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CABIN REPORT

By Kathy Disney

Hey Load! As I write, we just returned from Dayton, Ohio where Kyle and I got to enjoy the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association's (TC/TAA) Reunion and hold CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon's Bench Dedication Ceremony at the Air Force Museum. It was a great time meeting new people, and catching up with old friends. We had a good attendance at the bench dedication ceremony and even had the honor of Bill & Marion's son, Mike Cannon, joining us. Thank you TC/TAA for inviting the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) to your reunion. It was a good time! The next big event is the Airlift/Tanker Association's 50th Anniversary, October 25 - 27, 2018. The PLA will have a booth there again this year, thanks to the volunteers, Jeff Witherly, Paul Garcia, and Matt Thompson (I'm sure I'm missing some). We cannot operate without such dedicated volunteers. Speaking of volunteers…National Committee elections are right around the corner. Maybe you are considering running, but not sure. Here are just a few things to consider when volunteering to run a non-profit professional organization, at either the local grassroots level or the national level. One benefit or reward is there are incredible networking opportunities. The PLA in particular, because we have members that are actively serving Loadmasters, civilian Loadmasters and retired Loadmasters. This provides a unique and broad networking arena to develop lifelong personal and professional relationships. Volunteering in the PLA also offers an opportunity to develop new skills or sharpen old ones, such as facilitating as a committee chair, planning and implementing fund raising events, learn group dynamics and teamwork, and even supervise or train others in these areas. If this type of development and volunteerism is something that interests you, please consider running for chapter or national officer positions. In November, we will be looking for an elections committee to manage the election process. According to the By-laws, the President will appoint a chairperson who forms a committee of at least three non-serving PLA members to obtain nominations. Please contact me if you are interested in chairing the committee. This year, we will be seeking nominations for National President and all three Vice-President positions. Once we receive nominations, ballots will be published in the March, 2019 issue of "The Loader." The newly elected officials will take over their elected positions at the 2019 Gathering of Loads (GoL) in Tacoma, WA in July. Which, if you had not heard yet, the GoL will be held at the Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, Washington, July 24-28, 2019. Registration information should be out in the near future. Additionally, our Webmaster, Andrew Lloyd continues to work on automating our membership database within our website. It is a huge task, importing our previous membership data into the new program. Once it is up and running you will

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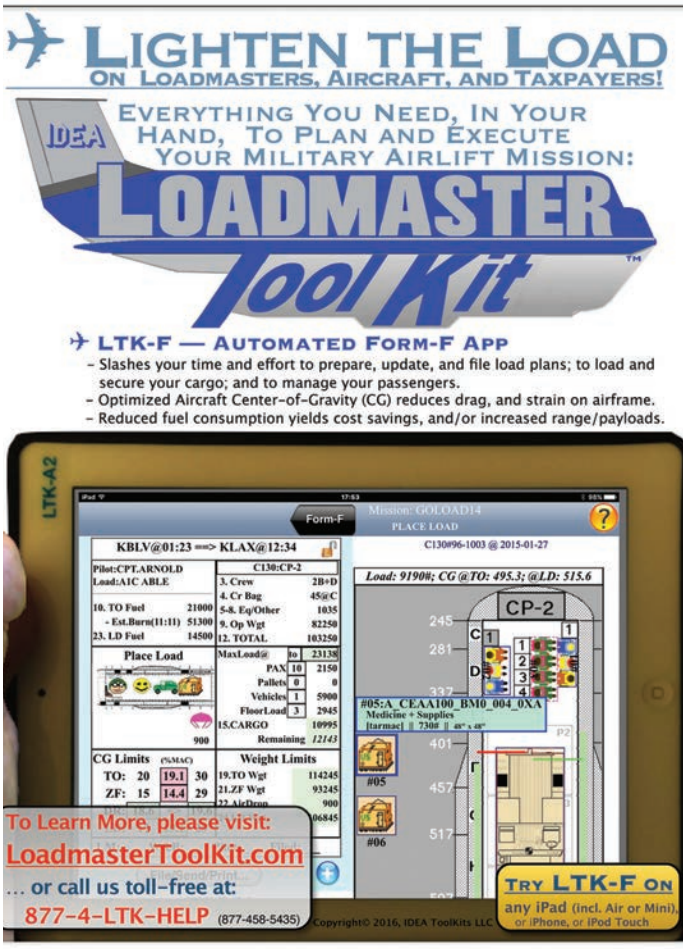
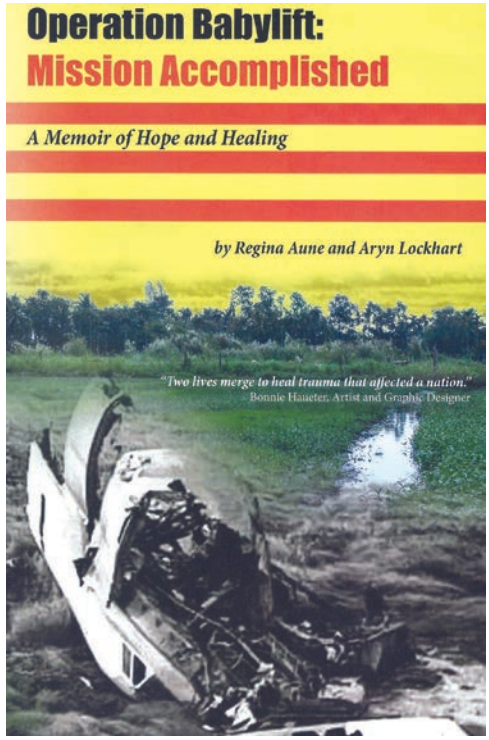
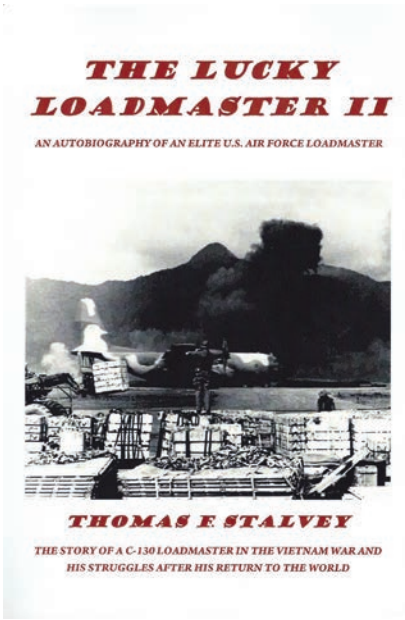
The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) was formed in the State of Washington as an active membership organization for an exclusive group of professionals recognized as Loadmasters. The PLA is organized and governed by a duly-elected Executive Committee of past and present Loadmasters. In March 1997, the State of Washington issued a Certificate of Incorporation declaring the Professional Loadmaster Association a nonprofit organization. PLA membership is comprised of and limited to current and former military and civilian Loadmasters who have flown as an Aircraft Loadmaster performing aircrew duties on transport aircraft. The association's principal reason for being is for the benefit of all Loadmasters and their families. The core values of the association are the Flag of the United States, Our Self-confidence, and Our Empathy for each other. Its basic mission is to guide the membership in solidarity, facilitate trust and mutual respect for one another, and inspire personal growth and the pursuit of a purposeful sense of vision for the future of the PLA. The association shall establish scholarship and grant programs to benefit Loadmasters and their family members. Reunions and meetings shall be scheduled and arranged so as to provide maximum participation and productive feedback to as many members as practical. A newsletter titled "The Loader" shall be published three times a year to inform membership of Loadmaster participation within the airlift community and the association's current & future business activities.

Cover Photograph: Alex (Wookie) Walter and Ray Snedegar draw the cover back to reveal the CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon Memorial Bench at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton OH as Kathy Disney the Professional Loadmaster Association National President looks on Friday, October 12, 2018.

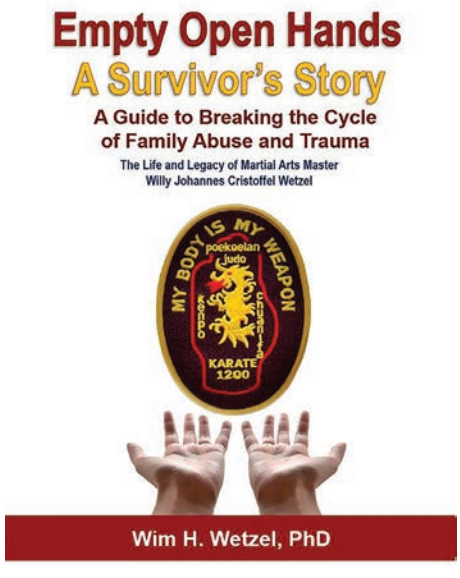




Operation Babylift, Mission Accomplished written by Regina Aune and Aryn Lockhart, foreword by PLA member Ray Snedegar. https://www.amazon.com/Operation-Babylift-Mission-Accomplished-Healing/dp/0977690687/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1540578342&sr=8-1&keywords=operation+babylift+mission+accomplished&dpID=51qKARUVSkL&preST=_SY344_BO1,204,203,200_QL70_&dpSrc=srch



The Lucky Loadmaster II, by PLA member Thomas Stalvey has updated the previous title with more chapters and is available in full color. It can be purchased at https://www.amazon.com/Lucky-Loadmaster-II-wishes-realities/dp/1530009111/ref=sr_1_sc_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1540578074&sr=8-1-spell&keywords=the+luckly+loadmaster+ii



Empty Open Hands: A Survivor's Story – by PLA member Wim H. Wetzel. Versions for iBook, Nook and Kindle are the most current. By sending $10 to PayPal to wim.wetzel@hotmail.com I will send the file for the desired version to the requestor's email. https://www.amazon.com/Empty-Open-Hands-Survivors-Story/dp/0986131466/ref=cm_cr_arp_d_pl_foot_top?ie=UTF8.

