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To all NAUS Members and Supporters,

In my last letter to Members published online and in the fall GUARDIAN I wrote that we had not reached closure with our initially identified merger partner, the Reserve Officers Association (ROA). Consequently, the Executive Committee of the Board (ExCom) directed me to reengage with other potential integration/merger partners that were on our short list of those **whose mission and member focus mirrored our own.**

Today, I am pleased to announce that we have reached Binding Member Integration Agreements with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and TREA: The Enlisted Association (TREA). The leaderships of MOAA, TREA and NAUS have approved these Agreements. Under law it now remains for our members to grant their approval at a Special Meeting to be called for 27 December 2016 at 2PM EDT.

Both of these integration partners already embrace all of our members, MOAA (www.moaa.org) with the Officers and TREA (www.trea.org) with the enlisted. Both are committed in mission and execution to protecting member/veteran and family benefits for the Total Force. Both have strong leadership, strong membership and steady financial positions in the MSO/VSO community.

With that background, our ExCom thought it best that the MOAA and TREA leadership share their focus and mission by writing a letter to all NAUS members outlining why they believe our potential integration is good for MOAA/TREA and NAUS. Those letters, together with this one will appear in a Special Watchdog coming out the week of 12 December. The letters clearly highlight the merits and value to them and to NAUS of integrating our Officer members into MOAA and our enlisted members into TREA.

The Board's goal is that you are fully informed for voting at the Special Meeting called specifically for the purpose of approving our Member Integration with MOAA and TREA.

Most importantly, the ExCom on behalf of the full Board strongly supports these Agreements and recommends you our members embrace the integration as our best possible road to a brighter future.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas L. Wilkerson" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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