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On behalf of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, I would like to offer congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Army Dental Corps. Please convey the thanks of the entire Oral Pathology community to the dedicated personnel who comprise the Army Dental Care System for their service on behalf of our country, and particularly for their special care and devotion to the health and welfare of the soldiers who protect our freedom every day. Having spent 24 years as an Army Dental Corps Officer myself, I am well aware of the hardships and the sacrifices often required of Dental Corps personnel in carrying out the mission.

We also need to extend our thanks for the Army Dental Corps's steadfast recognition of the value of the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist as a vital member of the Oral Health Care Team. Over many years, the Army Dental Corps has demonstrated this commitment to our specialty by continually recruiting and training new pathologists to maintain authorization levels. Army training, regardless of specialty, produces leaders, and we are proud to count three members of our specialty as former Chiefs of the Army Dental Corps. It doesn't stop there though. Army Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists that have retired from active duty can be found throughout the academic world, with most playing high profile roles as leaders within academic dentistry. This legacy, provided by the Army, will help insure continued excellence in the provision of dental care into the future.

Again, congratulations as you begin a second century of excellence.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Harvey P. Kessler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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