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Future Air Force Senior Logistics Leader Quote

"As a recipient of the 2004 LOA Scholarship, LOA has made a significant impact on my military career. LOA not only helped me to fund my education but invited me to the conference and gave me an experience that was both educational and inspiring. Listening to General Collings speak on leadership and dining with Secretary Roche and General Morrill made for an experience not often afforded to young airmen. This experience was even more meaningful since I am an aspiring basic officers training candidate. I would like to express my gratitude to the members of LOA and especially to those whose donations made this award possible. I look forward to my commissioning and becoming the newest member of LOA."

**- SrA Joshua Martin, 2004 LOA Scholarship Recipient
62 MXS/MXMT, McChord AFB**



General Billy M. Minter, who retired on 1 October 1984 and whose last duty was as the Commander in Chief, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe, died on 6 June 2005. He was 78. Gen Minter was also the former Deputy Chief of Staff/Logistics (HQ USAF). General Minter's death is very sad news. Air Force logisticians owe a huge debt to him for helping Maintenance initially (and all disciplines ultimately) have full standing in the AF, to include badge heraldry representing that standing. When he was CINCUSAFE, Gen Minter was the first four star to support establishing the maintenance and munitions badge. He signed a message to the AF that took the issue out of DP channels and put it into command channels. Once he signed out that message, the MAJCOM/CC response was immediate and clear: Establish the badge. It was...and so we shall always be in his debt.



Continuous Process Improvement: As the Air Force continues its ongoing process improvement journey using LEAN as its foundation, benefits are already apparent in all of our commands. Reduced process flow time and the elimination of non-value added work are generating a positive impact on weapon system availability. This is important as we work toward our eLog21 goals of 20% equipment availability improvement and 10% annual operating support costs by FY11. Our three Air Logistics Centers within Air Force Materiel Command have developed an impressive array of success stories over the past three years that can serve as a catalyst for improvement in your organization. To learn more about the ongoing LEAN events at the Ogden Air Logistics Center, [click here](#). For more information on OO-ALC or 309 MXW LEAN successes, contact Mr. Tim Irwin, DSN 775-4947.



309th CMXG C-130 Actuators Repair personnel establish cellular production flow



AMC's New Wing Maintenance Course: The Senior Leaders Maintenance Course (SLMC) is a MAJCOM-level course designed to show Air Force group commanders and above, from all disciplines, on how aircraft maintainers balance sortie generation requirements with health of the fleet demands. AMC has taken that concept and moved it one step further, cascading that training down to the wing level. Dubbed the Wing Maintenance Course (WMC), it provides the vehicle for maintenance group commanders (since they actually teach the course) to impart this message

to MXG, OG and SPTG leaders within their wings. The implementing message states that the intent is “for all Airmen to understand the vital relationship between the two equally demanding fields of Maintenance and Operations”. Using Fairchild as lead wing, WMC was tailored from a basic framework provided by the AMC Logistics staff to the specifics of the unit’s culture and mission dynamics. The first class was presented in 2004. Since then, all AMC Maintenance Groups developed their own WMC, and judging from the feedback received thus far, the effort met with resounding success. For additional information on this initiative contact Lt Col Jim Weber, AMC/A44Bat DSN 779-3151 or email james.weber@scott.af.mil.



LOA Franchise Open Season: The Franchise Open season began 1 May 05. The following chapter’s will retain franchise rights for another year while everything else is up for grabs: Sonoran Chapter retains franchise rights for the Golf Towels, Ball/Tee set, Golf Key Chain and Divot Tool; Wasatch Warriors retain franchise rights for the LOA Black Tees, Collared Golf Shirts, and Windbreakers; and Langley Chapter retains the LOA Coins. Any and all other franchise ideas will be considered. Additional franchise information and submission requirements are available under LOA G-7, www.loanational.org/LOAG. If you have any questions, please send Capt Deb Perry an email infoofficer@loanational.org.



Membership Rewards: In order to meet the requests of our membership, the rewards cutoff has been extended until 1 July 2005. This is also in part due to the recent website credit card processing upgrade. Remember, the goals of membership rewards are not only to increase membership, but also to maintain an accurate database and ensure our members continue to receive the many benefits of LOA. For guidelines and distribution, click www.loanational.org/membership/.



