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## CABIN REPORT

By Kathy Disney

Hey Load! I hope this issue of “The Loader” finds you all well and enjoying this hot summer. This is the last issue of “The Loader” prior to the next Gathering of Loads (GoL) in San Diego, CA, August 22-24, 2022. If you have never attended one of our biennial conferences, not only is it a great time, but it’s also where we share war stories, learn from professional development

seminars, announce scholarship winners, present annual awards at the banquet, hold our general membership meeting, and much more! You can find more information and register at <https://pla.wildapricot.org/>. If you need to renew your membership, you can do that at <https://pla.wildapricot.org/join>. I also want to thank the Golden West Chapter for hosting the year’s GoL. For those who have hosted a Gathering, you know how much work is involved. And with the COVID restrictions we all experienced, fund raising was nearly impossible. I am asking if any chapter, individual, or business can donate any amount to help make this year’s Gathering an amazing experience, it will be greatly appreciated! You can reach out to the Golden West Chapter directly (contact info in this issue on page 11) or you can donate at <https://pla.wildapricot.org/donate> and select “Gathering of Loads” under “Donation Fund.” They will appreciate any donation amount. As you enjoy reading this edition of “The Loader,” I need to announce this is the last edition of “The Loader” which Bill Weeper will be producing for us. Thank you, Bill for being “The Loader” Editor for the past ten years! You have done an amazing job! However, Bill has decided that after 10 years and 28 issues, it is time to pass it on to a new set of eyes. If you are interested, please let me know and reach out to Bill Weeper if you have any questions. It is a good opportunity for anyone with a creative side, detail oriented, and doesn’t mind deadlines. The last area I want to address in this Cabin Report is “The Loader” advertising. I know there are PLA members who are also small business owners, or who have turned their hobbies into businesses. How about advertising in “The Loader?” “The Loader” reaches all parts of the world, and you never know who might be reading it. Started a franchise lately? How about advertising it here? The cost of a full-page advertisement is \$500.00, ½ page advertisement is \$250.00, ¼ page advertisement is \$125.00 and a business card size advertisement is \$100.00. The goal is to get enough advertisers to pay for publishing “The Loader.” We currently have two regular advertisers, Loadmaster Tool Kit, and MeatHead Ed’s. That’s all I have, see you in San Diego, and Load Clear!

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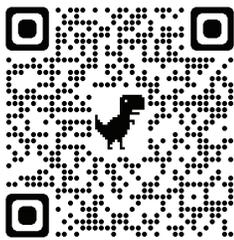
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The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) was formed in the State of Washington as an active membership organization for an exclusive group of professionals recognized as Loadmasters. The PLA is organized and governed by a duly-elected Executive 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 Aircraft Loadmasters performing aircrew duties on transport aircraft. A newsletter titled “The Loader” shall be published three times a year to inform the membership of Loadmaster participation within the airlift community and the association’s current & future business activities. The use of “The Loader” newsletter is voluntary. Any comments, views, opinions, or advice expressed in this newsletter are solely the opinions of the individual who expresses them and should not be construed as reflecting the position, views, or policy of the PLA, or its executive members. Neither the PLA nor its current or former agents, members, executive members, employees, officers or representatives shall have any liability or responsibility for any use of or reliance upon any comments, views, opinions or advice expressed in this newsletter or information gained through this newsletter, including but not limited to liability or responsibility for any direct or indirect omission or negligence. Users of this newsletter agree, in advance, to hold harmless and indemnify the PLA and its agents, members, executive members, employees, officers and representatives from and against and with respect to any and all claims, damages, liabilities, losses and expenses, without limitation, arising from or related to any comments, views, opinions or advice expressed in this newsletter or information gained through this newsletter, and agree to the above terms in this paragraph.

**Cover Photograph:** The seven members of the crew of Reach 824, a C-17 Globemaster III flown by the NY ANG's 105th Rescue Wing into Kabul during August 2021, pose for a group photo. On June 4, 2022 they were awarded the following medals for their actions. They are, from left, Capt Matthew McChesney (AC), TSgt Byron Catu (flying crew chief), PLA Member SSgt Evan Imbriglio (Loadmaster), PLA Life Member TSgt Joseph Caponi (Loadmaster Instructor), SSgt Corey Berke (Loadmaster), Capt Jonathan Guagenti (pilot), Lt Col Andrew Townsend (pilot). McChesney will receive the Distinguished Flying Cross, while Townsend, Guagenti, Berke, Imbriglio, and Caponi will receive the Air Medal with Valor. Catu has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Courtesy photo New York National Guard. See the full story at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/news/421943/six-members-ny-air-guards-105th-airlift-wing-honored-valor-june-4>.