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be able to manage your membership online (address changes, renewals, etc.). The chapter tabs within the website are still missing updated information. **Chapter Presidents -** Please get some updated information to Andrew so others can see who, what and where you are. I think I have mentioned this in every Cabin Report and we're a little over 50% complete now. Those of you who are keeping them updated, thank you! Not sure what I'm talking about? Visit https://www.loadmasters.com/ and click on the "Chapters" link. Thank you all for supporting this organization, and until next time… Load Clear!!

East Coast Vice President

Kent Brown, East Coast Vice President - ALL Loadmasters, Active & Retired. I am reaching out to the First State, Mid-Atlantic & Southeast chapter presidents, officers, reps. or just anyone interested in the area that would like to continue the activities of your chapter. Some interest has been shown from several Loads around the Dover area to get the First State chapter up & running again. The Southeast has also shown some interest. Loads in the Mid-Atlantic area are probably all retired, but you can still have an active chapter with a little work. At the Liberty Chapter most of our active chapter members are retired, even though we do have some active loads still in the area. I have asked for this info before and always seem to get little or no response, "It's like trying to poke a cat out from under the porch with a rope" We are trying to keep each chapter active and don't want to revoke any charters. I will be the clearing house for all interested parties in the different areas. I would like good contact information to include name, phone & e-mail. Please contact me soon. Thank You in advance. The other areas of the country also have chapters that are struggling. Contact that area VP and I'm sure they will try to help. Kent Brown, heyload@comcast.net, 609-893-1833.

PLA Secretary

NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE: The membership voted to do away with the One Year membership at the September 2017, Little Rock Gathering of Loads. New rates effective October 1, 2017: **Three Years $50.00 Ten Years $150.00 Lifetime $250.00**

RENEWAL NOTICE: PLEASE RESPOND TO YOUR ELECTRONIC OR MAILED LETTER if you desire to remain an active member and continue receiving "The Loader" newsletter. There are only two ways to join or renew membership and that is by mail to the P.O. Box. If you renew by mail **PLEASE DO NOT** send your renewal to the Secretary home address in Iowa, it will be delayed. I have to forward it to the PLA P.O. Box so it can be deposited in the account. You may also pay online thru PayPal. When paying by PayPal, print and save your receipt to confirm your payment if a question should arise.

ELECTRONIC CONTACT: If a member has an email address all contact between the secretary and the member will be conducted electronically. The association has saved on postage due to sending out renewal, grace period, and re-instatement letters electronically. If you are willing to receive "The Loader" electronically please send a note to the secretary with your preferred email address. **Thank you** to the **126 stateside** and **6 overseas** members, who have agreed to accept "The Loader" electronically.

MOVING? IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO MOVE OR TRANSFER, PLEASE SEND US YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND NEW CONTACT INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We cannot get your "The Loader" newsletter to you or make contact if we don't know where you are. Send an email to buildsmall2@mac.com or thru www.loadmasters.com at **CONTACT US** or leave a free two minute message at 1 (800) 239-4524. Remember to speak slowly and distinctly, so we can copy your information down.

PLA MEMBERSHIP

PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF: October 1, 2018

TOTAL **ACTIVE MEMBERS**: 900 (10 LOST LOADS)

(4) NEW MEMBERS listed since the July 2018 issue (*Denotes Life Member)

June

Hinkle, Kevin	**Leesport, PA**
***Yamada, Randall**	**Ewa Beach, HI**

July

Welborn, Wlliam	**Goodyear, AZ**

August

NONE

September

***Fry, Matthew J.**	**APO AE**

(2) LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

***Jones, Wilfred**	**Ridgewood, NY**	**Jul**
***Landingham, Jeffery J.**	**APO AE**	**Sep**

(40) INACTIVE MEMBERS listed since July 2018 issue

Anderson, Kyle	San Antonio, TX	(Alamo)	May
Armstrong, Danni	Altus, OK	(Trail)	Aug
Baker, William	Summerville, SC	(SE)	Aug
Barry, Cody	Spring Lake, NC		Aug
Bertolozzi, Cole	Renton, WA	(NW)	Jun
Bighorn, Keith	Abilene, TX	(BC)	Aug
Bowen, Kenneth E.	Puyallup, WA	(NW)	May
Budlong, Frederick	McLary, WA	(NW)	Aug

Costello, Brandon	Abilene, TX	(BC)	Aug
Dambach, Robert T.	Buford, GA	(BC)	Aug
DelCastillo, Tiffany	Ladson, SC	(SE)	Aug
DiMarco, Chelsea K.	Altus, OK	(Trail)	Aug
Eiermann, Stefan	N. Little Rock, AR	(Rock)	Aug
Esqueda, Nelson	Abilene, TX	(BC)	Aug
Finkenberg, Richard	Delray beach, FL		Jul
Green, William D.	Summerville, SC	(SE)	Jul
Grove, James C.	San Antonio, TX	(Alamo)	Jul
Guetschow, James	Portage, IN		Aug
Harmon, William	Abilene, TX	(BC)	Aug
Hoffer, David	Cabot, AR	(Rock)	Aug
Karns, John	New Baltimore, MI		Aug
Keefauver, Delbert R.	Lakewood, WA	(NW)	Aug
Kucala, Aloysius	Fairfield, CA	(P-A-P)	Aug
McAlleece, David	Windsor, CA		Aug
Monroy, Adam J.	Lonoke, AR	(Rock)	Jul
Montoya, Mario	Abilene, TX	(BC)	Aug
Morse, David A.	Jacksonville, AR	(Rock)	Aug
Newton, Allen	Tacoma, WA	(NW)	Aug
Norton, Patrick	Abilene, TX	(BC)	Aug
Pangonis, Tyler A.	Anchorage, AK	(Denali)	Jul
Pelletier, David M.	Hanahan, SC	(SE)	Aug
Randle, Donald	JBER, AK	(Denali)	Aug
Stalvey, Thomas	Kenesaw, GA	(Alamo)	Jun
Thomas, Eric	Puyallup, WA	(WA)	Aug
Turnquist, Raymond J.	Coon Rapids, MN		Jun
Weaver, Tyler	Charleston, SC	(SE)	Aug
Wysong, Michael H.	New Egypt, NJ	(L)	Aug
York, Alisha	Vacaville, CA	(P-A-P)	Jul

76 MEMBERS DID NOT RENEW IN 2018

67 MEMBERS DID NOT RENEW IN 2017

86 MEMBERS DID NOT RENEW IN 2016

229 TOTAL NON RENEWALS

LOST LOAD CANDIDATES: If your "The Loader" newsletter is returned to the association by the Post Office, for whatever reason, they charge the PLA for the return. When trying to contact you for new information and find your phone is no longer in service and you also have a bad e-mail address, **YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE LOST LOAD LISTING.**

LOST LOADS (10): If you know any of the Lost Loads please contact us or have them contact us with their current contact information. ***Denotes Life Member** - Last address, month and year when they became lost.

***Branski, John L**	Tacoma, WA	Nov 2011
***Clay, Christopher S**	Arlington, VA	Nov 2011
***Downey, Daniel**	Abilene, TX	Jul 2012
***Knight, Josh**	Fort Mill, SC	Nov 2016
***Kubik, Donald B.**	Warner Robins, GA	Mar 2016
***Langenstein, Jack L.**	Summerville, SC	Jul 2014
***Lewis, James**	Palmdale, CA	Jul 2016
***Piasecki, Michael L.**	Lake City, FL	Jul 2016
***Strader, Tony E.**	APO AE	Nov 2011
***Terrell, David L.**	APO AE	Nov 2015

Treasurer Report

Chris Dockery, Treasurer - As of October 25, 2018 The Professional Loadmaster Association has a total of $2,212.32 in checking and $25,939.26 in savings. Total Assets $28,151.58.

"The Loader" Editor

Bill Weeper, "The Loader" Editor - For those of you who were unable to attend the CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon bench dedication, the dedication script is reprinted on page 6 and 7 in this issue for your reading pleasure. Thank you to all the chapters who submitted articles and photographs for this issue of "The Loader." Continuing the civilian Loadmaster series, Dave Bell wrote a fine article about The Airline Professional Loadmaster: "Evolution of the Loadmaster." Doug Gardiner provided a Task Force 1 update. Brandon Lenz sent us an article and some really good photographs about the Airlift Tanker Association Symposium and Exposition. Please take a look at the group photograph with original "Candy Bomber" Gail Halvorsen. We have some information about the 2019 Gathering of Loads, including hotel info, schedule of events and TDY/PTDY letter. In this issue we have the annual membership roster. Jim Engelker has improved the Scholarship Application Form. As always we would like to thank our long-time sponsor, Larry Crain, for advertising the "Loadmaster Toolkit" again in this issue of "The Loader." For those of you who know anyone who would like to advertise in "The Loader" please have them get in touch with me at weeperjr@satx.rr.com. Advertisements will help defer the cost of printing "The Loader." A full page advertisement is $500.00, a 1/2 page is $250.00, a 1/4 page is $125.00 and a Business Card size is $100.00. As a last note please take a look at http://www.cafepress.com/loadmasters and https://plaload.qbstores.com/all_products.html?OC=SF7606 on the PLA main webpage for new PLA merchandise. Kathy Disney established the Cafe Press site and Kent Brown established the Liberty Chapter store. Once you are at the PLA main webpage you can click on either of the two links at the bottom of the page to bring you to the merchandise sites.

