



# Logistics Officer Association

Professionals dedicated to the readiness and sustainability of aerospace forces

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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:** "I like to think of the Logistician as the Air Force coordinator. We make events go off without a hitch and are ready at a moments notice to fix snags. But, it takes time and experience to develop the skills to carry out a flawless mission. LOA brings together the experts and teaches new generations the art of being a logistician. A critical art in today's Expeditionary Air Force."

~1st Lt Victoria Davis, Sandia Chapter President, Kirtland AFB

**A Message from the LOA President:** Wow...Thanks 1st Lt Victoria Davis, I couldn't agree with you more. Thank you for your involvement with LOA as the President of the Sandia Chapter. Your involvement and that of all the LOA members continues to make LOA what it is today...one outstanding organization! As we continue our fine tradition of LOA being LOA, it is time for you to consider running for a position on the LOA Executive Board. During the first week of April, IAW the LOA Guidance (LOA G-4), I will appoint a nominating committee consisting of a chair person and two members that will need to be approved by the Executive Board. The nominating committee will in turn accept nominations for each elected office. So...watch for the announcement and consider running for a position on LOA National Executive Board!

**LOA Members in the News:** The AMMOS 06A selection board was completed 26 Jan 06 via an all-MAJCOM member selection board at AFPC, Randolph AFB TX. All nominees considered were of high caliber, which made final selections difficult. It is our pleasure to announce the following selectees (in alphabetical order) and alternates for AMMOS class 06A, scheduled to start in May 06:

**Selectees:** Capt Christensen, Rognald (AETC), Capt Farkas, Emily (AMC), Capt Holland, Jeffrey (AMC), Capt McRae, Clarence (PACAF), Capt Reaves, James (AMC), Capt Ross, Ryan (ACC), Capt Smith, Timothy (AMC), Capt Soto, Maria (AMC), Capt Tanksley, Larry (ACC), Capt Thorp, Thomas (AFMC), Capt Tramel, Eric (ACC), Capt Ulmer, Oliver (USAFE); **Alternates** (In Priority Order): Capt Rochat, Larry (ACC), Capt Power, Michael (AFSPC), Capt Cherney, Elizabeth (PACAF)

**Chapter Highlights:** The 31 FW Dolomite Chapter has been on the go the last several months from Iraq to Afghanistan and the Big Sky Chapter sponsored their first ever Maintenance Heritage Reunion. To read all about the Dolomite Chapter and the Big Sky Chapter, go to [www.loanational.org/chapter.talk.asp](http://www.loanational.org/chapter.talk.asp).

**National Conference:** Exhibit booth reservations are open. Sales are brisk and we are over ½ full already! If you are interested in a booth—contact me today. All exhibit info is on the website. Sponsorships are also open—we almost sold out of sponsorship opportunities last year. This year we have added several new ones – its first come first served so again—contact me soon.

San Antonio is shaping up to be the best venue yet—we have just negotiated to have the gala Ice Breaker on the banks of the River Walk at festive LaVallita! You will not want to miss this one. Great food and drink, Mariachi band, Spanish guitarists and plenty of Old Mexico! The Golf tournament will be at the Quarry Golf Course—it's always a popular event and sells out each year. You can register to play when you register for the conference.

We are shooting to open registration in late May- we'll keep you posted. Hotel reservations are open—make your reservations early to ensure the great conference rate we have negotiated. Keep in mind that we will run a shuttle bus from the hotels to the conference center for your convenience

**ER:** The Spring ER is at the printer and should be in the post late March. This issues theme: Joint and Combined Logistics – look for LOA's own webmaster – Major JD DuVall -- on the cover!

Summer ER is the Technology issue; submissions are piling up so if you have a submission—send it to [editor@loanational.org](mailto:editor@loanational.org) before 10 April. Fall ER theme is Sustaining Today's Weapon Systems with Tomorrow's Airmen (the conference theme). Deadline for submissions is 15 July.

**LOA History:** MOA & LOA National Presidents Series: Lt Col Larry Matthews, 1982

Lt Col Larry Matthews is renowned as the founding father of the organization that has become the Logistics Officer Association. As the Maintenance Officer Association's first president, it was largely Lt Col Matthews' vision that motivated the other founding members to recognize the need for and to create a professional development organization for Air Force

maintainers. A core aircraft maintenance officer, Lt Col Matthews led the formulation of MOA and drafted the 1981 Magna Carta that put in place its foundation. To help spread the word, he published the first MOA Newsletter in 1982. Lt Col Matthews' contributions to our beginnings cannot be overstated. By the end of its first year, MOA had resonated so well within the Air Force maintenance community that it had expanded to 6 regions encompassing 3 major commands and included over 50 charter members! Lt Col Matthews' strong conviction and determination to see MOA succeed earn him a special place in MOA and LOA history.



**Franchises:** Everyone needs a LOA coaster for their desk! This stylish coaster includes Cork on the backside to keep from sliding, beautiful ceramic face with eagle engraving, bordered in blue by "Logistics Officer Association Est. 1982". Cost for the coasters is \$7 each and includes shipping and handling. To see a picture of the coaster please go to <http://www.loanational.org/merchandise.asp>. For additional information, or to place an order, contact Capt Joe Ingram at [joseph.ingram@robins.af.mil](mailto:joseph.ingram@robins.af.mil).



**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. If you have any announcements you would like to be considered for inclusion in our monthly newsletter, please send in your completed inputs nlt the 5th day of the month to [infoofficer@loanational.org](mailto:infoofficer@loanational.org).  
*Keep our deployed troops and families in your thoughts.*

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