



The most wonderful time of the year is upon us—the holiday season has arrived! As we look forward to enjoying the holidays and celebrating the beginning of a new year, we want to thank you for everything you have done to make 2018 a smashing success for our Corps.

In the past year, we have focused our strategic efforts on redesigning our practice areas, enhancing our training model, seeking longer time on station and preserving our commanders' legal maneuver space. We have revamped and returned *The Army Lawyer* to print, trained for the most wide-ranging changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice in decades, published scholarly articles in academic journals, spoken in front of international audiences, deployed in support of the greatest client in the world, and welcomed hundreds of Judge Advocates, paralegals, warrant officers, and civilian teammates to the JAG Corps Family. We have tried courts-martial, reviewed investigations, represented clients, counseled on a gamut of legal issues, and provided premier legal advice—at home and abroad. We have gathered together in triumph and in loss. Everything we have done in 2018, we have done as a team.

At the same time, our Army enters—in our Secretary's words, a Renaissance. We began to reengineer our warfighting doctrine, started major weapons modernization, inaugurated a new major command to leap ahead into the digital age of warfighting, and introduced a new ACFT and inspiring uniform.

As you look back on 2018, be proud of everything you have accomplished and be thankful for those who have helped you along the way. As always, please remember our brothers and sisters in arms who will spend this holiday season away from loved ones.

To those of you who are deployed, we thank you and wish you a safe and speedy return. May you have many more holidays at home with Family and friends in the future.

The upcoming year is filled with what some call challenges—but in the best law firm in the world, we know them as opportunities. Meet those opportunities with relentless focus. For now, enjoy your holiday! Season's blessings from all of us to each of you.

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