Webmaster

Andrew Lloyd, Webmaster - If you have any recommendations to make the PLA website better, you can contact me at: andrew85.lloyd@gmail.com.

CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon Bench Dedication

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(Editors Note: For those of you who were unable to attend the CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon Bench Dedication we are providing the script of the ceremony for your reading pleasure.)

CMSgt Bill Cannon Bench Dedication Script
Memorial Park – Phase 2 – Site 1027
Friday, October 12, 2018/0930
National Museum of the United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

MC: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the bench dedication ceremony in memory of CMSgt Bill Cannon being held here today in Memorial Park at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. My name is CMSgt Kathleen Disney, Loadmaster and President of the Professional Loadmaster Association, and I will be your Master of Ceremonies for this event.

During this ceremony there will be times when it is appropriate for you to stand; I will provide you with the appropriate cues. At this time, please silence or turn off all cell phones or other wireless devices.

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. We are gathered here for this special occasion – to honor, and remember CMSgt Bill Cannon, Loadmaster and founder of the Professional Loadmaster Association.

Introductions:

First, I'd like to welcome Chief Cannon's son, Mike Cannon. Thank you for traveling all the way out from Washington to join us today for this special ceremony.

Retired Col Jim Blackman, Museum Representative for the National Museum of the United States Air Force, welcome.

I'd also like to thank Mike Welch, who unfortunately, could not be here with us today, and the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association members for inviting us to join them at their reunion this year.

Former PLA Presidents, Ron Pierce and JP Salisbury, welcome.

And members of the Professional Loadmaster Association, families and friends, welcome to today's ceremony.

MC: Ladies & gentlemen, please rise for the posting of the Colors by the Wright-Patterson Honor Guard, playing of the National Anthem, & remain standing for the invocation by Father Michael Kreutzer

Chaplain: Invocation.

MC: Thank you Father Kreutzer. Please be seated.

Comments: Chief Cannon's illustrious career spanned multiple decades allowing him to fly on several aircraft, like the C-54 Skymaster, the C-124 Globemaster II better known as "Old Shaky," the C-130 Hercules, the C-141 Starlifter, and the C-17 Globemaster III. All-in-all Chief Cannon amassed an incredible 16,600 flight hours, 358 of those in combat, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his aerial achievement during a combat airdrop in Vietnam. Even after he retired from 30 years on active duty, Chief Cannon devoted his life towards improving the airlift capabilities of the United States. As a "Project Loadmaster" for the then upcoming C-17 Globemaster III, he utilized his vast experience to work alongside design engineers and develop the C-17's cargo compartment. He ultimately became the Chief Loadmaster of the C-17 program and was a crewmember on the maiden flight of the first production model. While Chief Cannon was at Edwards AFB, working on the C-17 test and development program, he was inspired to form a professional association where members could recognize each other on a

larger level and where their voices could be heard to possibly influence policy in the future. Policy that could influence design of future transport aircraft, technologies, manufacturing and communications. So, in 1995, Bill sent a letter to 40 individuals with his vision of the Professional Loadmaster Association. He stated in his letter, if he only received two replies he would drop the idea. But if he received 30 or more letters with positive comments, he would go forward with the project. Well, I guess he received 30 or more letters back, because 23 years later, and over 1,000 active members and 13 chapters, the Professional Loadmaster Association's props are still turning. He recognized Loadmasters share a bond, an ingrained quality of togetherness, an understanding of each other and respect for the folks who've "been there and done that." He also stated, "The core values of the PLA will be threefold, our flag, our self-confidence and our empathy for each other. We will not identify other members with a sign, a coin or a card. We will identify other members by our ATTITUDE." This bench dedication ceremony honors CMSgt Bill Cannon, founder of the Professional Loadmaster Association, the "Loadmaster's Loadmaster." He left behind an undeniable legacy of service and excellence that paved the way for our organization. As author Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." That is exactly what Bill Cannon accomplished, and this ceremony honors the trail that he blazed for the Professional Loadmaster Association.

The placement of the bench overlooks the Loadmaster monument. It offers the chance to ponder the past, present and future of the Loadmasters which Bill Cannon was so passionate about….

MC: Would Ray Snedegar, and Alex Walter please come forward for the unveiling of the memorial.

RAY SNEDEGAR, ALEX WALTER

UNVEIL THE MEMORIAL

MC: Col Blackman will you please join me.

On behalf of the men and women of the Professional Loadmaster Association, I wish to present this bench, honoring CMSgt Bill Cannon, to the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

Col Blackman: Acceptance speech.

MC: Thank you, Col Blackman.

MC: Will Father Kreutzer please give the Benediction. Please rise and remain standing through the retirement of the colors and playing of taps.

Chaplain: Benediction

MC: HONOR GUARD RETIRE THE COLORS.

MC: This brings us to the end of this dedication. Thank you all for attending.

Alamo Chapter

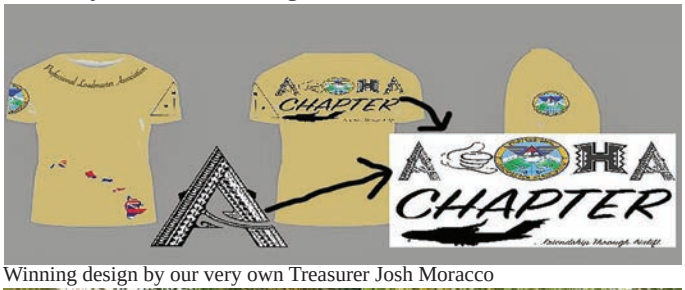
Bill Weeper, Alamo Chapter Member - Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter. The chapter monthly meetings are now rotating between the Texas Air Museum, the Basic Loadmaster School (BLM) and the 68th Airlift Squadron in an effort make it easier for Loadmasters to attend our meetings. We haven't had a chapter meeting in some time, but we plan to have one in the near future. Andy Vaquera or David Molinar will send out notice for the upcoming meetings or events by email, text or telephone call. Six members of the Alamo Chapter (Andy Vaquera, Ray Snedegar, Ralph Bemis, Charlie Armistead, Doug Rasar and Bill Weeper) attended the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association (TC/TAA) monument dedication and Professional Loadmaster Association CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon bench dedication at National Museum of the United States Air Force, October 10 – 14, 2018. Many of our chapter's Loadmasters also belong to the TC/TAA. Andy and Norma Vaquera spent many hours in the hospitality and banquet room selling a lot of TC/TAA merchandise. The Alamo Chapter sponsors a Loadmaster classroom (along with sponsoring a breakroom for all enlisted aviators) at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence/Basic Loadmaster Course (CEA/CoE/BLM) and we have been working on a Silver Star Loadmaster project. There are 5 living Silver Star Loadmaster recipients that we know of, and we are honoring them by having their photographs, Silver Star award, Silver Star citation and biographies printed and framed. These will be placed on a wall in the Alamo Chapter sponsored classroom for all to see. I had the opportunity at the TC/TAA monument dedication and PLA CMSgt William "Bill" Cannon bench dedication event to sit down in the hospitality room with both Ralph Bemis and Charlie Armistead and interview them so that we could finish their biographies. These Loadmasters have led very interesting lives , and I am glad they took this oppurtunity to work on this project with me. I am also looking for a C-130 Loadmaster named Michael W. Michaud who received the Silver Star at the end of the Vietnam War. If anyone has any information about him, please send me an email at weeperjr@satx.rr.com. Speaking

Bill Weeper interviewing Ralph Bemis for the Silver Star Project

of the BLM, our long-time liaison James Grove has PCS'd to Robins AFB GA. We would like to thank him for all the support and especially the help he has given the chapter when we have had fundraisers at the BLM. The chapter is sad to announce that the co-founder of the Alamo Chapter Hector Leyva has passed away. He will be missed by many. His obituary is in the "In Memorium" section of this issue. Andy Vaquera is our President/ Treasurer, Jerry Zuniga is Vice President and David Molinar is our Secretary. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andy Vaquera at (210) 559-7487, andyvaquera@sbcglobal.net or David Molinar at (210) 415-3735 damolinar@aol.com.

Aloha Chapter

Aloha Chapter President, Harley Kang - Aloha from the Aloha Chapter. Everyone has been busy here hacking the mission and helping to save the world. We have also been doing the real world training in different threat environments. The most recent event we had was the chapter t-shirt design contest. There were a few submissions, but our chapter treasurer had the winning design. He has won $100 and bragging rights for the design. Future plans for the chapter are to have the Danny Hollister Memorial Golf Tournament (sometime in 2019) and another beach outing. Harley Kang - harlasun.kang1@us.af.mil; Vice President, Randy Yamada; Treasurer, Josh Moracco, 204as.staneval@us.af.mil; Secretary, Joleen Morse; Sgt at Arms, Jason "P.O." Patton Orme.



Winning design by our very own Treasurer Josh Moracco

Harley Kang (L) presenting design contest winnings to Josh Moracco (R)

Big Country Chapter

Big Country Chapter President - Matt LaFever, matthew.lafever@us.af.mil; Vice President Juan Levario, yb140@sbcglobal.com; Secretary John Beal; Treasurer Robert Staples, (325) 673-1249, staf1134@aol.com; Chaplin Robert Leet; Historian/Webmaster Frank Young, youngf@suddenlink.net. The chapter will normally meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1100 at the Abilene VFW Post 6873 by Dyess AFB.

