



# National Logistics Officer Association

## Monthly Newsletter - December 2004

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**Fellow Logisticians:** This is the second monthly update from your new Logistics Officer Association Executive Council. You've probably noticed that we've made some changes to the monthly update. While we feel it's important to keep the membership aware of LOA issues, we also understand everyone is busy. Therefore, the monthly update will be more succinct and more aesthetically pleasing. Please give me your thoughts on the new monthly update, or any other LOA issues. [president@loanational.org](mailto:president@loanational.org)



**2005 LOA Conference, Atlanta, Georgia:** The LOA Middle Georgia Chapter, Robins AFB is aggressively working towards hosting our 2005 Conference on Oct 10-13, 2005, at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center. The conference will center on transformation, with a theme of *Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century*. Mark your calendars. You'll be seeing much more about this in the coming months.



**2006 LOA Conference, San Antonio, Texas:** The Alamo Chapter has graciously accepted to be our 2006 LOA Conference host. The conference will be at the San Antonio Conference Center which has an excellent array of hotels within close walking distance of the conference, on or near the river walk. They committee has already begun to lay the foundation for an excellent conference

**2007 LOA Conference. (Location TBD):** Shortly after the new year, we'll place a data call to all the chapters looking for our 2007 conference host. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Logistics Officer Association. Expect this to be a great conference.

**Mentoring Program:** Last month I promised you'd see a revamped mentoring program. Both Brig Gen Art Morrill and Lt Col Rich Schwing have already instituted some excellent program enhancements. We'll be working to publish an education guide for both mentors and mentees and create an interactive approach to rapidly matching the two. Realizing we all need mentorship, you'll see a philosophy shift on who can be a mentor (anyone), or a mentee (anyone). You will also see a follow-up mechanism to ensure program success.

**Web Site:** Noticed a change in our web site? We've significantly upgraded our web services. Our goal was to eliminate the problems associated with our antiquated web server. Now we own our server, which will allow us to significantly upgrade the service we provide to you. Increased storage capacity will soon allow us to post all our conference briefings and Exceptional Release back issues. We are looking for your suggestions to improve and enhance our web site.

**Exceptional Release (ER):** Shortly, the Winter edition of the ER will arrive in your snail mailbox. It's all about Transformation, covering from the strategic to the tactical. The Spring ER will focus on Acquisition Logistics and the Summer issue on Safety. Please think about and act on being an active contributor to our ER. We're always searching for articles of interest to the entire population, from the field level perspective to research articles. The ER provides a unique opportunity for us to share our experiences, ideas, and views in a professional publication reaching some 3,200 Logisticians and indirectly many others. Marta Hannon and Kent Mueller are our main ER staff and they have some excellent ideas to improve our ER. One item of note is the addition of the worldwide staff and upcoming regional bureaus, taking the ER to all corners of the world.

**Historian:** Col Jim Hannon and Capt Mike Dailey, our historians, are working to assemble the growing LOA historical archive and artifacts. If you have any material you think should be added to the archive, please contact our historians at [historian@loanational.org](mailto:historian@loanational.org). For those of you unable to attend the 2004 Las Vegas conference, here's a picture of the LOA history wall display.

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**Membership and Chapter Support:** We're continually seeking ways to improve membership support, realizing the heart of our organization is within each chapter. The Executive Board identified a need to create a LOA National position dedicated to being the Chapter support lead. In the near future, you'll see LOA educational material geared toward providing our 66 chapters with material they can use in their meetings.

**Demographics:** LOA currently has 3,200 members, from 429 active/retired General Officers, 687 Lts, 989 civilians, to 56 other service/multinational members. Over 70% (1414) of our eligible maintainers, 30% (725) of our LROs, and 30% (169) of our munitions officers are members. Please encourage the eligible non-members to join our great organization.

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

Have a great holiday Season. Keep our deployed troops and families in your thoughts.

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