquarters staff, membership manager Ms. Laurie Swift and bookkeeper, Ms. Mary Etzwiler maintained the office for six months before the arrival of our new Executive Director, Ms. Cara Rinkoff. Cara made an immediate impact and now, after less than six months in the job, she has the association rolling along and moving forward. Finally, in November we welcomed the arrival of Mr. Taylor Davis as our new membership manager. Collectively, our headquarters staff continue to provide outstanding support and assistance to our members across the world and I thank them graciously.

The year culminated with another highly successful Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM), this year in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Fort Dix Doughboy Chapter took on the challenge of serving as host chapter and did an amazing job. They clearly set a new standard in planning this annual event and we look forward to seeing the great things the Masters Chapter will bring to the 52<sup>nd</sup> AMM in Augusta, Georgia.

I ask that each of us continue to work to maintain and increase our membership numbers. Our Region Directors and National Vice President continue to work together on membership issues, but they can't do it alone. I view our association as a team sport and I will continue to ask each of you, as our chapter presidents, to help the association by spreading the word about what USAWOA is about, **Warrant Officers Taking Care of Warrant Officers.** 

In closing, my wife Amy and I wish every USAWOA member and their families, a heartfelt Holiday and Christmas blessing. We hope 2024 brings prosperity and excitement to the entirety of the USAWOA.

Sincerely,

CW5 Michael Dye National President, USAWOA The Quiet Professionals ®