Denali Chapter

Lloyd Llaneza, Denali Chapter President - Contact information for Lloyd Llaneza (907) 250-5018, highflt808@aol.com or JD Bartlemus (360) 701-6267 jdbartlemus@gmail.com

First State Chapter

Chris Koch, The First State Interim President - Both the airframes here are very busy supporting everything from global operation to moving the President's equipment anywhere he needs it to be. The chapter is trying ever so slowly to get back up and running and needs help from any and all PLA lifetime members in the area. What the folks are looking for is a few to come out and help build a solid foundation for the chapter. Share ideas and be the members who can bridge the gap as the active duty members come and go, all while responding to the AMC requirements. If you have any questions about the chapter, please contact me at: (843) 327-8744 or redgoon12@yahoo.com.

Gateway Chapter

Jeff "J-Dub" Witherly, Gateway Chapter Vice President - Greetings from the greater St Louis area! 2018 has been a busy year and we are looking forward to a bright 2019 with more fundraising opportunities, more meet-and-greet events, and even more support for our local veterans. Our first recipient of the Gateway Chapter $500 Scholarship was Phillip Vickery! Phil currently serves on the 18th Air Force Staff and is pursuing an MS in Logistics & Supply Chain Management at Embry-Riddle. Congrats, Phil! We've also been busy helping the national committee gear up for our presence at this year's A/TA Convention & AMC Symposium at the Gaylord Texan in late October 2018. The Gateway Chapter has always prided itself with supporting this great cause in representing the PLA at a venue with so much Global Reach! (You see what we did there?) We are also lending the Northwest Chapter a hand with planning Gathering of Loads 2019 in beautiful Tacoma, Washington! There are many ways to connect with the Gateway Chapter. If you haven't visited our Facebook site (https://www.facebook.com/GatewayPLA/) or connected with us on our LinkedIn page (https://www.linkedin.com/company/professional-loadmaster-association-gateway-chapter/), please check us out! The LinkedIn page allows our members a professional organizational attachment to their LinkedIn persona for professional development and job seeking opportunities. We encourage members to be proud of their connection to such a fine organization. The Gateway Chapter officers are: President Brandon Lenz, (618) 229-3664, lenz0217@yahoo.com; Vice President, Jeff "JDub" Witherly, (618) 229-3657, jeffwitherly@gmail.com; Treasurer, Josh Piper; and Secretary, Joe Shewmaker. The Gateway Chapter meetings are typically held the second Wednesday of every month at the Scott AFB VFW, Post 4183, at 1500. These times and dates are subject to change. LOAD CLEAR! – JDub

Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark, Golden West Chapter President - (760) 596-0488, steve.clark38@yahoo.com. Currently we are meeting at the Pepper Steak Diner, 26589 Highland Avenue, Highland CA. Meeting time is 1000 hours.

Liberty Chapter

Michael Kent, Liberty Chapter President - Hello from Exit 7. Greetings from the Liberty Chapter! My name is Mike Kent and I am the chapter President. Bill Davies is our Secretary and Kent Brown is our Treasurer and the East Coast Vice President. The Liberty Chapter is centered around Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. We hold our meetings the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Garden State Diner in Wrightstown NJ. We meet for breakfast at 0900 and have our meeting at 1000. The diner is located about 2 miles from the main gate of the base. We have been holding our meetings at the Garden State Diner for a few years now. The staff has always been very accommodating to us. Last year Dave Tellers suggested that we somehow show our appreciation for all they have done. As a chapter we decided that we would present them with a flag and a plaque. The Flags are made by a company called Rustic Flag. They are made in Tennessee. The website is www.rusticflag.com. Kent Brown found the company for us and a few of our members have purchased their flags. Anne Brown had the plaque made. At our meeting in August we presented the owner of the diner Zach Rotsides with the flag and the plaque.

Garden State Diner owner Zach Rotsides, Mike Kent and Kent Brown

We had a summer picnic in August. JP and Bard Salisbury hosted again. We ordered a few main course items form a local restaurant. Members that attended brought a side dish or dessert. The chapter provided some beverages and paid for the main course items. The weather was beautiful and even though the group was small, we had a good time. The attendance at some of our recent functions has been a little low. We are always looking for ways to make these events fun and attract more members. We have planned another clean-up day at the C-141 Memorial on McGuire. The date is October 27, 2018 and it will last about 4 hours from 1000-1400. I have mentioned in the past that the base is not keeping the area as nice as we would like. I think maybe someone heard our dissatisfaction. I have seen people in the area several times in the past couple of months. They have weeded the flower beds, put down mulch and cut the grass. The area looks nice. We have a group of Jr ROTC Cadets coming out to help us in the clean-up. This is the same group that helped us on our April clean-up day. I think they enjoyed themselves last visit. The group is bigger this time. President: Michael Kent, (609) 410-5736, michael_knt@yahoo.com; Secretary: William "Bill" Davies, (609) 296-5601, spectregunner@verizon.net; Kent Brown, (609) 893-1833, kabrown9@comcast.net.

Northwest Chapter

Tranquilino Herrera, Northwest Chapter President - Greetings to all. The Northwest Chapter continues the planning process for the 2019 Gathering of the Loads (GoL). We have established a Facebook event site that we will utilize to distribute information to everyone, the event is under "PLA Gathering of the Loads 2019" at https://www.facebook.com/events/530755077368403/?ti=ia. Additionally, we will be sending official invitations to every chapter with all pertinent event information. We have secured the Hotel Murano downtown Tacoma as the venue for the upcoming GoL convention July 24 - 28, 2019. This event site was chosen for a variety of reasons and offers many dining and shopping options within walking distance, we look forward to showcasing what the Pacific Northwest has to offer. The Northwest Chapter would request that everyone please verify their contact information with the national secretary, we will be utilizing this information to send out official event updates and any requested information. Thank you all very much and we hope to see you next year. President: Tranquilno Herrera, 707-334-5233, tranq.herrera@gmail.com; Vice President: Zack Summers; Senior Advisor: Victor Fredlund, victorfredlund@msn.com; Secretary: Eric Thomas, e.thomas707@gmail.com; Treasurer: Daniel Giusti, 845-392-6598, giustid4@gmail.com; 2019 Gathering of Loads Convention - Point of Contact: Daniel Denman, danieldenman@hotmail.com. Editors Note: A paper registration form will be in the March 2019 issue of "The Loader" for those of you who do not use a computer, ipad, smart phone or other electronics. The Northwest Chapter will not finalize the registration form until later in November 2018 which is too late for this issue of "The Loader." Digital registration should be available by the end of 2018.

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond, Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter President - Another very respectful showing at the annual American Cancer "Relay for Life" in Vacaville California, in July of this year, $20,265.00 raised. This puts our chapter over $270,000.00 raised for the cause since 2003. We have to give credit to Al Horwedel who every year, goes door to door collecting donations. He is by far the "King of the Relay" every year. Gabe Escamilla continues to be our team captain and has done an outstanding job since Joe Brown passed the baton a few years ago. Gabe has volunteered to be our team captain again next year and we can't thank him enough. Lots of meetings and lots of extra work. This year our annual SMSgt Irv Mahler Scholarship was awarded to Al Horwedel's niece, Denise Horwedel. Denise is pursuing a career in Interior Architecture at the California State University, Long Beach California. Her chosen career path has had many challenges and this $1,000.00 scholarship will hopefully help her to meet all her educational goals. Our chapter has awarded $7,500.00 in scholarships over the past few years. All our scholarship award winners have been successful in all their educational goals. Sonoma Raceway, for NASCAR,

NHRA, and the INDYCAR races has passed and we had a very successful year with volunteers who help to support our chapter. This is our chapters' only opportunity to raise money for our annual scholarship and Christmas party. Many thanks to: Bill Bostock, Arne Suvantne, Ray Sugai, Greg Bloomquist, Al Horwedel, Walt Bullock, Max Gainy, JC Wiley, and Austen Copeland for all the days and hours they spent supporting our chapter. Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2018 at the Travis Heritage Center (Museum). All Loadmasters are invited to attend. We charge $15.00 each and the majority of the cost is paid by the Chapter. As I always do in this newsletter I want to thank all those loyal members who have continued to support our local chapter since 1998. A great tribute to those members who continue to support our chapter. We have been having our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club). If you have any questions, please contact Mark E. Raymond at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ts.com.

Mark Raymond presenting the scholarship certificate and ceremonial check for Denise Horwedel's parents in their absence.

Southeast Chapter/Low Country Chapter

Everett Smith at Charleston AFB, wants to get the Southeast Chapter (Low Country Chapter) up and running again. He needs any information on the old chapter. Please reach out to him if you have the books last held for the chapter or know who does. His contact info is sid.smith224@gmail.com or he can also be reached by phone at 219-902-1135 (cell) or 843-943-2648 (office).

The Rock Chapter

Jason Kunkel, Rock Chapter President - Greetings from The Rock Chapter! This has been a busy quarter for us, as usual. We held elections for President, and the General Membership decided that Jason Kunkel was worthy of serving them. We also elected a new Secretary. The very capable and energetic Sean "Zee" Zeringue was elected by a landslide. We teamed with the Toneyville VFW Post to host a family gathering in connection with Little Rock AFB's Wingman day and also helped the VFW out by doing some renovation to their ballroom. Ron Sharp hosted the chapter at his home for an afternoon of great food, comradery, and war stories. Some of them were even true! In October, we're having a kids fishing derby at Mickey Spillane's house, which should be a great time, and we thank him for opening up his home to us, and letting us catch some big-uns. We look forward to a productive winter, and more fun as the spring arrives in Arkansas. Our meetings are held monthly at alternating locations on the first Friday of every month. We either meet at 1700 at the Toneyville VFW, or at 1100 at The BBQ Shack in Jacksonville. Come out an see us! President: Jason Kunkel, (661) 860-6399, jason.kunkel75@me.com; Vice President: Adam Monroy, (501)773-3106, adam.monroy01@gmail.com; Secretary: Sean "Zee" Zeringue, sean.zeringue@us.af.mil; Treasurer: Tim Blair, (501) 533-5873, timblair12@yahoo.com.

