



# 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:** *The LOA mentorship program is a great opportunity to share ideas and train our replacements. LOA is one of the few professional organizations that I know of that offers a formalized program like ours. LOA mentors and mentees have a variety of tools at their disposal and the Exceptional Release is the first resource that comes to mind. Another book I recommend for mentors and mentees is Lean Thinking, by James Womack and Daniel Jones. Lean Thinking presents a transformational approach to recapitalizing our aging equipment with shrinking budgets. These tools and techniques are relevant to everyone: from air staff...to the flight line...to the depots. I hope you consider using the ER and books in your correspondence with each other.*

**Major General Arthur B. Morrill III, Director of Resources, DCS Installations and Logistics**

**A Message from the LOA President:** I echo Major General Morrill's comments. Sharing ideas and training our replacements is what we are all about. In line with this, we formed a LOA Mentorship Committee to take our mentorship program to the next level. Lt Col Schwing is leading this effort...more to follow as the committee reports back. Please take advantage of the many tools the mentorship program offers and will offer...transforming the Air Force and LOA into a better/leaner place to live and work. Finally, as we close out the final LOA Newsletter for this year, I look forward to working with you over the next year. Happy Holidays to you and all your family members!

**National LOA Lifetime Memberships:** As announced at the National LOA Conference, LOA is offering Lifetime Memberships for \$300! And, for a limited time, if you have previously elected a multiple year membership and would like to sign up for the Lifetime Membership, LOA is offering a reduced rate. Those with a renewal due date of June 2007 through May 2008 will be charged \$275 (\$25 savings); those individuals that have a renewal dues date of June 2008 or later will be charged \$250 (\$50 savings). Reduced rate offer ends 31 Dec 05!


**LOA Members in the News!** Congratulations to the newest graduates from USAF Advanced Maintenance and Munitions Officer School at Nellis AFB, NV who graduated on 12 Dec 2005. Special recognition goes to Capt Mark Sloan from Hill AFB who earned the honor of DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE; congratulations to Capt Arthur Shields from Tinker AFB who was awarded the best student research paper titled, "An Analysis of Programmed Depot Maintenance KC-135 Corrosion"; and finally, congratulations to Capt Jayne Baker from Davis-Monthan AFB who won the Fitness Award.

**Mentorship:** LOA is proud to announce the formation of a Mentorship Committee. This group of 11 LOA volunteer members, chaired by Lt Col Rich Schwing, LOA VP, will take our Mentorship Program to the next level. The Committee will assess the current program, brainstorm for areas to improve, and develop specific plans for each improvement area. Initial ideas include more guidance for mentors and mentees, a more robust mentorship webpage on our website, and professional development-related updates in the LOA Newsletter. Look for periodic updates on the Committee's progress in the coming months. If you have suggestions of how to improve our mentorship program, please email [vicepres@loanational.org](mailto:vicepres@loanational.org). Your Mentorship Committee members: Col(ret) Mike Hogan, Lt Col Linda Dahl, Lt Col Robert L. Stephenson, Lt Col Kurt Wilson, Lt Col Kurt Kitti, Maj Dana Pelletier, Maj Matt Paskin, Maj Kevin Sampels, Capt Chris Boring, and Capt Heather Hunn.

**Franchises:** Miss out on getting some LOA merchandise at the conference? Looking for a way to distinguish your chapter at next year's conference or at base events? Need a new coffee mug to get you through the morning meeting? Then check out the merchandise the Wasatch Warriors LOA chapter at Hill AFB is offering! All new for this year—\$10 baseball caps. These high-quality true baseball caps are all-cotton and are available in unicolor or two-tone with the LOA emblem on the front (embroidered words on back available). Stainless steel coffee mugs with spill-proof lids are \$8. Black tees (50/50 cotton) with the LOA emblem are \$10. Nylon jackets with the LOA emblem are \$48. Finally, the chapter is offering a new style of golf shirts for \$30 with *free shipping*. Group orders are highly encouraged and also include free shipping. Contact Capt Phil Dorsch at [Philip.Dorsch@hill.af.mil](mailto:Philip.Dorsch@hill.af.mil) or visit the LOA National website at <http://www.loanational.org/merchandise.asp> to order today!

**Conference:** Happy Holidays to All! The 2006 National LOA Conference planning is well under way and San Antonio will be a fantastic conference venue! The conference theme has been selected, "**Sustaining Today's Weapons Systems with Tomorrow's Airmen**" so be sure to mark you calendars for **9-12 October 2006**. Conference details will be up on the website soon. We have negotiated a great conference rate at several hotels so watch for the link to reserve your rooms.


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**ER:** The winter ER is at the printer and will be in your mailboxes in the near future. The theme -- Sandbox Logistics -- turned out to be very popular -- we received lots of great submissions. The theme for the spring issue is Joint Logistics and summer will be the Technology issue -- so if you have an idea for a story or you have one you'd like to submit--send it our way: [editor@loanational.org](mailto:editor@loanational.org) or [pr@loanational.org](mailto:pr@loanational.org).


Many of you may already know Col (ret) Kent Mueller, who has been the ER editor for the last several years, has resigned to complete his Doctorate. Col Deb Shattuck will be replacing him. The Spring ER will be her first issue. Please join me in welcoming Col Shattuck to our ER team.

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**LOA History:** Logistics Officer Association: A New Beginning: 2000 -- 2001. MOA had just become LOA and was entering a new decade. Our organization took on a whole new persona as we opened up to officers across all Air Force logistics specialties. EAF and support for its construct was at center stage in 2000. Logisticians around the Air Force sought innovative ways to increase their readiness at home toward maximizing their agility for deployment. Also in 2000, the 21AX career field drafted its first CFETP, recognizing the need for standardization across the maintenance officer career field. Meanwhile some loggies were attending AFIT's new "Contingency Contracting Training," designed to grow "deployable" contracting officers. Partnering with industry continued to gain momentum, as Air Force loggies further capitalized on adapting technological advances made in industry. Consistent with the combat focus, LOA's 2000 National Conference in Phoenix, AZ was themed around "Sustaining Combat Capability in the 21st Century." Check out next month's look back at history as we edge closer to the present!

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**Chapter Highlights:** LOA provides members and opportunity to connect with both industry and gaining from the experiences of its members through crossflow. For more on both see what the [Air Capital Chapter](#) has done this fall, also check out the [Sandia Chapter](#) who hosted Lt Gen Leo Marquez, Jr. (USAF, ret) for a tour of the 58th Special Operations Wing!

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**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.*

**PHILIP F. WARING, Colonel, USAF**

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