### Secretary Report

Chris Cummings, Secretary - Are you warm enough yet? I have been in ETAR for the last 2 months and am absolutely loving our 40°C days! As we continue to adjust to this "post-COVID" world, make sure you take time to (try to) enjoy the warm summer weather. PRO TIP: San Diego will have fabulous weather this August, and there may be a few Loadmasters converging on the city for fellowship. While there, members should enjoy celebrating US National Family Meals Month. Apparently, San Diego is known for Pizza. As a New Yorker I will focus on Mexican! Did you know that the PLA has a website? Available 24/7/365 you can log in and verify that your record is accurate. This will ensure that you are receiving all email and snail mail that we are sending. To do this, simply scan the QR code or go to this website: <https://pla.wildapricot.org/Sys/Profile>



Unable to login? Send me an email to [cchris1686@gmail.com](mailto:cchris1686@gmail.com) or shoot me a text (845) 475-8457 with your name and email address and I'll get you where you need to be. Prefer to fax? Well, give me a call and again I'll get you where you need to be! PLA Membership - 921 total members. Since the last edition of "The Loader" we had 100+ of our active members log in! Great job! Now, if you are not one of those 100 members - I simply request that you log into the website to confirm your contact information. It is my intent to have every member take a few minutes to review their membership record. The database logs your last login and last profile update, so please help me get through the list of members without racking up a big long distance phone bill! BONUS---Chapter Secretaries,

I want to hear from you! Let's touch base before the next edition of "The Loader." This report will contain membership by Chapter in the future, and I want you to be at the top of that list!

### Treasurer Report

Chris Dockery, Treasurer - As of June 15, 2022, the Professional Loadmaster Association has a total of \$2,073.77 in checking, and \$28,778.97 in savings. Total Assets \$30,852.74.

### "The Loader" Editor

Bill Weeper, "The Loader" Editor - The Golden West Chapter has provided an update on the 2022 Gathering of Loads (GoL) convention. Accompanying the update is a paper registration form if you choose to use it and a TDY/PTDY letter that can be used to help get funding for military personnel to go to the GoL. They have also provided a tentative GoL schedule. Karl Hinkamp and Dave Bell have provided their last article in the series of "The Airline Professional Loadmaster." Please take a look at the impressive PLA Scholarship Award Winners for 2022, there were 12 applicants and 5 were awarded scholarships. I would like to thank Loadmaster Tool Kit (Larry Crain), and Meathead Ed's Food Truck (Kyle and Kathy Disney) for being the current sponsors of "The Loader." If any of you know anyone who would like to be a sponsor of the PLA and/or "The Loader" please have them get in touch with Kathy Disney. They can also download a Media/Press Kit at [https://www.loadmasters.com/\\_files/ugd/9ed39a\\_a2a2274b579740ee9181cc3602799518.pdf](https://www.loadmasters.com/_files/ugd/9ed39a_a2a2274b579740ee9181cc3602799518.pdf). We can acknowledge the sponsor's company in "The Loader" with their name, company logo, and contact information. This will be my last issue of "The Loader" as the editor. After being the editor for 10 years it is time for someone new with a fresh perspective. I would like to thank all the PLA members who have contributed Loadmaster articles to "The Loader," our publishers at Sound Publishing and Wenatchee World (Vincent L'Hirondelle) and our advertising sponsors. A new editor will be announced soon and all correspondence should be held until then.

### East Coast Vice President

Kent Brown, East Coast VP - Hey Load, It's been a long time since we have been together. During our forced downtime, lots of things have happened, some good some bad. We have lost many members in the past 2 years for various reasons, but we are coming back with new members every day. Several new chapters have started in the last 2 years and some that seem to have been on life support have started to come back. If you are in the area of Charleston, South Georgia, Northern Florida or Arizona, look for information in this and past issues of "The Loader" for info on new chapters and resurrection of the old. During this time many Loads may have lost interest in the Association. I say step up and reach out to your local chapter or national officers to see what YOU can do to help the PLA. Lastly the Gathering of Loads convention is coming in August. Please register and join us in San Diego. I know the Golden West chapter will welcome you and have a great program for your enjoyment. "I speak my mind because it hurts to bite my tongue."

### Aloha Chapter

Josh Moracco, Aloha Chapter Vice President/Treasurer: With Covid restrictions and travel loosening up, we can't forget about the partnerships and relations we have built. Therefore, the Aloha Chapter once again took part in the Yokota Friendship Festival May 2022, where we swapped aircrew stories of places in common, like Hawaii or abroad. About 50,000 people roamed the flightline, while local people were willing to stand in line in the rain just for the chance to come on board our beautiful C-17 aircraft. If you have any questions about the Aloha Chapter, please email me at moracco@gmail.com.