Trailblazer Chapter

Jayne Alexander, Trailblazer President - Hey Load, Not much news around Altus, America. Our Trailblazer Chapter isn't too active, and we've had several members PCS within the past year. Our community is still recovering from the loss of an active duty Loadmaster and friend, Bobby Alvarez, on September 16th. His smile is greatly missed around the building as we're all reminded of how close our Air Force Family is. In an effort to get together more, we're having a Loadmaster gathering for Beers and Burgers at the Alexander house on November 9th at 1800. All Loadmasters are welcome to attend, current members or not! There is a post on the Trailblazer Facebook page as well as a few emails floating around as we try to get the word out. At this time, we haven't had enough members actively participating so no regular meeting has been taking place. I'm hoping to change that this quarter and get a regular time and place set, so we can get max participation amongst our members. If anyone has any questions about the Beers and Burgers event please call me, Jayne Alexander, 253-678-6058, jayne.xander@yahoo.com.

The Airline Professional Loadmaster

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Evolution of the Loadmaster
By Dave Bell (with references from Wikipedia)

In this issue of The Airline Professional Loadmaster, we thought we'd look back at the evolution of the Loadmaster. While it is believed the term "Loadmaster" originated with a civilian aircraft company back in the 1940's, it didn't take long for the military to start using it too. According to Wikipedia, *"A Loadmaster is an aircrew member on civilian aircraft or military transport aircraft tasked with the safe loading, transport and unloading of aerial cargoes. Loadmasters serve in the militaries and civilian airlines of many nations."* Although the Aircraft Loadmaster career field was not formally established by the US Air Force until 1953, duties eventually assumed by Loadmasters began early in World War II when laundry personnel assigned to Air Corps quartermaster units began flying on troop carrier transports in Australia and New Guinea, and later in the China-Burma-India area of operations to eject cargo bundles from the doors over drop zones. By 1944, the 9th Troop Carrier Command in Europe included personnel

designated as "dropmasters" in its troop carrier squadrons. Also in 1944, the Air Transport Command began assigning enlisted men, most of whom had been in training for aircrew duty in other fields, including pilots, navigators and bombardiers, as "flight clerks." The first flight clerks were assigned to special flights known as "Red Ball" which were set up to deliver crucial aircraft parts to ATC units in India assigned to the India-China Ferry. By the end of the war, flight clerks were flying on most four-engine transports to be responsible for cargo manifests and take care of passengers. Weight and balance computation does not appear to have initially been one of their duties, although it has been associated with the Loadmaster career field since it was established. During World War II, aircraft were initially loaded haphazardly, with ground personnel piling as much cargo into an airplane as possible, which often led to weight and balance problems. To alleviate the situation, air terminal squadrons were set up by the troop carrier wings overseas and, after the establishment of the Air Transport Command, at air terminals in the United States. Officers, pilots and navigators, were trained to perform weight and balance calculations and became responsible for load planning. Aerial engineers on bombers and four-engine transports were also trained in weight and balance calculations using special slide rules developed for each airplane and commonly known as "slipsticks." The term "Loadmaster" is believed to have been created by the Douglas Aircraft Company, because the first known use of the term appears in the flight manuals for the C-124 Globemaster II aircraft in the late 1940s, the largest piston-engine transport aircraft in the US inventory at the time. Throughout the 1950s, Loadmasters in troop carrier units were assigned primarily to aerial port squadrons. In the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), they were assigned to air transport squadrons and flew on missions when cargo was carried. MATS Loadmasters were considered cabin crewmembers rather than part of the flight crew and were not afforded crew rest as were members of the cockpit crew. In the early 1960s with the advent of the Lockheed C-130 Hercules and the increasing role of troop carrier transports in Southeast Asia, Loadmasters were reassigned from aerial port units to troop carrier squadrons where they assumed duties previously assigned to scanners and became part of the flight crew. Loadmasters became extremely important in the harsh conditions of Southeast Asia where troop carrier aircraft operated into forward airfields that were often under fire, especially after the Tet Offensive of 1968 when soldiers and Marines began calling C-123s and C-130s "mortar magnets." The Loadmaster's task was to discharge the load as quickly as possible, so the airplane could get off the ground to avoid incoming rocket and mortar fire. Loadmasters were also trained to drop flares and leaflets, and to operate retrieval equipment used in special operations aircraft. In 1964, MATS became the Military Airlift Command (MAC) and assumed more of an operational role. Loadmasters, often first-term airmen, continued the previous role, but were also trained for tactical operations, particularly aerial delivery of troops and cargo from C-141s. When the gigantic C-5A entered service, the Loadmaster field became more technical as Loadmasters became responsible for operating complex systems such as operating the hydraulic systems for the forward and aft cargo doors and to kneel the airplane for loading and unloading. The Vietnam War also led to the assignment of Loadmasters to Airlift Control Elements, commonly known as ALCE (aka TALCE when deployed), where they were responsible for planning loads at forward locations with Army and Marine Corps units. Until the 1980s, Loadmasters were found primarily within the military, but as civilian airlines became more involved in air freight operations with large airplanes, particularly, the Boeing 747, many companies began using Loadmasters on flights where complex cargo loads were carried. Today, the Airline Professional Loadmaster operates globally for big and small airlines. Not all airlines have adopted the title "Loadmaster," however no matter what you call them, they're still performing the essential Loadmaster functions that began nearly 70 years ago. According to statista.com, the global air freight volume transported by commercial airlines from 2004 through 2018 has steadily increased from 41 million metric tons in 2004 to nearly 62 million metric tons in 2017 (Note: 1 metric ton = 2,205 lbs.). While "Loadmasters" (as we know them) were not used on all these flights, you can bet there was someone on the ground or in the aircraft performing those same functions and will be needed as long as there's air freight to load. There will always be a demand for the Professional Loadmaster (a person who is expert at his or her work). Could that be you?

Task Force 1 Update

TASK FORCE 1, Doug Gardiner – "STANDBY…"The exciting news is that Erik Kaupa is the 2017 Civilian Loadmaster of the Year due to his efforts on the FAA Loadmaster Certification Working Group. He did an outstanding job educating folks from many different areas of the airline industry how cargo can be loaded and transported safely. He also learned, through many conversations, the culture of the environment of the air cargo industry. Task Force 1 has been engaged in other tasks beyond what Erik is doing and Karl Hinkamp, Dave Bell, and Dave Grant are accomplishing tasks impacting the whole of the organization. Karl Hinkamp and Dave Bell are the Subject Matter Experts of Task Force 1 and look at different aspects of cargo movement and how it affects Loadmasters and the career field. They have reviewed and commented on a weight and balance Advisory Circular affecting how the industry accomplishes weight and balance tasks. The final publication has not been released by the FAA, so we don't know if any of the inputs were used by the FAA, but we will pass it on if their inputs make the final publication. We rely heavily on their expertise of the commercial air cargo process. I appreciate these individuals and what they have done for Task Force 1. The commercial Loadmaster issues for the organization are growing and we are becoming involved in a number of events increasing our exposure to people in the commercial air cargo industry. The Professional Loadmaster Association is a great organization with an enormous future. Standby for more great news from Task Force 1. Additional information on Task Force 1 can be seen at the Professional Loadmaster Association website/ Task Force 1 tab: https://www.loadmasters.com/task-force-1.

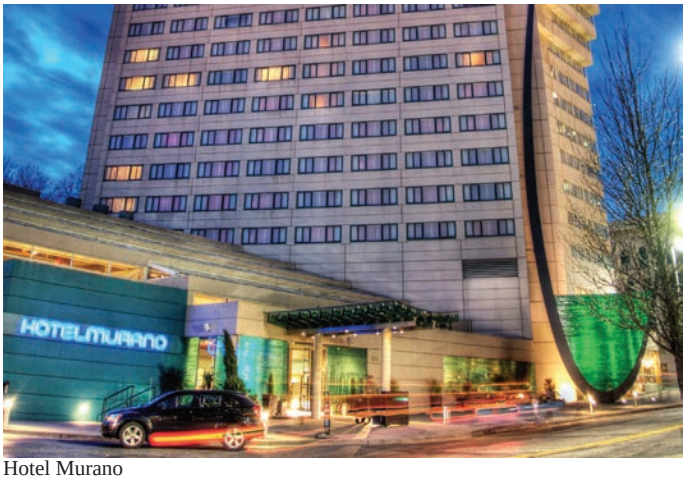
PLA members were proud to have a photograph taken with the original "Candy Bomber" Gail Halvorsen of the Berlin Airlift. L-R: J-Dub Witherly, Mark Smith, Michael Seaton, Gail Halvorsen, Mike Morris, Brandon Lenz and Paul Garcia

Brandon Lenz, Gateway Chapter President - Greetings from the Gaylord Texan at the 50th Annual Airlift Tanker Association Symposium and Exposition in Grapevine, Texas (October 25-29, 2018). The turnout at the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) exhibitors booth has exceeded our expectations. Loadmasters from seven Chapters were in attendance and have capitalized on the opportunity to meet, greet, and network in exhibitor's hall. We have taken the opportunity to sit in key symposium events relating to the Loadmaster profession. The Senior Leader Tour was successful. We were able to share the PLA's mission with The Berlin Candy Bomber, Col Gail Halvorsen (ret), Brigadier General Lamontagne (618 AOC Commander), Brigadier General Bibb (AFMC A3 Director of Operations), in addition to many Commanders and Chiefs throughout Air Mobility Command. A few Loadmasters have committed to joining the PLA after spending the weekend with us. General Bibb has graciously donated a three-year membership to SrA Madison Lawley (Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter) as our youngest Loadmaster in attendance this year. We have generated excitement for the July 2019 Gathering of Loads taking place in Tacoma, Washington. Discussions with possible speakers, industry partners, and PLA members have been coming along. Everyone is looking forward to this great event! Special thanks to the exhibitors this year from the Gateway Chapter Brandon Lenz, J-Dub Witherly, Mike Seaton, and Mike Morris; and from the Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter Paul Garcia. Mark your calendar for next years A/TA Symposium and Exposition held at the Orlando World Center Marriott in Orland, Florida (October 23-26, 2019). Hope to see you there!

