



MAINTENANCE OFFICER ASSOCIATION

THE MAINTENANCE OFFICER ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED BY A GROUP OF USAF MAINTENANCE OFFICERS IN EARLY 1982. ALTHOUGH MOA IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, IT IS COMMITTED TO ENHANCING THE USAF MISSION. ORIGINALLY CHARTERED TO UPGRADE THE IMAGE, VISIBILITY, AND PROMOTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE OFFICERS, MOA'S OBJECTIVES HAVE EXPANDED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL MAINTENANCE OFFICERS THROUGH AN ACTIVE ASSOCIATION, A SUSTAINED TRAINING PROGRAM, AND MENTORSHIP BY OUR SENIOR MEMBERS FOR JUNIOR MAINTENANCE OFFICERS. MOA SEEKS TO PROFESSIONALIZE THE MAINTENANCE OFFICER CORPS AND TO IMPROVE THE MAINTENANCE ENVIRONMENT.

MOA MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON WHO IS: 1) A CURRENT OR FORMER PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE OFFICER ON ACTIVE DUTY OR RETIRED FROM USAF; 2) AN ACTIVE OR RETIRED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OR AIR FORCE RESERVE PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE OFFICER; OR 3) AN INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH A MAINTENANCE-RELATED ORGANIZATION. MOA'S GREATEST CHALLENGE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OFFICER CORPS.

MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO PROFESSIONAL MAINTENANCE OFFICERS AND INDIVIDUALS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MAINTENANCE RELATED UNITS. PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS MUST BE NOMINATED BY A CURRENT MOA MEMBER.

MOA'S NEWSLETTER SERVES AS A FORUM TO KEEP MEMBERS ABREAST OF CURRENT HAPPENINGS IN THE PROFESSION, TO IMPROVE FEEDBACK AND CROSS FLOW FROM ALL LEVELS, TO SPREAD "LESSONS LEARNED" TO FELLOW MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A FRATERNAL NETWORK TO ENHANCE ESPRIT DE CORPS. THE EXCEPTIONAL RELEASE IS CURRENTLY BE PUBLISHED EVERY SIX WEEKS. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION AND TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN FORGING MOA'S FUTURE.

IN SIX YEARS, MOA HAS GROWN FROM TEN TO OVER 1,000 MEMBERS IN THE AIRCRAFT, MUNITIONS, AND MISSILE MAINTENANCE FIELDS. THE MEMBERSHIP ROLES INCLUDE ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIRED MAINTENANCE OFFICERS, CIVIL SERVANTS, RESERVE AND AIR GUARD OFFICERS, AND INDIVIDUALS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY WITH STRONG PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL TIES TO THE USAF MAINTENANCE COMMUNITY. A SPREAD OF RANKS FROM SECOND LIEUTENANT TO FOUR-STAR GENERAL AND DUTY POSITIONS FROM MAJCOM CCs TO ASSISTANT AMU CHIEFS ARE REPRESENTED.