



CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

Air Force Logistics: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma April 28-May 1, 2019

Registration Now Open

Conference Focus

On February 25, 2019, the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General David Goldfein, addressed cadets and Total Force Airmen at the United States Air Force Academy during the National Character and Leadership Symposium. In describing the lethality the Air Force can inflict with airpower, General Goldfein remarked that the Air Force is a “global service and I would offer that we’re a global power because of that global reach.”

The key to ensuring the global reach of the Air Force and the combat availability of the service’s fighter aircraft and other strategic and tactical platforms rests with the Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC) headquartered at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, and the air logistics complexes, including the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex (OCLAC). More than 32,000 military and civilian personnel worldwide support the AFSC mission and 9,800 personnel directly perform critical depot maintenance work for the Air Force at the OCLAC. In Oklahoma City, the Air Force provides critical sustainment to a number of key weapons systems, including the B-1 Lancer, the B-52 Stratofortress, the KC-135 Stratotanker, and the E-3 Sentry (AWACS), and special mission fleets. The OCLAC is also preparing to assume responsibility for the Air Force’s next generation tanker, the KC-46 Pegasus. The OCLAC also provides critical maintenance for the Navy’s E-6 Mercury (TACAMO) fleet and a wide variety of engines and commodities supporting the Nation’s defense requirements.

The conference will consider the critical role of Air Force sustainment in the maintenance of American air superiority. In addition, the conference will have an opportunity to engage the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center for briefings concerning the FAA’s role in, among other areas, securing the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States in commercial space transportation.

Agenda

A detailed agenda for the Annual Meeting will be available in early April. The conference will begin **Sunday evening, April 28th**, with the **icebreaker reception at 6:30pm**. The conference is expected

to conclude on Wednesday, May 1st. Listed below are some of the highlights and principal unit engagements planned for the conference agenda. Members are advised that the agenda may change due to operational considerations.

Monday, April 29th - Tuesday, April 30th - The conference will be briefed by leadership of the **Air Force Sustainment Center, the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Complex, and the 72nd Air Base Wing**. Members will engage key operational units, including the **76th Aircraft Maintenance Group** (aircraft), the **76th Commodities Maintenance Group** and the **76th Propulsion Maintenance Group** (engines). The conference will also focus on software and systems engineering solutions and battle damage repair capability. A key feature of the work performed at the OCALC, which will also be explored, is the close collaboration with industry through public-private partnerships.

Wednesday, May 1st - The conference will convene at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center to examine a variety of initiatives and programs under the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration, including the training of the Nation's air traffic controllers, research on human performance in the aerospace environment, and the FAA's management of the national security and foreign policy aspects of commercial launch and reentry.

Notes for Members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors

The **Executive Committee** of the DOCA Board of Directors will meet on **Sunday, April 28th, from 3:00pm until 3:45pm**. The **Board of Directors** will meet on **Sunday from 4:00pm until 6:00pm**.

Conference Hotel and Surroundings

The **Skirvin Hilton** will serve as the headquarters hotel for the conference. The Skirvin Hilton is conveniently located within a 15-20-minute drive from Will Rogers World Airport (OKC). A taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$27; Uber fares range between \$14 and \$47 depending on the type of service selected and whether surge pricing is in effect. For members renting vehicles, the hotel valet parking fee is \$30 per night. Please note that all hotel reservations must be made by rooming list through DOCA.

The conference hotel is designated a Historic Hotel of America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Skirvin Hilton is located within a brief taxi ride or walk to, among other attractions, the Bricktown Canal and Entertainment District, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, and the Oklahoma City National Memorial. Please consult the registration form for additional information.

Please note that the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon will run on Saturday, April 27th, which may limit movement within the downtown area.

Registration

Please complete and send the enclosed registration form to DOCA before **Thursday, March 28th**. After March 28th, please contact Kathy Carter to ensure the availability of hotel rooms and conference rates.

Important program announcements and updates will be provided via email when available.