L-R: Brandon Lenz, Brigadier General Kenneth Bibb, SrA Madison Lawley and J-Dub Witherly. BG Bibb graciously donated a 3 yr PLA membership to SrA Lawley

2019 Gathering of Loads Convention

Gathering of Loads Convention, July 24 - 28, 2019 hosted by the Northwest Chapter. This event will be updated as planning continues on the Northwest Chapter Facebook page "PLA Gathering of the Loads 2019" at https://www.facebook.com/events/530755077368403/.



Hotel Murano

Hotel Murano

Hotel Information: Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma WA 98402, (253) 238-8000 https://hotelmuranotacoma.com/. Overlooking Commencement Bay and located in the heart of the bustling downtown Tacoma WA, the hotel is 10.8 miles to Joint Base Lewis-McChord and 25 miles to Seattle Tacoma International Airport. There are a variety of restaurants close to the hotel such as The Old Spaghetti Factory, Pacific Grill, The Fish Peddler Restaurant and Market, Simply Panini, Starbucks Thekoi Japanese Cusisine, Matador and many more. If you would like to shop while you are in the local area there is Compass Rose Tacoma, Stocklist and Antique Row. Other things to do in the area are Grand Cinema, Tacoma Art Museum, Theater District Station, Tacoma Comedy Club, America's Car Museum by Lemay and Museum of Glass to name a few.

2019 Gathering of Loads Schedule

Gathering of Loads 2019 "Back To Our Roots"

Wednesday July 24, 2019 (Attire: Casual)
Registration @ Hotel Moreno, Tacoma
1800 - 2200 - Welcome Mixer @ Tacoma Rainiers Baseball Stadium (schedule not yet posted for 2019 season)

Thursday, July 25, 2019 (Attire: UOD/Civilian Equivalent)
0700 - 0850 Breakfast
0900 - 1000 SMSgt Tirevold AFPC
1000 - 1010 Break
1010 - 1100 IATA
1100 - 1300 Lunch
1300 - 1400 Veterans Affairs
1400 - 1410 Break
1410 - 1500 Larry Crain (Loadmaster Toolkit)
1500 - 1510 Break
1510 - EOD Ray Snedegar, Operation Baby Lift
1800 - Optional pub crawl starting at Dirty Oscars Annex

Friday, July 26, 2019 (Attire: UOD/Civilian Equivalent)
0700 - 0850 Breakfast
0900 - 1010 Command Chief Panel
1010 - 1020 Break
1020 - 1120 Hershman, Brum and Dockery
1120 - 1300 Lunch
1300 - 1345 AMC A3V
1345 - 1355 Break
1355 - 1450 Charlie Armistead & Ralph Bemis
1450 - 1500 Break
1500 - 1550 Glen "Nick" Nickel, Operation EAGLE CLAW veteran
1550 - 1630 Wounded Warrior
1800 - Optional pub crawl starting at Dirty Oscars or Engine House #9

Saturday, July 27, 2019 (Attire: UOD/Civilian Equivalent)
0700 - 0850 Executive Council Breakfast
0900 - 1000 General Membership Meeting
1000 - 1050 Edwards AFB
1050 - 1100 Break
1100 - 1200 Doug Gardener (FAA Task Force One)
Saturday Evening (Attire: Business Casual)
Guest Speaker TBD
1800 - 1900 Group Banquet Social Hour at Hotel Morano
1900 - 2200 Group Banquet & Awards Presentation

Sunday July 28, 2019
NLT 1130 Hotel Checkout

*ALL TIMES, SPEAKERS AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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To All Current Active, Reserve, and Guard Loadmasters

The Northwest Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association is hosting the 2019 Gathering of Loads Convention at the Hotel Murano, Tacoma, Washington, July 24 – 28, 2019. By attending the convention, you will have an opportunity to come together and obtain valuable information regarding your duties and functions as a Loadmaster, as well as develop an understanding of USTRANSCOM (including assets from other services such as the Marine Corps, Navy or Coast Guard), and Major Commands such as AMC. We will be inviting the current top Air Force Loadmasters from the Air Mobility Command Headquarters Staff, Air Force Personnel Center, and Major Commands. Additionally, during the 4-day convention you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one and one-on-group question and answer discussions regarding you career, assignments, promotions, and other topics. Exhibitor booths will also provide information, resources, and giveaways.

TDY Funding: We encourage all eligible Loadmasters to work with their supervisors and commanders in an attempt to get full TDY funding to attend the convention. We will be hosting several professional development seminars during the gathering which should encourage supervisors and commanders to send Loadmasters TDY for their professional development. If full funding is not available, see the Permissive TDY section below.

Permissive TDY: Eligible Loadmasters (Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, and DoD Civilians) are authorized to attend the convention under Permissive TDY (PTDY) authorization, if your unit commander approves your request. They can authorize up to 10 days of PTDY. This is a Non-Funded TDY, but there are some advantages. The benefits of Permissive TDY are: you can travel Space-Available on DoD flights, you are not charged leave, you are not part of your units 10% leave pool, and you get to attend some professional development seminars from senior Loadmasters around the Air Force.

Reference: AFI 36-3003 Table 4.5, Rule 6, states that unit commanders may approve permissive TDY to attend meetings or seminars sponsored by non-Federal technical, scientific, professional (e.g., medical, legal, ecclesiastical, IT, and mechanical) societies and organizations, so long as the meeting or seminar has a direct relationship to the member's primary military duties and clearly enhance his or her value to the Air Force.

Please join us in Tacoma for a rewarding and exciting time with Loadmasters from around the world. If you have any questions about the convention, please contact Daniel Denman at (360) 265-3712, or danieldenman@hotmail.com.

Kathy Disney
Kathy Disney
President, Professional Loadmaster Association

2018 - 2019 PLA Membership Roster

The following PLA members whose names are in RED are missing an E-MAIL ADDRESS, and/or PHONE NUMBER in the National Secretary's database. Please contact John Moore to update your information.

** Lifetime Membership

Absher, Dean C. **
Absher, Patrick T. **
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Akins, Charles E. **
Albright, Reynold L. **
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Allard, Henry J.
Allen, Bill **
Allen, John L. **
Allison, Larry S. **
Andersen, Brian
Anderson, Jason. **
Anderson, Michael D.
Annas, Robert. **
Antoline, Robert M. **
Armstrong, Scott P. **
Arnett, Gary L.
Askew, Wes. **
Aubrey, Arnold L. **
Aust, James H. **
Avery, Aaron. **
Avery, Charles J. **
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Baarda, James J. **
Baechle, Michael S.
Bailey, Kasumi B. **
Bailey, Stu. **
Baird, Jerry L. **
Baitsholts, Trevor **
Baker, Bodie L. **
Baker, Christopher M. **
Ballard, Elisa **
Bann, Raymond L. **
Bardaro, James D. **
Barnes, Ted. **
Barnett, Ernest W. **
Barnum, Michael T.
Barrett, Nicholas. **
Bartlemus, Jeffery D. **
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Barto, Larry Jr. **
Barton, Bobby
Barton, Steve **
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Battle, Johnnie **
Baulkman, Joseph Jr. **
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Beegle, Malcolm C. **
Beese, Alfred **
Begley, Jeff **
Bell, Dave **
Belland, Mark E. **
Bemis, Ralph T.
Benavides, Francisco
Bennett, Kyle
Bennett, Richard L. **
Berg, Howard V. **
Bertino, Kurt L. **
Bertsch, Robert J. **
Billman, Tim. **
Birchman, David J. **
Birney, William J.
Blair, Timothy A. **
Block, Thomas H. **
Blocker, Thomas M.
Bond, Wade L. **
Booker, Frederick, Jr. **
Bostock, William **
Bouchard, Michael R. **
Bowen, Francis C.
Brady, William **
Branski, John L. **
Brasch, Eric M. **
Brech, Brian A. **
Bridgeman, Brian K. **
Bridgestock, Alen N.
Briscoe, Gary R. **
Brockman, Jimmie C. **
Broderick, Paul J. **
Brown, Anne **
Brown, Charlie D. **
Brown, Daniel K. **
Brown, David L.
Brown, Jason D. **
Brown, Joseph B. **
Brown, Kent **
Browne, Reginald M.
Brucker, Brian **
Brudi, Gary W.
Brumfield, Shawn E. **
Brunkow, Bruce **
Bryson, Sterling L. **
Buckley, Paul W. **
Bucy, Dustin **
Bullock, Walter A. **
Burdette, Jesse L. **
Burkhardt, John R. **
Burnett, Robert B. **
Byrns, Walter N. **
Calcaterra, Marc A. **
Call, Donald H.
Callahan, Patrick J. **
Callahan, Robert **
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Caniete, Ted A. **
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Cannon, Mike **
Capone, Alberto **
Carden, James A. **
Carey, Bryan R. **
Carey, Hugh F. **
Cargill, Ronald **
Carman, Joseph D.
Carmody, Edward R. **
Carpenter, John E.
Carrion, Thomas **
Carroll, William A. **
Carson, Christopher R. **
Carter, Barry D. **
Carter, Kimberly L.
Cary, Sheldon **
Caskey, Ferrell M. Jr. **
Cassidy, Harry T.
Castanedo, Paul A. **
Castle, Nathan
Cato, Roger D. **
Caton II, Louis. W.
Catron, Charles E.
Cawthon, Michael E. **
Cawthon, Richard E. **
Chamberlain, Samuel R. **
Chandler, Robert D. **
Chase, Michael
Chastain, Keith
Chewning, Brian L. **
Christopher, Lloyd F. **
Clark, Cecil D. **
Clark, Stephen M.
Clark, Willis **
Claudio, Juan **
Clay, Christopher S. **
Clever Jr., Ted L. **
Clever III, Theodore **
Clifford, Carroll J.
Cobb, James A. **
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Rud, Richie **
Russell, Richard E. **
Russell, Robert W. **
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In Memorium

The Professional Loadmaster Association offers condolences to the families and friends of the following Loadmasters whose death has been reported to our association.

