



# National 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.”**

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### Senior Logistics Leader Quote:

*"I've been a member for many years and I encourage all logisticians, especially LROs, to be members of the Logistics Officer Association. LOA is an excellent forum for all logisticians, both young and old, to share ideas, grow professionally and train our replacements. When all the logistics disciplines at the wing level were under one Logistics Group, LOA facilitated discussion between the disciplines. Now that the LROs have been moved under the Mission Support Group, LOA is even more important to ensure loggies remain connected."*

**– Maj Gen Mary Saunders, Vice Director Defense Logistics Agency**

**President's Comments:** A key ingredient of professional development is to belong to an organization that peaks your interest and promotes professional growth. There are many such organizations. However, the Logistics Officer Association has the unique capability to provide local support through our chapters at most main bases and also National level support. I would encourage all active LOA members to push this email to your LOA eligible friends. This will keep them informed on logistics issues. Plus, eligible loggies can join LOA just by clicking the link below.



**2005 LOA Conference. Atlanta. Georgia:** Mark your calendars for LOA's 2005 Conference. We've locked in many excellent speakers. So, come join 1,400 of your best loggie friends at Atlanta's Omni Hotel at the CNN Center, 11-13 Oct 05. This conference, hosted by the Robins AFB's Middle Georgia Chapter, promises to be the best conference yet.

**2005 LOA Scholarship Nominations:** Scholarship guidance, nomination process and award criteria are currently under revision. Watch for the new and improved LOA G-3: Scholarship Program coming out soon. In the meantime, it isn't too early to start considering which of your outstanding troops you will want to nominate for a scholarship. Nominations must be emailed to the Scholarship Committee Chairman NLT 1 Aug 2005. Keep watching here for further details and updates. Of course, Scholarship Program donations are cheerfully accepted anytime, and are most appreciated.

The LOA scholarship program is intended to assist the most deserving Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard, or Reserve enlisted or DoD civilian (grade GS-1 through GS-7) in a logistics specialty, with college expenses towards an associate or bachelors degree. The program is sustained entirely from LOA members and supporters donations. Winners receive their scholarship award at the annual conference banquet. Individuals/industry endowments of \$500 or more will also be recognized at the banquet.

**Mentoring: We are still about 100 mentors short** to meet our current requests. I'd ask each chapter president to make this a special interest item such that each chapter has ten members volunteer as mentors within the next 30 days. Doing so is easy...via the LOA website! In addition, even if you're already signed up to be a mentor, consider taking on another mentee. It's rewarding for both the mentor and mentee. Click here to sign up.

# GOT MENTORSHIP?



**Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Exceptional Release:** We're looking for Atlanta conference volunteers! Send Marta Hannon an email at [pr@loanational.org](mailto:pr@loanational.org) and we'll put you to work – 3 hours to 40 hours. Conferences are large efforts and we need folks who can help out in registration, protocol, and command post/security. Interested in contributing an ER article? Summer 05 will focus on *Safety* and Fall 05 will be *Expeditionary Logistics for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* ... Send us those stories! Deadline for the summer issue is 15 Mar. The ER's "On the Move" section is one way we keep in touch of where our friends are headed. Please go on the web and keep us posted of when you're moving, where you're going, and even job changes.



**Historical Tidbit: Maintenance Officer Association: The Early Years ... 1982-1983:** When the Maintenance Officer Association was first formed, the Air Force was in a state of transition and uncertainty-adjusting to a reduction in force and struggling to maintain aging aircraft fleets. Air Force Loggies were concerned about the future of logistics and about their professional development. Out of this concern was borne the idea for a formal, professional organization to groom...at that time... Maintenance Officers. At Bolling AFB Officer's Club, Lt Col Larry Matthews, along with the other founding members, drafted a memo (dated 16 Dec 1981) that laid out their vision for what has now become the Logistics Officer Association. In a sense, this document is this organization's Magna Carta...and, as such, maintained in the LOA archives.



**Membership:** LOA's goal is to increase 21M and 21R membership 20% this year. We encourage you to share this monthly newsletter with your Munitions/Missile Maintenance and Logistics Readiness Officer colleagues.

Membership Benefit - Did you know that electronic copies of the ER are located online? Just one click away!



**Chapter Support:** Looking for a means for your local chapter to communicate and share ideas...build a website! It's easy. [Click here to sign-up for your very own chapter website.](#) Or, as many of our chapters have done, you can design your own. Check out the [Hill Wasatch Warriors](#). Chapter Leaders - if you already have a chapter website, take a moment to make sure it is up to date.

The lifeblood of LOA is the local chapter. Providing tools and support to chapters and making them more effective is a prime focus area for LOA National, we are here to make your job easier. If you need assistance with establishing a new chapter, enhancing an existing chapter, or have great ideas you want to share with others, we can help. Give Maj Tom Miller a call at DSN 722-4064 or email him at [chaptersupport@loanational.org](mailto:chaptersupport@loanational.org).

The following chart lists the 10 largest chapters:

Ranking	Chapter	Members
#1	Capital Area	190
#2	Tinker	183
#3	Wright-Patterson	115
#4	Robins	110
#5	San Antonio	108
#6	Hill	84
#7	James River	83
#8	Scott	81
#9	Nellis	78
#10	Langley	77



**Civilian Advisor: Mr. Ed Koenig:** The buzz word in the Air Force these days is "FORCE DEVELOPMENT". The previous processes for looking at officer, enlisted, and civilian development/resource management needs in isolation are being merged to respect our total force concept. As an Air Force civilian, this has many implications for your future. Many GS-15 leadership positions are now boarded and managed at an Air Force level similar to the officer corps. General officer and senior executive positions are being assessed for interchangeability and several positions have been "swapped" already. It would be wrong to pass this off as a passing fad; it's a reality. The Logistics Civilian Career Development Program (LCCEP) -- has already undergone change to reflect

the precepts of Force Development doctrine....you will see this reflected in the program's future processes. A broader understanding of the Air Force outside your traditional responsibilities will enhance your transition to this "new world", improve your promotability, and better prepare you for the leadership challenges of the future. While FORCE DEVELOPMENT is taking shape, you have opportunities to facilitate growth that lead turns the maturity of this program. Short of enrolling in Professional Military Education opportunities like Air Command & Staff College , an active LOA membership provides a wealth of contemporary experience in the art of logistics methods. Through the Exceptional Release and in your LOA chapters, you have enviable access to information that can play a part in your broadening -- and thus your career. Get active in your chapters, invest a little time in the ER when it hits your mail box, and consider signing up for the national convention --- you'll not only enjoy it, but you'll be making an investment in your future. **You will hear more about my thoughts on Civilian Force Development in a future issue of the ER.**



**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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