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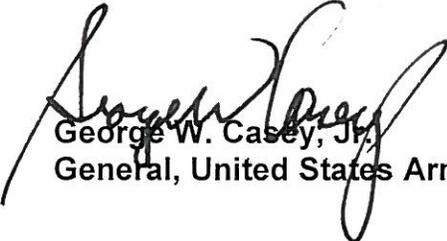
**Anniversary Message to the School of Advanced Military Studies
(SAMS)**

Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary! SAMS has provided a quarter-century of quality education to prepare leaders for demanding positions, complex missions, and uncertain operating environments. The School's 1700 plus graduates since inception represent a demographic of all the branches and many functional areas in the United States Army, extends to all of the services in the military, includes international officers from across the globe, and now our Inter-Agency partners.

Completion of a year of rigorous study that results in the award of a Master of Military Arts and Science has always been a major milestone in an individual's career. Most importantly though, that education and the relationships established while in seminar have set conditions for graduates to be key contributors and value-added members of any organization.

I challenge all associated with SAMS to continue being the imaginative and adaptive leaders and educators that senior leaders count on to think critically, communicate clearly, and decisively lead their organizations for the complex situations and problems we will undoubtedly encounter over the next 25 years.

Take pride in this milestone, your part in reaching this stage, and keep pressing forward for success in the future.


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