

## United States Army Warrant Officers Association

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Dear Chapter Presidents:

November is here and most of us in the United States just set our clocks back one hour in observance of Daylight Saving. I don't know about anyone else but it's going to take me a few days to get used to it being dark at 5:30 PM.

We are also three weeks removed from our 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM) held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Kudos to the members of the Doughboy Fort Dix Chapter for another outstanding event, yet again raising the bar and setting a new standard for how these important association business meetings are conducted. A full recap of the AMM can be found in the November edition of the *Newsliner*, and I encourage all members to download it from the member portal and share it within their respective Warrant Officer-related networks. We are also working to make the content available from our main USAWOA webpage and from within the member portal.

The Masters Chapter is hosting next year's AMM in Augusta, Georgia, from 28-31 October 2024. Augusta is famous for the annual Masters golf tournament held every April but is also the home of Fort Eisenhower, formerly Fort Gordon, the US Army Cyber Center of Excellence, the US Army Signal Center of Excellence, and the US Army Cyber Command. This AMM presents a great opportunity to include warrant officers attending all levels of Professional Military Education across the three separate warrant officer training schools. Additionally, there are rumors of a unique theme for the Warrant Officer Ball on the 31<sup>st</sup> as well.

Speaking of future AMMs, unfortunately, we did not have a chapter come forward with a proposal to host the 53<sup>rd</sup> AMM in 2025. With no other options available, the Board of Directors gave each Region Director time to socialize with each of their chapters to see who would be interested in serving as the host chapter. If we do not have a volunteer chapter identified by the beginning of 2024, the BOD will have no choice but to vote for a specific region to host. It will then be the responsibility of the Region Director to identify a chapter. I wholeheartedly do not like the idea of selecting a chapter to host the AMM and remain optimistic that a chapter, with the concurrence of their chapter members, will step up to host.

As I mentioned in Atlantic City, while there is always a host chapter responsible for the planning and execution, AMMs truly should be seen as a regional effort, supported in whatever way possible by all the other chapters in the region. As many chapter presidents can attest to, planning and executing this yearly event takes a lot of coordination and work. Having the assistance of other chapters, be it in the form of fundraising events or being part of the planning committee, is immensely helpful. If a chapter from your region volunteers or is selected to host the AMM, I sincerely ask that your chapters provide support.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that Mr. Taylor Davis joined us at the beginning of the month as our new Membership Manager. In his initial days in the office, Taylor quickly immersed himself in the new job and is already making a difference. His arrival is timely as we migrate from our legacy Association Management System to a new platform. Taylor will be an integral part of its development and utilization.

Sincerely,

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