



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

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***California Army National Guard
Warrant Officer Professional Development Course***

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to the warrant officers and prospective warrant officers who have gathered to participate in the *Eighth Annual Warrant Officer Professional Development Course*.

The continued training and development of our military leaders is an important responsibility, and it contributes to the strength of our Golden State. This year's event comes at time when our soldiers in the National Guard face many challenges and opportunities, both in our state and abroad.

The Warrant Officer Corps has a long and proud tradition. For more than 86 years, the Corps has shared its technical expertise and tactical competence to help ensure our nation's Army is the best equipped and most highly trained military force in the world.

Many of you have or will be deployed in support of the global war on terror, and I salute you for your noble dedication to defending our freedom – our most prized possession. The sacrifices you make are appreciated by all of us, not just in California, but all over the United States.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event and every future success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

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