



United States Army
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Happy Birthday to the U.S. Army Reserve!

This month we celebrate the 118th birthday of the U.S. Army Reserve. It marks more than a passage of time—it is a celebration of over a century of commitment, readiness, and evolution in support of the nation’s defense. Established on April 23, 1908, the Army Reserve has transformed from a strategic manpower pool into an operational force that is indispensable to the Total Army. At the heart of that transformation lies a cohort of highly skilled, technically proficient leaders whose impact is often understated but always essential: The Army Warrant Officer.

U.S. Army Reserve Warrant Officers bring an extraordinary advantage to the force: the integration of their civilian-acquired skills into military operations. Many Warrant Officers serve in high-demand, technically complex fields in their civilian careers—such as information technology, aviation maintenance, engineering, healthcare systems, and cybersecurity. This cross-pollination of experience enhances the Army’s capabilities, particularly in emerging domains where innovation and specialized knowledge are critical.

Throughout its 118-year history, the Army Reserve has answered the nation’s call in every major conflict and contingency operation. From the mass mobilizations of World War I and World War II to the protracted engagements in the Middle East and the increasing demands of global competition, Reserve forces have been integral to sustaining military operations. Army Reserve Warrant Officers have been central to that effort, providing the technical backbone that enables units to deploy, operate, and sustain themselves in austere environments.

In today’s operational environment, the role of the Warrant Officer continues to expand. The Army is increasingly focused on multi-domain operations, where success depends on the integration of capabilities across land, air, cyber, and space. These domains demand a level of technical proficiency and adaptability that aligns directly with the strengths of the Warrant Officer cohort. The Army Reserve Warrant Officer’s ability to seamlessly integrate with active-duty and Army National Guard counterparts ensures that the Total Army functions as a cohesive and effective force. As the Army looks toward the future, the U.S. Army Reserve will remain a critical component of national defense, and the role of the Army Reserve Warrant Officer will only grow in importance.

Finally, a reminder that sales of tickets for the USAWOA 2026 Annual Fundraiser are ongoing and our first early-bird drawing occurs on 18 April. If you have already

purchased tickets, thank you as the proceeds from ticket sales help defray association expenses. Tickets can be purchased directly from our online store at <https://usawoa.site-ym.com/store/viewproduct.aspx?id=23356881>, by returning the one-page of tickets mailed to the members, or by simply calling the headquarters. As this is the first time we've changed the format of the printed tickets, we welcome thoughts and comments to make improvements for next year. Please email me directly at president@usawoa.org and let me know what you think.

Thank you to all members for what you do to support your local chapter and the larger association. Chapters, please keep sending photos and descriptions of your activities so we can publish them in the monthly *Newsliner*. **USAWOA: Warrant Officers Moving Forward - Together**

Sincerely,



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