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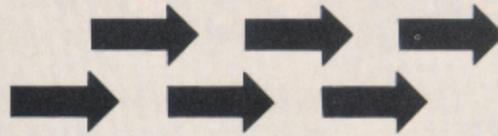
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# COMING EVENTS



## MARCH

1	62d Anniversary—U.S. Army Quartermaster School	Fort Lee, Va.
9	30th Anniversary—U.S. Continental Army Command	Fort Monroe, Va.
16	170th Anniversary—United States Military Academy	West Point, N.Y.
31	3d Anniversary—U.S. Army Computer Systems Command	Fort Belvoir, Va.

## APRIL

10-14	Marketing, Pricing, and Management of Government Prime Contracts and Sub-Contracts Course	Washington, D.C.
11-13	ADP in Supply Management Seminar	Washington, D.C. U.S. Civil Service Commission
23	64th Anniversary—U.S. Army Reserve	Army-wide
26-27	General Traffic Management Seminar	San Antonio, Texas
26-28	41st National Meeting—Operations Research Society of America	New Orleans, La. Jung Hotel
22-6 May	LOGEX-72	Camp Pickett, Va.

## MAY

7	91st Anniversary—U.S. Army Command and General Staff College	Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
8-10	26th Annual Technical Conference—American Society for Quality Control	Washington, D.C. Washington Hilton Hotel

## MAY (Continued)

9-10	3d Annual Environmental Pollution Symposium	Washington, D.C. Industrial College of the Armed Forces
11	54th Annual Meeting—American Ordnance Association	Washington, D.C. Washington Hilton Hotel
12	52d Annual Meeting—Society of American Military Engineers	Washington, D.C.,
14	160th Anniversary—U.S. Army Ordnance Corps	Army-wide
15-18	11th Annual U.S. Army Operations Research Symposium	Durham, N.C. Army Research Office
20-3 June	LOGEX/RC-72 (A logistics exercise for Reservists)	Camp Pickett, Va.
22-23	19th Annual Institute on Government Contracts	Washington, D.C. Hotel Sonesta
23-25	25th Annual Power Sources Symposium	Atlantic City, N.J. Shelburne Hotel

## JUNE

6-8	26th Annual Convention—Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association	Washington, D.C. Sheraton-Park Hotel
16	197th Anniversary—U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps	Army-wide
19-23	8th Biennial Army Science Conference	West Point, N.Y.
20	10th Anniversary—U.S. Army Combat Developments Command	Fort Belvoir, Va.
26-1 July	46th National Convention—Reserve Officers' Association	Miami, Fla. Americana Hotel

# Logistician's Lament

*Logisticians are a sad embittered race of men, very much in demand in war, who sink resentfully into obscurity in peace.*

*They deal only with facts, but must work for men who traffic in theories. They emerge during war because war is very much fact.*

*They disappear in peace because, in peace, war is mostly theory.*

*The people who trade in theories and who employ logisticians in war and ignore them in peace are generals.*



*Logisticians hate generals.*

*Generals are a happily blessed race who radiate confidence and power. They feed only on ambrosia and drink only nectar.*

*In peace they stride along confidently and can invade a world simply by sweeping their hands grandly over a map, pointing their fingers decisively up terrain corridors, and blocking defiles and obstacles with the sides of their hands.*

*In war they must stride more slowly, because each general has a logistician riding on his back and he knows that, at any moment, the logistician may lean forward and whisper: "No, you can't do that!"*



*Generals fear logisticians in war, and, in peace, generals try to forget logisticians.*

*Romping along beside generals are strategists and tacticians.*

*Logisticians despise strategists and tacticians.*

*Strategists and tacticians do not know about logisticians until they grow up to be generals—which they usually do—although sometimes generals will discipline errant strategists and tacticians by telling them about logisticians.*

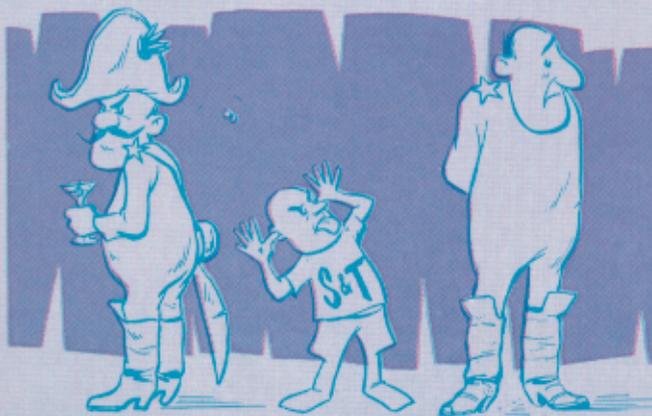


*This sometimes gives strategists and tacticians nightmares, but deep down in their hearts they do not really believe the stories—especially if the general lets them have an occasional drink of his nectar.*

*Sometimes a logistician gets to be a general.*

*In such case he must associate with generals whom he hates; he has a retinue of strategists and tacticians whom he despises; and on his back is a logistician whom he fears.*

*This is why logisticians who become generals also get ulcers and cannot eat their ambrosia.*





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