### Bill Cannon Chapter

Ron Pierce, Interim Bill Cannon Chapter President - Greetings from the northwest, a small group of Loadmasters visited some Loadmaster burial sites in preparation for Memorial Day. Tahoma National Cemetery sites visited, PLA markers left nearby included the following: Delbert Keefauver, William Cannon, Harry Brown, Ronald Campeau Sr, Wallace Johnson, Richard Sheffer, Norman Keppler, Levi Wares, Ronald Cargill, Norman Skau, Robert Renaud, and James Masura Sr. Fir Lane Cemetery sites visited by Robert Staples, Mark Lewis, SRA Jordan Urrizalo and Ron Pierce included Alfred Hanson, Philip Dawson, James Logan, Thomas Davis, Oddmund Bang, Harvey Claiborne, Donald Affeldt, and Ronald Decato.



Members of the Bill Cannon Chapter at the Fir Lane Cemetery on Memorial Day 2022: L-R:Robert Staples, Mark Lewis, Jordan Urrizola and Ron Pierce. A PLA Memorial Marker was placed on the headstone of all Loadmasters on Memorial Day 2022. Our thanks to Ron Pierce's wife, Kris, who made PLA Memorial Markers to mark each Loadmaster grave visited by Bill Cannon Chapter members.

Photos of each site with the PLA memorial markers are available if interested, contact Ron Pierce. Stories were told by all that attended. Nice to hear some fresh recounts of Afghanistan NEO operations. Next up for the Bill Cannon Chapter is to plan a picnic and see where we can take off from that event with additional meetings and get together. If you have any questions concerning the Bill Cannon Chapter, please contact me at: rpierce@bohfpusystems.com. Thanks, Ron Pierce.

### Golden West Chapter

Marie Gamache Golden West Chapter Member - Greetings from the Golden West Chapter! We have been busy in preparation for the up and coming Gathering of the Loads convention. We did make sure to take time out to congratulate two fellow Loads on the opening of one of everyone's favorite sandwich shops, Capriotti's. Great Job Paul Garcia and Ron Strayhorne finally getting your location up and running. Make sure if you are in the Moreno Valley area you stop in and show your support. Our Loadmasters at Edwards have been hacking the mission with the Missile Defense Agency. They have agreed to come and talk to us about what has been going on in the test world; and as always, we are happy to have them. We have not had an in-person meeting in a while but hope to start once again after we get past planning the GOL. If you have any questions about the chapter, please contact me at marieanngamache@gmail.com. Wishing everyone a great and safe summer.



Newly opened Capriotti's Sandwich Shop - owners (center wearing Capriotti's tee shirts) Ron Strayhorne and Paul Garcia (PLA Life Member). The shop is located at 12831 Moreno Beach Dr Suite 107, Moreno Valley, CA 92555.

### Gulf Coast Commandos Chapter

Anthony Zalucki, Gulf Coast Commandos Chapter President - Greetings from the Gulf Coast Commandos!! We hosted our May chapter meeting at Helen Back Pizza in Fort Walton Beach on May 20, 2022. At that meeting we decided to continue with our third Friday of the month meetings but are going to stick to the same location for an entire quarter to help with logistics and predictability for our chapter members. We decided our next meeting would also be at Helen Back on June 24, 2022. The chapter is continuing to work on growing our network along with strengthening the bond amongst our current chapter members. We are working on hosting a couple of fundraisers to help offset costs for chapter members that would like to attend the Gathering of Loads convention in August but are unable to utilize TDY funds. Please help us get the word out about our chapter. If you know of anyone in the Florida Panhandle and surrounding areas who is interested in joining the PLA, please send them our way! For this issue the Gulf Coast Commandos is highlighting Technical Sergeant Kyle T. Burton. Kyle is a C-146A Evaluator Loadmaster assigned to

the 524th Special Operations Squadron at Duke Field, Florida. He joined the Air Force in 2012 and was initially qualified as an Aerial Gunner on the AC-130W at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. He served on the AC-130W until 2020 when he switched over to the C-146A. Kyle also serves as the Flight Chief in A Flight. In this role he is responsible for the personal and professional development, career progression, and leadership of 8 enlisted members and the mentorship of 18 officers. He is a senior enlisted aircrew member with more than 2,000 flight hours including more than 900 combat hours. His hard work and dedication were on display as he was awarded the 2022 Wing 1st Quarter NCO of the Quarter. If you have any questions about the chapter, please contact me at [azalucki328@gmail.com](mailto:azalucki328@gmail.com) or (586) 764-3033.



