



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY ACQUISITION CORPS

On behalf of the United States Army, I am truly honored to extend my congratulations and sincere appreciation as you celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the U.S. Army Acquisition Corps (AAC).

Created on October 13, 1989, the AAC provides Army officers and civilian specialists with the right skills and capabilities by integrating education, training, assignments and promotions. The result is an elite corps of highly skilled, technically proficient professionals who deliver world-class products to our Soldiers.

The 12,000 members of the AAC exemplify professionalism and excellence. You lead the efforts that develop, field and sustain the critical systems and services that give our Soldiers a competitive advantage and enable our Soldiers to fight and win our Nation's conflicts. The Soldiers and Civilians of the AAC maintain the highest of standards in acquisition expertise and in level of commitment to Army Values. As such, you consistently demonstrate strong allegiance to the defense of our Nation and maintain the trust of the American people.

As we move forward to a more agile and expeditionary force, we do so knowing that the AAC will lead the way in providing innovative materiel solutions. The Army depends on you to work under fiscal constraints using Better Buying Power to manage all the hundreds of Army programs; to contribute to international security cooperation; and to build the hardware and software capabilities that will equip Force 2025 and Beyond. In a future where we can expect more contingency operations, diverse threats and new adversaries, we depend on you to provide the force multipliers and enablers needed to prevent, to shape and to win.

All members of the AAC should be extremely proud of the accomplishments and contributions achieved over the past quarter-century. Please accept my gratitude for all you do for our Army, and my personal best wishes for much continued success.

Congratulations!

Army Strong!

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