



Fellow Loggies:

What a quarter we have had here at LOA! Your Executive Board has been busy with three categories of work the last three and a half months... 1) administration of the organization, 2) execution of our strategic objectives, which I talked to you about briefly in the last e-Newsletter, and 3) preparation and planning for the 2009 LOA Conference.

First, organizationally, we revised and updated the By-Laws and put them out for a vote; they passed with flying colors. The new By-Laws are on the website, loanational.org. Speaking of updating and revising, we also updated 3 of 7 LOA Guidance memos (we call them LOA Gs) and should have them all updated by the next published e-Newsletter. They too are located on the website. And, if the website looks a little different, well that's because it's undergoing "depot overhaul". We have a great webmaster, Maj JD Duvall, who until 26 Apr has been working his magic from his deployed location in East Asia; so if you have questions about the new website, please contact him at webmaster@loanational.org.

Strategically, we have gone outside the organization for dedicated professional services, i.e., we have employed the services of a professional accounting, bookkeeping & tax service to assist us in properly handling, documenting and accounting for all things "financial" in the organization; of course with our oversight. These actions were taken simply because we have grown too large and our business too complex not to have professional assistance any longer. And as we expand to a joint organization, we will only get bigger and this job will get even more complex! Lt Col Terry Dyess, LOA Chief Financial Officer, transitioned current books and developed an operating budget with the Executive Board as well as restructured and renegotiated a major contract this quarter...Whewwww!

But wait, there's more!...Col Bob Hamm worked long and hard on nailing down the 1-Year Free LOA Memberships for all Tech School (LRO & AMMOC) Graduates and Life-Time Free LOA Memberships for ALL AMMOS & ALROC Distinguished Graduates!

Lt Gen Loren Reno is our Senior Advisor and 6 Apr 09, we provided him an update of our new **Vision**: *Professionals Shaping the Logistics Environment*; our **Mission**: *Develop Logistics Professionals and Foster Logistics Innovation to Enhance the Joint Fight*; our **Goals**: *Develop Premier Logistics Professionals, Enhance Logistics in the Joint Fight, Provide a forum for and incentivize the exchange of ideas among logisticians, continually improve business operations*. **Objectives**: We discussed with Gen Reno nine major objectives, some of which have already been accomplished and are described above. We intend

to increase military membership to 85% of eligible's within 5 years and double civilian membership within 5 years. We also provided a rundown of the 2009 LOA Conference to be held 12-15 Oct in Las Vegas, NV at the Rio Suites & Hotel. Folks, we have the perfect opportunity in Las Vegas this year to exhibit the **AF Core Values, *Service before Self, Integrity, Excellence in All We Do***, by wearing our uniform proudly and by ensuring that we do nothing to dishonor it! Before you stop in at the gaming area or bar just make sure you have gone to your room and gotten out of your uniform. Then have a GREAT time!!!

Regards

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