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In Memoriam (6)

*Stephen T. VonBonin passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at home in Hartly. Mr. vonBonin was born June 12, 1938 in Chicago, IL to the late Gerhardt vonBonin and Lillian Ruzkia vonBonin. He retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years. After the service he received his Degree in Computer Science from Delaware State University and Del-Tech and Business Administration. Mr. vonBonin spent six years, for Amtrak in Ft. Washington, PA in sales because he spoke fluent French, and traveled all over the United States on trains. He was a train enthusiast a member of the National Rail Passengers Association and started the Delaware branch, and was instrumental in getting passenger service into Northern Delaware. He "spent time in the Air Force looking down through the clouds, then time in trains looking up at them". Mr. vonBonin was the former President of the Hartly Lions Club. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his adored shihtzu, Ashley Hope. Mr. vonBonin is survived by his wife 37 years, Anna C. Dorey vonBonin of Hartly; stepson, Michael Reynolds of Laurel; children, John, Fred and Josie Ann; four grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. Memorial services will be held 1 p.m., Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Torbert Funeral Chapel, 61 S. Bradford St., Dover. Friends may call one hour prior. Interment will be 11 a.m., Thursday, June 14, 2018 at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE 19701. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions be made to Delaware Hospice, 911 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Letters of condolences may be sent and guestbook signed at www.torbertfuneral.com.

*Robert (Bobby) L. Orr, born in Miami Florida June 20, 1958, passed away from natural causes August 8, 2018. He attended Derby High School in Derby, Kansas, and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduating. Bobby served 24 years as a Loadmaster on C-141's and C-17's, retiring in 2001 as a Master Sargent. He logged over 6,000 hours, traveling the world delivering both military and humanitarian supplies, including air dropping supplies to scientist at the South Pole. He continued to serve our country after his retirement, working as a mission planner for C-17's for 15 years. Bobby fully retired in 2016 and has been enjoying himself in South Carolina. Bobby is proceeded in death by his parents, Ferdinand Davis Orr and Rebecca Ann Orr. He is survived by his four brothers Bill (with wife Diane and daughter Kelly), Charlie (with wife Pam), Owen, and Lloyd (with wife Aniela and children Anna and Davis). Plans for services are still to be determined. Arrangements are being handled by Simplicity Lowcountry Cremation and Burial Services Summerville. https://lowcountryfuneral.com/tribute/details/4635/Robert-Orr/obituary.html#tribute-start.

*Russell J. Murphy, 86, of Mascoutah, IL, born June 22, 1932 in Litchfield, IL died Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018 at Brightly Senior Living Center in Mascoutah, IL. Russell retired as a Senior Master Sergeant from the U. S. Air Force after 26 years of service. He was a member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Mascoutah; member of the Mascoutah VFW Post 7682; U.S. Air Force Assn.; Retired Enlisted Assn., Professional Loadmaster Assn.; and was a U. S. Air Force veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. (Editor's Note: from Gateway Chapter - It should be noted that Russ began his 26 year Air Force career as a B-50 gunner and later cross-trained to the Loadmaster field at Pinecastle AFB, FL (now closed) with the 2nd Strategic Support Squadron as a C-124 crewmember. Further duty sites included a tour in Japan; Charleston AFB, SC; McGuire AFB, NJ; Norton AFB, CA (now closed); and culminated his career with HQ MAC IG Team at Scott AFB, IL). He was preceded in death by his parents, Dane and Marie, nee Crossett, Murphy; his wife, Shirley, nee Feraris, Murphy, whom he married in St. Charles, MO, on June 22, 1950, and who died August 17, 2005; a great-granddaughter, Mariah Bouchard; and three brothers, and two sisters. He is survived by a daughter, Debra Cramer of Highland, CA; a son, Charles (Kay) Murphy of Hindsville, AR; three grandsons, Patrick Murphy, Cris (Diana) Ricketts, and Jason (Jennifer) Bouchard; three great-grandchildren, Kyle and Noah Bouchard, and Haley Ricketts; a brother, John Murphy of Decatur, IL; and two sisters-in-law, Connie Murphy of Hillsboro, IL and Dorothy Southard of Marion, IL. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting mollfuneralhome.com. Visitation: Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, at Moll Funeral Home, Mascoutah, IL. Funeral: Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, at

Moll Funeral Home with Father Paul Wienhoff officiating. Burial will follow in the Holy Childhood Catholic Cemetery, Mascoutah, IL. Moll Funeral Home, Mascoutah, IL. https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/belleville/obituary.aspx?pid=190067883.

*Dwight L. Lawrence passed away peacefully on August 28, 2018 in Spokane, WA surrounded by many members of his family. Dwight was born in Galveston, TX January 9, 1933. At the age of 17 he joined the Air Force with his best friend. While stationed in Denver he met the love of his life Ramona, who was also in the Air Force. They were married a short time later on March 5, 1955. During Dwight's 20 year career in the Air Force they traveled all over the world. Their five daughters were born in Germany, Louisiana, Washington and Texas. They also lived in the Philippines for a few years. Dwight retired from the Air Force a Vietnam/Korean war veteran. They then moved to Spokane and Dwight enrolled in classes at SCC to pursue a career in printing. They loved the Pacific NW and retired to their property on the Tiger Inlet of the Pend Orielle River. He enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and traveling with his family.

Dwight is survived by his loving wife Ramona of 63 years; his older brother Robert Lawrence (Pasadena, TX); their five daughters Kathy Paulson (Bruce), Betsy McMichael (Russ), Pam Savland (Harry), Robin Ackerman (Paul) and Barb Barber (Paul). They were blessed with 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Celebration of Life will be at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, 6116 N. Market on September 14, 2018 from 1-4pm.

*Hector Leyva, 73 years old (August 7, 1945 - August 28, 2018). Hector was a C-130 Loadmaster during Vietnam assigned to the 62 Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS) flying under the Blue Baron patch of the C-130 with a top hat and was a 62nd Yacht Club alumni. He started his career in food services, cross trained to be a Loadmaster and finished as an Education & Training Superintendent at Bergstom AFB, TX. His military career spanned over 20 years with his retirement effective March 1, 1984. He went on to serve 15 more years with the US government Department of Interiors in Human Recourses. The list of his USAF awards, decorations, citations and campaign ribbons is long and includes the Vietnam Service Medal w/two OLC's, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Meritorious Service Medal w/ 1 OLC, Air Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) w/1 OLC to which he was especially honored. He was a member of the DFC chapter at Little Rock AFB, AR and co-founding member of the Professional Loadmasters Association (PLA), Alamo Chapter, San Antonio, TX along with many other veterans' groups too many to mention but equally contributed to their success. He entered active duty USAF in Montgomery, AL and retired in San Antonio, TX where he made his home for many years until recently returning just over a year ago to his childhood home near El Paso, TX to be near his family after being away for so many years. Hector was a straight shooter from TX, respected among his peers and will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know and love him. Hector was a proud aircrew member from the 62nd Airlift Squadron Blue Baron for over 51 years and if you ever had the chance to visit with him, you'd get that feeling within the first few minutes. He knew his squadrons information well and was always willing to share or research whatever was needed to ensure accuracy. He had become a common fixture to the young Loadmasters at the Little Rock AFB, some only knew of him, but most knew him personally. He was the past president of the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association. He was a retired active duty member but more recently an active member of the 62 Airlift Squadron's Alumni Heritage Library (Little Rock AFB, AR) and a main advisor on the Vietnam Museum exhibit that launched its collection initiative in 2017 after helping to ensure the WWII members "received their due" as he would say for their collections. At great urging out of respect from other alumni, his was to be the first display opened in 2019 for the Vietnam collection of which he intended to be present for the honor. As of now, this is still on schedule as his family has decided to honor their father's wishes. The squadron motto is "Primus in toto" which translates to "first in everything." He will be "Primus in toto" when the Vietnam collection is unveiled and his is the first collection open in the squadron. Funeral Arrangements - Visitation will be from 5:00pm to 9:00pm with a Vigil/Rosary at 7:00pm on Tuesday, September 04, 2018 at Sunset Funeral Home Northeast, El Paso, TX. Scripture Service will begin at 12:00pm on Wednesday, September 05, 2018 at Sunset Funeral Home Northeast. Committal Service will follow at 1:00pm at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

