I am pleased to join in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC).

America endures because it has always been home to those who put on the uniforms of our Armed Forces and put their lives on the line to protect the land we love. Bearing a burden heavier than any the rest of us may ever know, our service members deserve the utmost support our Nation has to offer, and our military and civilian acquisition leaders help meet this sacred promise to our soldiers.

Founded on October 13, 1989, the AAC brings together specially trained acquisition personnel to develop, field, and sustain the critical systems and services that enable our soldiers to fulfill their missions. The women and men of the AAC demonstrate professionalism and excellence, and their work protects and supports service members across the globe. Committed to advancing a broad range of operations—from advanced medical research and rocket science to contracting and logistics—Army acquisition professionals research, design, develop, and deliver the capabilities our soldiers rely on each day.

As Commander in Chief, I thank our dedicated acquisition leaders for their remarkable service. May God bless and protect you and your families, and may God bless the United States of America.