ER: The Fall 05 theme will be Expeditionary Logistics for the 21st Century. The deadline for submissions is 15 Jul.



2005 LOA Awards Program: We are working hard on Conference 2005 preparations and I would like to remind our membership of one area that is coming up fast---the LOA Annual Awards program. I'd like to remind all Chapter Leadership to review the LOA G-5 on the Awards Program at <http://www.loanational.org/guidance.htm>. Timelines for all Chapter and Individual Awards submission start in July 2005. LOA National will calculate all Chapter sizes (based upon number of paid National members) on 1 Jul 05 and inform all Chapters. At this point Chapters should be building their awards packages and be ready to submit them to the LOA National Vice President vicepres@loanational.org by 30 Jul 05. Individual awards are also due to LOA National on 30 Jul 05. Inclusive dates for all Chapter/Individual Annual Awards are 30 Jun 04 to 1 Jul 05. Nominees for the Lt Gen Zettler Lifetime Achievement Award are due to LOA National by 30 Jul 05 - nominees must have at least 20 years of logistics-related service and have at least 10 years of membership in LOA National. Remember, Chapters can only nominate one individual award winner in each category--so they need to develop internal procedures to determine their nominee. As your Vice President I oversee our Awards Programs so please send any questions/comments my way via email or phone.



2005 LOA Scholarship Program: The submission deadline for this year’s LOA Scholarship application is 1 Aug 2005. Here are a couple of tips for you to keep in mind as you prepare your packages:

1. The nomination package should cover events occurring between Jul 04 - Jul 05
2. The basic application will be limited to a single page in bullet format. The Career Aspirations section (essay) will be in narrative form and may continue to a second page.
3. Winners will be announced on or about 1 Sep 05.
4. Nominations will be accepted from the chapter President or Vice President only, with one nomination per chapter.
5. Please point your browser to [Scholarship Program](#) for additional information and application template.
6. Remember, LOA scholarships are designed to further the education of those deserving junior enlisted/civilian members pursuing a degree with the goal of becoming a professional logistics officer.

For additional information, please contact the Scholarship Chairman, Lt Col Bob Lewit, at DSN 225-2763 or 703 -695-2763 or email: scholarship@loanational.org.



Chapter Highlights: The strength of LOA as a professional organization is directly related to the depth and breadth of its members. Often we think of the wing level USAF logistics officer when we discuss LOA but keep in mind that our organization is open to all professional logisticians. In fact, we have members in all branches of the US Armed Forces and multinational members from countries like Australia, Great Britain, Peru and we recently added [two new memebers from the Iraqi Armed Forces](#). LOA members are broadening their perspective of logistics in every corner of the world, click here for more on [LROs in the combat environment](#).



Maintenance Officer Association: The Middle Years, 1990 – 1991: The Maintenance Officer Association and the

Air Force entered the new decade poised for the unforeseen challenges that lay ahead. The Middle East was about to be plunged into turmoil yet again, as Iraq stood ready to invade neighboring Kuwait. The decisiveness of Air Force air power took center stage in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Of note too was Operation Fiery Vigil, the evacuation of Clark Air Base in the Philippines following the eruption of the Mount Pinatubo Volcano. Lt Col Don Wetekam succeeded Lt Col Brian Grady as MOA President, and Washington D.C. hosted the first of what would become back-to-back MOA National Conventions in that city. Major organizational change was on the horizon for the Air Force, and MOA would be there to help guide maintenance officers through this historic transition. Find out more next issue!



LOA National Reminders: The following is a list of prioritized suspense's:

- 30 Jun 05: Franchise Inputs; Capt Deb Perry, infoofficer@loanational.org
- 30 Jun 05: Chapter Membership Audit; Capt Stephanie Halcrow, membership@loanational.org
- 15 Jul 05: E/R inputs; Marta, pr@loanational.org
- 30 Jul 05: Award Submissions; Lt Col Rich Schwing, vicepres@loanational.org
- 1 Aug 05: Scholarship Inputs; Lt Col Bob Lewit, scholarship@loanational.org



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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