



Logistics Officer Association

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LOA Vision

“A Professional organization devoted to promoting quality logistics, professional development of logistics officers, and an open forum for leadership, management, and technical interchange.”

Senior Leader Quote. *"We are only two months out from the 2005 LOA conference in Atlanta. I just reviewed the list of guest speakers and it is impressive. This year's theme, Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century, is right on target. I'm looking forward to hearing the discussions from not only AFMC, but also from the other commands on their eLog21 efforts. The LOA chapter at Warner-Robins has planned a professional event and I know they will do AFMC proud. If you haven't signed up for the conference yet, you should. Early bird registration ends soon! See you in Atlanta."*

-- Terry L. Gabreski, Lt Gen, AFMC/CV

A Message from the LOA President: For those who have already signed up for the conference, congratulations. You are in store for a tremendous exchange of ideas and a good time. To get registered, it is just a few clicks. It's that easy! As a preview for the conference, you can check out the Fall ER (due out in September) to learn more about how your fellow logisticians are supporting eLog 21 efforts and providing better support to our customers. Finally, I would remind you that LOA is about mentorship and I encourage you to volunteer to be a mentor...again, the website makes it easy to get started. Remember, it's all about training our replacements and developing future logistics leaders. And as always, if there is anything you would like your LOA National Executive Board to address to improve our Association, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone of your board members.

--Col Phil Waring

LOA National Conference Update: Due to website membership issues, **Earlybird Registration for the LOA National Conference has been extended to 22 Aug 05!** [Register Now](#). TDY Order Instructions: As we've done in previous years, we drafted TDY order preparation instructions for your convenience. Please [click here](#) for TDY order entries specific to the 2005 conference in Atlanta. Hotel Rooms: The rooms are filling up fast at the Omni. [Reserve your room now](#). Alternate Hotels: Conference 05 is sure to be our best yet --we're already sold out of rooms in the Omni for Sunday night, so you better act quickly if you don't want to miss out! Don't worry, there are plenty of nice rooms available within a short walk--or to get on the Omni waiting list, [click here](#).

LOA Members in the News! Congratulations to 2d Lt Aletha Holland, who earned the recognition of TOP GRADUATE from her classmates and instructors from LRO Class 050509, Lackland AFB. Lt Holland is assigned to the 69th Aerial Port Squadron, Andrews AFB, MD. The official presentation was made Friday by Maj Earl Bennett, Alamo Chapter West Vice President. Lt Holland was presented with a commemorative plaque and a 1-year membership to the Logistics Officer Association on behalf of the Alamo Chapter.

Franchises. LOA National Executive Council is currently reviewing franchise applications for hats and koozies. As soon as the application process/vote is complete, we will send an email to the respective chapter leaders and update the LOA National Website. We continue to take franchise applications throughout the year, although all newly submitted items will need to recompete in the next open season. Finally, LOA National is currently in the process of updating LOA G-7 on Merchandising.

ER. The Fall ER will be in mailboxes shortly before the conference. The theme is eLog21. Thanks to everyone who submitted—we hope you like the issue. Winter ER theme is "Sandbox Logistics". This is your chance to see your stories in a national publication! So get busy and send us your submissions. Deadline for winter issue is 30 Sep 05.

LOA History: Maintenance Officer Association: The Middle Years, continued: 1994 – 1995. In early 1994, MOA's "Exceptional Release" went to a glossy cover and started using pictures to support most of the stories. Later that year a membership vote for a new MOA logo resulted in the "Eagle & Streamer" symbol LOA continues to use to this day. Outside MOA, our Air Force Logistics was transitioning from three-level maintenance to two-level maintenance, instituting the "Mission-ready" Crew Chief program, LEAN Logistics, and the Logistics Officer Professional Development

(LOPD) concept ... as well as supporting Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR and UPHOLD DEMOCRACY. Also of note, in 1995, a then "Colonel" Mike Zettler reluctantly handed over the MOA National Presidency to Colonel Dave Zorich... due to "Z's" promotion to Brigadier General. More about MOA/LOA's history next month.



Chapter Highlights. LOA professionals are very active. Read more about your fellow LOA members in [Tanker Maintainers at OIF](#), [Convoy Commander Duty](#), and [the Desert Chapter Get-Together between Luke and DM](#). Many of your members are doing outstanding work--send a quick note to chaptersupport@loanational.org to highlight their accomplishments.



The Bottom Line. As always, remember our organization is all about the troops. Our focus will continue to be on training our replacements, and sharing ideas.

Keep our deployed troops and families in your thoughts.

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