



# Proclamation

## Recognizing the 100th Birthday of the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army

**WHEREAS**, in 1916 the Civilian Aide Program originated during the World War I era as part of the Military Training Camps Association, and MTCAs supported national defense through the military training of citizens who could be called to active duty in the event of war; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 1922, Secretary of War John W. Weeks officially recognized the MTCA as a "cooperating agency," both to recognize its positive effect in preparing officers for war and to continue fostering voluntary military training, and Secretary Weeks also approved a proposal by the MTCA that select members be appointed as civilian aides to the Secretary of War; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1940, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson kept the system of civilian aides intact and, during World War II, the Army called upon aides for important and, in some cases, highly confidential duties; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1950, Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr. redesigned the program to promote better relations between the Army and civilian communities; and

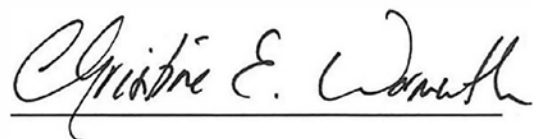
**WHEREAS**, in 1953, civilian aides became part of the Office of the Secretary of the Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army are business and community leaders appointed by the Secretary to advise and support Army leaders in each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary of the Army, do hereby proclaim 28 November 2022 as the

### CIVILIAN AIDES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

At the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and urge all Soldiers and civilians to join me in this worthy observance.

  
Christine E. Wormuth