



National Logistics Officer Association

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LOA Vision

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

Senior Logistics Leader Quote:

"As a long-time member and past president, I've watched the Logistics Officer Association grow into a world class organization. LOA is an excellent forum for all logisticians, both young and old, to share ideas, grow professionally and train our replacements. I'm always quick to recommend to our professional logisticians that they give strong consideration LOA membership." -- Lt Gen Don Wetekam, AF/IL



LOA Warrior in Review: It's always good to report on our LOA members doing great things. In addition to serving his country while deployed north of Baghdad, Capt Greg Kuzma, a Logistics Readiness Officer assigned to the 12th LRS, Randolph AFB, found the time to completely refurbish a park/play ground that had been destroyed during the war. His effort was the catalyst to get the local children and parents involved in helping to fix this park. Greg's actions were reported in the 26 November 2004 edition of [USA Weekend Magazine](#). Thanks Greg.

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2005 LOA Conference, Atlanta, Georgia: *“Team Robins promises this will be the premier event that will sharpen your skills and knowledge as a professional logistics officer. We’ve assembled an outstanding team of “loggies” whose goal is to make the 2005 LOA convention memorable and exciting, focusing on the convention theme, “Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century”. We are looking forward to seeing you in October at the world-class Omni hotel, the site of the 2005 LOA National Convention.”*

Col John Medlin, Robins LOA Convention Chairman

2007 LOA Conference: We're working hard to bring the conference for the 25th Anniversary of LOA to the Washington DC area. We've already checked out a number of hotels/conference centers. Stay tuned as we work the tough issues on bringing this conference back to Washington.

Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Exception Release thoughts: Interested in volunteering to help out at the Atlanta conference? Send Marta Hannon an email at pr@loanational.org and she'll put you to work – 3 to 40+ hours. The conference is a large effort and we truly need your support in registration, protocol, and command post/security. Thanks to all that contributed to the Winter ER – Transformation. If you are interested in submitting an article to the ER, the Spring theme is Acquisition Logistics Shapes Readiness and Summer 05 will be Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century, Fall 05 will focus on Safety. The deadline for Spring is 20 Jan 05 and Summer is 15 Mar 05.

Web Site Addition: We've made some more great changes to the LOA National web site...take a look at www.loanational.org. The National Board recently added a biographical information self-service capability. The LOA member directory can store member biographies – active-duty, guard, reserve, civilians, and corporate members alike. Any LOA member may submit their bio online and have it automatically visible to all LOA members. Please login to the LOA website and upload your bio now! Feel free to submit current versions as

changes occur.

Historical Tidbit: The first MOA Newsletter was published in late 1982 with articles focusing on Maintenance Productivity, Mentoring, Combat Oriented Maintenance, Retention, and merging munitions and aircraft maintenance officers - ALL of these issues are still alive today.



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Membership: The chart below provides a breakdown of our current membership position:



Mentoring Program: In the next ER you'll see the first installment of a recurring mentoring column by Brig Gen Art Morrill. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our mentoring effort will be multi-faceted, but key is having a robust mentoring program. Gen Morrill highlights two points in his coming column. First, we need more mentors--and mentors aren't just colonels/GS-15 or higher. Majors can mentor lieutenants, etc. Second, he encourages diversity in mentoring...so we're not just mentoring folks who look like us, come from where we come from, or have the same interests as we do. Of course, mentoring is a two-way street, so mentees must proactively engage with their mentors--they can't be passive. Lots more to follow in the coming months on this subject.

Chapter Support: I'd like to introduce Maj Tom Miller as our new Chapter Support Officer. Tom hails from Seymour Johnson and takes on the responsibility of providing dedicated support to our local chapters. Local chapters are the heart and soul of the Logistics Officer Association. We want to ensure that the chapters have the tools, resources and support to be successful. The Chapter Support Officer will provide a single focal point for developing chapter cross talk, local meeting talking points and proactive scheduling of senior leader visits to bases. Thanks to Tom for taking on this vital position!



Alamo Chapter Sponsors Tour: The Alamo Chapter is hosting a tour of the Basic Combat Convey Course (BC3), on Wednesday, 9 Feb 05, in San Antonio. This course was highlighted by several keynote speakers at the 2004 LOA National Conference. This is an excellent opportunity to see the preparation your transporters are getting before going over to the AOR. All LOA Members are invited to attend, RSVP to Lt Col Bill Fisher, DSN 487-3397 by Friday, 4 Feb 05.

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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