*Frank Eldridge Owens was born May 13, 1949 at the Freedmen's Hospital (now Howard University Hospital) in Washington, DC. He transitioned to a heavenly home on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Frank was the first child of John E. and Edna Watson Owens. He was the big brother to Linda, Cecelia, Jeffrey and Gregory. He grew up and attended schools in Washington, DC., beginning with Happyland Nursery School in North East Washington. Frank was baptized and confirmed at St. Martin's Catholic Church and attended 5th and 6th grade classes there. Frank served faithfully as an altar boy for many years. He learned all the Latin responses for all the Masses, and walked to church in rain, sleet and snow. He must have found Matthew, Chapter 5 (the Beatitudes) quite inspiring, as he quoted it often. Frank enjoyed swimming, bicycling, cartoons and ice hockey. He liked to take apart things and put them back together. Erector sets, and Lincoln logs were plentiful in our house. Frank always wanted to fly, and he joined the Civil Air Patrol Youth Division as a teen. He wanted a career in law enforcement or as a professional firefighter. Frank joined the US Marine Corps in 1967. And later, transferred to the US Air Force Reserves. He was proud of his job as a professional Loadmaster and membership in the Professional Loadmaster Association. While he earned many ribbons and honors, his greatest honor was the opportunity to serve this great country that he loved. CMSgt Frank E. Owens retired after 38 years of military service. Frank did follow his dream toward law enforcement when he moved permanently to Los Angeles 40+ years ago and joined the California Highway Patrol. He loved his job and wore that uniform proudly too. After retirement, he spent most of his

waking hours at the airport with his beloved Cessna Cardinal airplane and his fellow aviator friends. Frank lived and breathed flight and flying. He was so proud to have his photograph with him standing next to his plane, displayed in the Tuskegee Airmen and Young Black Aviators exhibit at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC in the 1980s. He loved teaching and mentoring young people about flying and safety and aviation history, and careers in the Air Force. Frank was also a great story-teller and engaged people whenever and wherever he went. He always enjoyed sharing his travel adventures with family and friends. He loved nature and the wilderness, camping with his good friends and fishing with his son, Michael. Frank leaves son, Michael; sisters Linda Clay of Hyattsville, MD and Cecelia Graves (Lorenzo) of Newport News, VA; brother Jeffrey Wright (Teri) of Fort Washington, MD; nieces, nephews other relatives and many friends.

Editors Note: In the March 2018 issue of 'The Loader" newsletter an obituary was published for CMSgt (Ret) Blaine R. Means. At the time the family did not have an interment date. The family would like you to know that Blaine will be buried on Tuesday, February 14, 2019 at 11:00am in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Non Member:

Ernest Claude Gray, 87, of Cabot AR, April 22, 1931 - July 15, 2018. 2nd MAPS Loadmaster. https://www.arkansasonline.com/obituaries/2018/jul/18/ernest-gray-2018-07-18/?fbclid=IwAR21I4yfURQd8pIVaRMo6U46XmSKCfNKsl5gfa2bYXS-979fv2Q9EsTzQV9s.

Carl Zirkenbach, August 27, 1952 - August 10, 2018, 6th MAS Loadmaster. https://mulryanfh.com/tribute/details/1084/Carl-Zirkenbach/obituary.html?fbclid=IwAR1KtO149rb-Ho-67jnN-rMdVbhd1oK9ynJZTjw9dY_cEgnL5XRdKiQ6qA-dc#content-start.

Gary L. Arndt, 1946 – August 24, 2018, 8th TCS, 7th APS. https://www.morris-sons.com/obituaries/Garry-Arndt/#!/Obituary.

Neil J. McClane, passed away August 30, 2018, 313th MAS. No obituary available. - https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Neil%20J.%20McClane.

SSgt Robert Alvarez, passed away September 17, 2018, 58th Airlift Squadron. No obituary available. https://www.altus.af.mil/News/Press-Releases/Display/Article/1639225/97-amw-airman-death-update/.

Francis A. League, CMSgt (Ret), March 6, 1932 - September 22, 2018, 63rd Aerial Port Squadron Norton AFB CA. www.legacy.com/obituaries/sbsun/obituary.aspx?n=francis-allan-league-mick&pid=190289891&fhid=5147&?utm_source=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ObitShare_TriggeredSend&utm_content=View+Obituary.

Arthur Lee Brown MSgt (Ret), August 4, 1930 - September 25, 2018, 14th MAS Norton AFB CA. https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bloomington-ca/arthur-brown-8004817.

Aloysius "Al" Kucala CMSgt (Ret) - March 25, 1931 - Oct. 4, 2018. HQ MAC Loadmaster. https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/obituaries/aloysius-kucala/.

Bruce A Hembree SMSgt (Ret) passed away October 6, 2018, 57th MAS & CINCMAC Loadmaster. Interment is 10am on November 5, 2018 at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. No obituary available. https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=msgt%20bruce%20hembree.

William S. Scalf CMSgt (Ret) passed away October 17, 2018. He was a 57th MAS Flight Examiner & 443rd MAW DOV Loadmaster. Interment is 10:30am on November 8, 2018 at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. No obituary available. https://www.facebook.com/search/str/bill+scalf/keywords_search.

DECEASED LOADMASTERS: If you suspect or know that a PLA member or a non–member Loadmaster has passed, please contact the secretary, buildsmall2@mac.com and the necessary action will be taken.

The PLA Secretary is seeking information on the following deceased members. We need permission to name a scholarship after them, but don't have any information to locate the next of kin (mailing address, telephone number, email address, etc). CHARLES E. BUCHER (Big Country), *RODNEY E. CLAPPER (Alabama), *DONALD J. FLAVIN (Big Country), CLAUDE "FRENCHY" FERRAND (Big Country), JOHN EDWARD GROOMS, SR. (Smyrna, TN), *ELMORE JACKSON (Southeast), *ROBERT C. JOHNSON (Indiana), *EDWARD R. MEZA (Alamo), ROBERT C. RODEMEYER (Golden West). If anyone has any contact information please contact the secretary at buildsmall2@mac.com.

Loadmasters at the 2018 Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association banquet

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Write "Scholarship Fund" on checks. Remember every little bit counts toward keeping this program ongoing.

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Jim Engelker
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engelkerj@gmail.com

The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) offers five scholarships annually for College and/or Vocational/Technical School after high school graduation. Current college or vocational/technical students may apply to complete their educational endeavor. We have two scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each named in honor of John L. Levitow and Bill Cannon. These are permanent scholarships. Three additional $500.00 scholarships, each named for a different deceased Loadmaster, will be awarded each year. Candidates for the selection process must be from PLA members in good standing and their family members (sons, daughters or grandchildren), and are limited to one scholarship per applicant. If exceptional circumstances should arise, the Executive Committee will handle them accordingly. For more information on scholarships go to http://www.loadmasters.com/scholarships. Applications, located on the PLA website, may be applied for through Jim Engelker at engelkerj@gmail.com.

Timeline for Scholarships: Submission of all scholarship applications is due by the close of business on April 1st Mountain Daylight Time of the year that scholarship announcement is made. Due April 2019 – selection May 2019. All scholarship applications received after that date will be returned. Announcement of the scholarship award to the individual participant shall be no later than the middle of May of the year before scholarship announcement. Announcement of scholarships awarded shall be published each year in the July issue of "The Loader" newsletter.

Additional Scholarship Name Selection: Selection of names to be honored for upcoming additional scholarships shall be provided by December of the year before scholarship announcement.

When completing your PLA application you will need to know the PLA membership # and date. Please contact John Moore at buildsmall2@mac.com to obtain this information."

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The new coins have both Friendship Through Airlift and Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow around the circle on the back and now they are in full color! The US Flag is in color and unchanged. The box below the flag is empty so you may have whatever you wish engraved in it. The PLA coin is $10.00 If you or your Chapter are interested in having some, please contact us. E-mail: buildsmall2@mac.com

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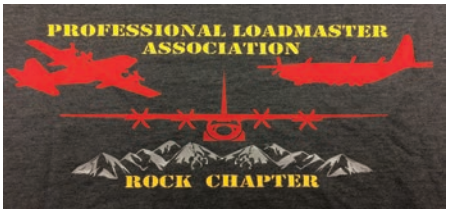

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PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTER ASSOCIATION
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Please limit your application to only those items requested on the form below. NOTE: In additional space is required to complete the application, please continue on a separate piece of paper, and make sure you reference the item you are continuing.

Student's Full Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____
Email address: _____

High School Students:
GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____ ACT/SAT: _____
College(s), University(ies), and Vocational/Technical School(s) you have made application to:
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College Students:
College/University, Vocational/Technical School GPA: _____
College/University, Vocational/Technical School you are or will be attending:
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All Students:
Proposed Field of Study: _____
Why did you choose this field of study? _____
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Scholarships/Financial Aid you have received or still pending (include amounts):
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What is your connection with the Professional Loadmaster Association? Please provide the name of the PLA member and his/her relationship to you. _____ Membership # and expiration date of PLA membership _____
(i.e., I am a member, my father/mother/grandparents are members, etc.) _____

Have you ever received a PLA scholarship in the past? If so, you are not eligible for additional PLA scholarships.

If at all possible, complete application and email to engelkerj@gmail.com.

Please attach the following items: The following items, in addition to the requested information on page one, will be used by the selection committee to select the PLA Scholarship winners for the coming year.

1. Please provide a short biography (150 - 200 words) and a current photograph of yourself. The short biography MUST include an introduction (your name, date of birth, where born, parents names), information about education (level of grade obtained, type of graduation – high school diploma, GED, level of college), relevant information regarding any awards and achievements you have received, relevant work experience and/or qualifications, as well as hobbies and interests and a conclusion. The conclusion should include future dream goals and/or future job aspirations.

2. Explain why financially you should receive this scholarship.

NOTE: Photograph WILL NOT be used by the selection committee. The purpose of the short biography and current photograph will used by the editor of the PLA Publication "The Loader" if you are selected as a PLA Scholarship winner.

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