

THE MAINTENANCE OFFICER ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colonel Hass,

I am writing you on behalf of a dynamic Maintenance Officer Association (MOA) membership to solicit your involvement in encouraging those around you to become members of MOA, encouraging them to be part of an active, local MOA chapter, and supporting their attending the national convention next month. As a part of this membership-chapter-convention drive, I want to acquaint you with two important facts. First, while most know MOA is a professional association of maintenance officers, it may not be widely known that other military and civilian logistics professionals, including those from the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Army, also comprise MOA's membership. Perhaps even less well known is that MOA also boasts members from foreign military services, such as from Germany, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

In addition to this broad-based membership, MOA member activities have three components. First is an individual's national membership, which includes a subscription to MOA's widely read quarterly professional journal, The Exceptional Release (or ER). The second is chapter membership, which is usually seen as a chapter associated with a particular installation or area, e.g., the Tinker AFB chapter, the Hurlburt Field Area chapter, etc. The third area is its annual convention, which this year boasts attendees ranging from a MAJCOM commander (Gen Babbitt, a long-time MOA member) to flightline maintenance officers. All three aspects reflect MOA's motto, "Dedicated to the readiness and sustainability of aerospace maintenance forces," and an understanding that it takes logisticians of all types to make that readiness and sustainability possible.

The core component of MOA is membership in the national organization. If your logistics heritage comes from disciplines other than aircraft maintenance (e.g., transportation, supply, logistics plans, contracting, acquisition logistics, program management, engineering, etc.), you will find that membership in MOA is similar to membership in the National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA), for example. Like the NDTA and others, MOA is a professional, non-profit organization, which has no official affiliation with the United States Air Force. MOA does, however, promote professional growth among its members through the crossflow of information on aviation maintenance policies, technical innovations, and other logistics issues, such as Total Asset Visibility, acquisition reform, etc. This is possible because MOA serves as a professional association open to all interested individuals. The Exceptional Release reflects MOA's broad-based membership and interests. For example, topics from the last issue of the ER included: system program directors; BRAC closure (privatization) of Newark AFB; aircraft maintenance officer training; 1997 DOD Maintenance Symposium; supply initiatives for the 21st century; C-130/C-141 engineering services source selection; cataloging support through the Defense Logistics Service Center and the Air Force Cataloging & Standardization Center.

The second component of MOA involves chapter activities. MOA chapter activities facilitate professional development, technical exchanges, officership, job searches, mentoring, and camaraderie. Chapters also host guest speakers, arrange tours to airline facilities and support awards programs. *I will help you charter or reestablish a chapter whose membership is, by the way, open to any interested person—regardless their military specialty*

code or civilian profession. If you are interested in establishing a MOA chapter at your location, please contact me at the address and telephone above.

The third facet of MOA is its annual convention—which this year will take place from 27-31 Oct 97. If schedule flexibility is an issue, the core of the convention takes place between 28-30 Oct. MOA will host this year's annual convention at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, near Eglin AFB, Florida. This year's convention, sponsored by MOA's Hurlburt Field Area Chapter, promises to be an exciting professional experience, as the following agenda summary demonstrates:

Monday, October 29, 1997: Pre-registration; Annual MOA Golf Tournament; contractor set-up

Tuesday, October 28, 1997: Morning registration; MOA Business Session; AFPC Perspectives; Future Logistics Issues (Lt Gen Hallin, AF/IL); Quadrennial Defense Review: Impact on Aviation Maintenance (Col Totsch, HQ USAF/ILMM); Future Funding Issues for Maintenance (Lt Col Francoise, HQ USAF/ILSP); Outsourcing & Privatization Panel (Moderator: Col Morrill, OC-ALC/LK)

Wednesday, October 29, 1997: Mentoring & Officership Panel (Moderator: Col Rodefer, HQ USAF/XPPL); Special Operations Presentation; Special Operations Tours (Eglin AFB); Banquet Speaker (Gen Babbitt, AFMC/CC)

Thursday, October 30, 1997: Joint Logistics and Future Operations (Lt Gen Cusick, OJCS/J-4); ACC Perspective on Logistics (Maj Gen Goddard, HQ ACC/LG); AMC Perspective, & AMX and BDS (Maj Gen Floyd, HQ AMC/LG); AFMC Perspective and Lean Logistics (Maj Gen Haines, HQ AFMC/LG); Guest Speaker: TBD; Air Force Maintenance; The Air Staff Perspective (Brig Gen Zetler, HQ USAF/ILM); Question & Answer Session with Senior Logisticians (Moderator: Col Stocchetti, OSD); Wrap-up and Closing Comments (Col Stocchetti, MOA President)

Friday, October 31, 1997: Contractor tear-down; Attendees check out

Attending MOA's annual convention is an excellent opportunity for logisticians of all disciplines to increase their awareness of current and future issues affecting the aircraft maintenance business—directly from the senior leaders within the Air Force, and from other military services and joint organizations, who guide DOD logistics. This year's convention is no exception. I know you'll find it worth attending. You may also find it worthwhile to send other representatives from your organization in official status, or to encourage others to attend voluntarily in permissive TDY status—depending upon your organization's optempo, individual availability, and guiding directives and policies. A reproducible convention registration form is enclosed for your convenience.

In closing, I hope I've been able to introduce you to MOA and its major areas of activity. I look forward working with you personally on membership and chapter issues, and to seeing your installation represented at the national MOA convention next month.

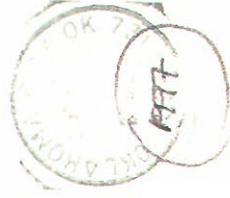
Sincerely,

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Attachment:
Registration Form

P.S. FYI, I've sent this letter to all ACC and ADAC WOs to promote new chapters and increase memberships.

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