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Esteemed Members:

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season with a little down time to relax with friends and family. As we move forward into 2026, I am excited about the future of our great association and I am similarly looking forward to all that collectively, our members, chapters, regions, and national level teams will accomplish.

For this President's message, I am highlighting some of the things the United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA) is doing in 2026. I hope that mentioning them earlier in the year will result in greater awareness and participation from the members. While not comprehensive, it does provide an idea of USAWOA routine events, like monthly Executive Committee (EXCOM) meetings and *Newsliner* article submission deadlines, as well as 2026 specific events members should be aware of.

EXCOM meetings are held monthly, usually the **3rd Saturday of each month**, to conduct routine USAWOA business. We meet in person at the USAWOA headquarters in Herndon, VA but also use MS Teams for others to dial in and participate. Separate from the EXCOM, the USAWOA Board of Directors (BOD) meets twice a year. The first meeting occurs during the Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM) held every October and then again in April. These two meetings primarily focus on Region Director updates regarding their chapter activities, and to provide guidance to the EXCOM. We plan to start publishing all EXCOM minutes inside the member portal of our membership system so members can read about ongoing efforts and issues the EXCOM addresses.

We strive to publish the monthly *Newsliner* (electronic version) by the 5th of every month. This allows for inclusion of the previous month's Thrift Savings Plan Market summary, always found on the bottom of page 4. The suspense for submitting member or chapter photos and articles is the **25th of each month** to allow time for editing and layout. We are always looking for content. Photos should be high quality to allow for printing and article length around 800 words. If you have something you would like us to include, simply email president@usawoa.org.

USAWOA national elections are held every two years, meaning 2026 is an election year. The President, Vice President and Secretary, as well as all six Region Director positions will be elected by the members and sworn in at the 54th AMM. Current USAWOA leaders who are completing two, back-to-back terms in the same role are ineligible to run again for the same position. This means new leadership will continue to drive USAWOA forward. Later this spring, we will be asking members who are interested in volunteering to help lead USAWOA for the next two years, to complete a

nomination packet for the elections. Resumes and voting ballots will be printed in the *Newsliner* and made available on our website, www.usawoa.org.

Speaking of the AMM, this year's 54th AMM will be held in historic, Gettysburg, PA from 4 to 7 October 2026. This AMM is earlier in the month due to the availability of the conference center and hotel accommodations. The events will also start with the President's reception Sunday evening, instead of Monday. A highlight of the AMM agenda includes a tour of Gettysburg National Military Park for all attendees. The 15 chapters of the Northeast Region continue to actively plan and raise money to host another outstanding event. Look for multiple AMM articles and information in forthcoming *Newsliners* and via our social media pages.

As discussed at last year's AMM in Tacoma, WA, we are developing a new strategy for USAWOA, the first in many years. Vice President, CW5(Ret) Kevin Boughton is leading this effort with the help and input from our members. Our initial Lines of Effort are **1) Increasing Membership and Retention, 2) Achieve Financial Solvency, 3) Improve Outreach and Networking, and 4) Increase Professional Development/Mentorship Opportunities**. We value and need member input during this process. If you would like to be part of the discussion, email vicepresident@usawoa.org.

January is a great time for members to update their information in our membership management system. We often get returned and undeliverable mail from the postal service due to bad mailing addresses. All USAWOA members are encouraged to log into the system to update their personal information, download copies of the *Newsliner*, or search for other members. Simply go to <https://usawoa.site-ym.com/login.aspx> and login with your registered email address to update your information. If you don't recall your login information, you can email hq@usawoa.org and the information will be sent to you.

We continue to ask that all members still using an **@army.mil** email address for their USAWOA login, please change to a civilian email. We lose contact with many members once they retire or leave the Army and many our @usawoa.org emails are often filtered to a spam folder or are undeliverable. To ensure you are receiving current information from USAWOA leaders and staff, simply edit your email in your membership profile, or contact the USAWOA headquarters staff and they can change for you.

Finally, a reminder that all USAWOA membership rates will increase effective 1 February 2026, the first increase in almost 20 years. If you know an Active, Guard, Reserve, or Retired warrant officer who has yet to join USAWOA, encourage them to do so in January before the rates increase.

In closing, thank you for being one of the more than 5200 members of this great association. I look forward to continuing to move us forward in 2026 and I am always available at president@usawoa.org.

Sincerely,



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