



# 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 long time member of the Installations and Logistics community and have been a member of professional organizations my whole career. I recently became a member of the Logistics Officer Association. I'm thoroughly impressed with LOA's quality, focus and ability to bring together the entire logistics community, both military and civilian, to share ideas--both good and bad. All civilians can benefit by being members of LOA. Membership and involvement in LOA ensures you stay connected to latest logistics success stories and senior leaders' viewpoints. If you aren't a member of LOA yet, take this opportunity to sign up and enjoy the many benefits. LOA is THE forum for civilians to stay abreast of happenings in today's expeditionary Air Force"*

**– Mr. Mike Aimone, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Installations and Logistics**

**President's Comments:** Fellow Loggies: Your LOA Team is working towards fine tuning this already great organization. We need your input on what you think needs improving and what is working well. One of our major goals of LOA is to facilitate the sharing of Air Force success stories. Please feel free to push your successes to us so we can share them with all our members. Please read the paragraph on membership closely. To reward the Chapters, LOA intends to return a portion of the National dues back to each chapter. Your return is dependent on the accuracy of the LOA database. On 1 June, we'll pull the LOA directory and reward each chapter with a portion of the dues.

Send this email to your LOA eligible friends and encourage them to join!



**Vice President's Comments:** 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. Chapter Leadership should review 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 and are posted in the guidance. As your Vice President, I oversee our Awards Programs, so please send any questions/comments my way via email or phone. [vicepres@loanational.org](mailto:vicepres@loanational.org)

**Membership:** LOA is pleased to announce its "Membership Rewards" program. On 1 June of each year, National LOA will return to each chapter 10% (\$2.50) of the membership dues per National LOA member assigned to that chapter. The purpose of this is to reward chapters for promoting National membership as well as to maintain an accurate National membership database. So start recruiting members now and make sure National members at your base are correctly identified as being assigned to your chapter.

**LOA Cross Tell: LEAN Event at Luke AFB:** The 56th EMS is taking Lean from the textbook to the shop floor. Through Lean they expect to reduce the number of phase docks from 6 to 5, slash landing gear time changes from 5 days to 3, and save 1 day on each of their 144 phases per year. The result: a 16% reduction in phase NMC time and 168 days of increased aircraft availability per year. For more details, contact Maj John Kubinec, 56 EMS/CC, [john.kubinec@luke.af.mil](mailto:john.kubinec@luke.af.mil)



**LOA member spins the wheel to "Big Money":** LAS VEGAS -- Second Lt. Eric Mason visits a local dealership to check out the BMW he won on the 'Wheel of Fortune.' He is assigned to the 99th Logistics Readiness Squadron at nearby Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Airman Jeffery Hall)

**2005 LOA Conference, Atlanta , Georgia :** The Robins LOA Convention team met with National LOA board members at the Omni Hotel in Atlanta to finalize preparations for hosting the October 2005 convention. The Omni is a world renowned hotel and every venue for the convention--hotel rooms, meeting rooms, vendor display areas, banquet facility --are all first class. The sign up link will become active in early June. Keep checking LOA website for convention updates. [www.ioanational.org](http://www.ioanational.org)

**Mentoring:** Last month we asked each LOA chapter president to lead their chapter effort to get their individual chapter members to access the LOA website and volunteer as mentors. Our goal was ten additional mentors per chapter. We have 68 chapters with an average of 45 members per chapter. The result? Out of a national membership of approximately 3,000 members, we got five additional mentors...then we lost five mentors. So...after a month of effort, there is no change. The bottom line: Chapter Presidents...we still need your help. Encourage your members to sign up to be mentors.

**Director of Marketing, Public Relations and Exceptional Release:** The Summer 05 theme has changed; it's now *Units Forge Readiness*--So send me your stories -- especially those from in -theatre! We want to hear what you've been up to. The Fall 05 theme will be *Expeditionary Logistics for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. So sharpen up your pencils and get creative! The deadline for the summer issue is April 15 and deadline for the fall is Jul 15.

**Historical Tidbit: Maintenance Officer Association: The Early Years - 1984 – 1985.** The Maintenance Officer Association was beginning its third year in 1984. MOA historical documents show 270 members and an operating balance of a whopping \$823! Lt Colonel's Luke Gill and Ed Moitoza (MOA's Presidents in 1984 & 1985 respectively) led the organization through this period of change and turmoil -- sweeping AF logistics changes, a rise in global terrorism, and the Soviet's withdrawal from Afghanistan. Maintenance Officer Career management was the hot topic of the day, with AFMPC's "Palace Log" transitioning from a mere assignments shop to taking a more active role in shaping the career field. And, the "Loggies' Lament" was featured in the ER, the age-old creed of the logistician. By 1985 MOA was picking up speed and influence holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention in Washington D.C.

**Chapter Support:**

Many thanks to the Chapter Presidents for their responses on how to make chapters (meetings in particular) more effective. There is still a lot of experience out there from members at large and past presidents which we haven't tapped yet. If you have input you think would be helpful for Chapters please send it to me. We will be incorporating those ideas into a Chapter President Meeting Guide to assist Chapters in keeping members engaged and benefiting from professional development.

Interested in starting a new chapter? Click here for instructions: <http://www.ioanational.org/membership/chaptersupport.asp> or contact Maj Tom Miller DSN 722-4065 or email at [chaptersupport@ioanational.org](mailto:chaptersupport@ioanational.org) (I just did it while deployed to Balad AB, Iraq and the process was quick and painless.) \_

The following chart lists the 10 largest chapters:

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>
#1	Capital Area	206
#2	Tinker	187
#3	Wright-Patterson	118
#4	Robins	114
#5	San Antonio	112
#6	Scott	86
#7	James River Chapter	83
#8	Hill	80
#9	Langley	77
#10	Nellis	77



**Civilian Advisor: Mr. Ed Koenig:** Last month we started locally testing some recruitment strategies ideas for potential LOA members in rather low key fashion – sharing some of the benefits of membership via e-mail. The outreach effort yielded 5 new members that we probably wouldn't have reached through other means. You may want to add this low cost methodology to your arsenal and the Wright Brothers Chapter would be glad to share the message we employed. In other news, we are spearheading a new training program in AFMC for civilian supply professionals that will "immerse" them in commercial purchasing & supply chain (PSCM) methods as a main objective, and also provide them some core training on the Air Force mission they support. The emphasis on Air Force core competencies and mission is a purposeful inclusion to help narrow the gap in military/civilian professional military education while linking the performance of wholesale supply activities to their outcome --- weapon system readiness. These classes are in development now and will begin delivery to 230-250 personnel in 9 week training sessions per quarter beginning in FY06. A recent ER highlighted logistics transformation. The PSCM immersion training is an unprecedented enabler for the transformation. More to follow!



**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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