Gulf Coast Commandos Chapter member Kyle Burton

### Michael P. Lutzko Chapter

Bill Castro, Mike P. Lutzko Chapter President - The Mike P. Lutzko Chapter in Abilene, Texas has been having meetings every 1st Thursday of the month since March 2022 at 1100. Our meetings are held at VFW Post 6873 located in Abilene Texas. We are looking into ways to recruit more members, as we want to build our membership. For the future we are planning ways to help out the community and mentor Loadmasters. If you have any questions about the chapter, please call me at (325) 386-3629 or email at [castrobill741@gmail.com](mailto:castrobill741@gmail.com).

### Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond, Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter President - Our chapter is proud to have made available and to have awarded two \$1000.00 scholarships this year. Ethan Shull, Grandson of Jim French, will receive the Mark Belland Scholarship; and Emma Giordano, Granddaughter of Mark Raymond, will receive the JC Wiley Scholarship. Ethan is currently attending UCLA as a first-year student pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering with hopes of getting his Master's degree in Nuclear Engineering in the future. Ethan has maintained a GPA of 3.78 and his love for science and research makes him want to make-a-difference in our society. Emma graduated from St. Francis Catholic School

in Sacramento and will be attending Cal Pol, San Luis Obispo, on the central coast of California for a degree in Environmental Engineering. St. Francis recognized Emma for "General Excellence" for cumulating a 4.0 GPA from 2018 – 2022. She was also recognized in the "Highest Honor Roll" for 2022. Our chapter has not slowed down or gone into remission since 1998. With the Travis Delta Breeze Club not being available for our monthly meetings, as it has in the past, our new gathering place is in Vacaville at the Hide-A-Way Grill and Bar. It has also given us a chance to enjoy a tasty dinner and to enjoy each other's company. Our participation in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life has been scheduled for June 25, 2022, in Vacaville. In the past, the event had over 120 teams and was scheduled over a two-day period. COVID 19 and the competition from other fund-raising events have drastically reduced the number of teams we now have, and in addition, reduced the amount of money we have been able to raise. The location of "Relay" has continued to change due to one concern after another, which has been out-of-our-control. This year it will be in downtown Vacaville at the river walk. I always must laud and praise Gabe Escamilla who relentlessly continues to work as our team captain and does an excellent job. Our money-making efforts volunteering at the Sonoma Raceway is back on track again this year. NASCAR is being held June 10–12, 2022, and the NHRA will be July 22–24, 2022. We really appreciate those who step up and volunteer. We continue to be fortunate to have chapter members that not only continue to participate but want to make sure we try to understand all the world events that have challenged us every day and to keep a cheerful outlook as only Loadmasters can do. We always welcome all Loadmasters from Northern California and Northern Nevada to join our local chapter and are proud of current members who have moved but continue to request they be associated with our chapter. We continue to have our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Hide-A-Way Grill and Bar in Vacaville CA, but any changes to the meetings will be sent out via email. If you have any question, please contact Mark E. Raymond at [mark.raymond@att.net](mailto:mark.raymond@att.net).



Emma Giordano, (Center) Granddaughter of Mark Raymond will receive the JC Wiley Scholarship.

## The Rock Chapter

Angel Sanchez, The Rock Chapter President - The Rock Chapter is happy to announce that we are officially recognized as an on-base private organization once again! As a result, the Rock Chapter put together an Octoberfest themed BBQ. We would like to thank all who helped put this together and everyone who attended.



The Rock Chapter members during the recent Octoberfest themed BBQ

We would like to invite anyone available to join our next monthly meeting on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 1130 at various locations which are announced on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/therockpla>). We are actively engaging with The Rock Chapter community and bringing awareness of the PLA organization. Getting people involved is our top priority. We are currently working the logistics to attend "The Gathering of Loads" convention. For further questions, please feel free to contact our current PLA committee members: President, Angel Sanchez, [af.angelsanchez@gmail.com](mailto:af.angelsanchez@gmail.com), (805) 621-1992; Vice President, Steve Herriot, [steve.herriot@us.af.mil](mailto:steve.herriot@us.af.mil); Secretary, Edwin Baxley, [edwin.baxley.1@us.af.mil](mailto:edwin.baxley.1@us.af.mil); Treasurer, Nate Castle, [nathan.castle.2.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:nathan.castle.2.ctr@us.af.mil)

## Trailblazers Chapter

Jayne Alexander, Trailblazers Chapter Secretary - Greetings from the Trailblazers! We've been keeping busy since completing the facelift on Trailblazer's large smoker. It was completed just in time for the 97th Wing training event where the active duty unit used it for grilling burgers and brats and got plenty of compliments from the crowd! Immediately after that the 54th ARS Boom Operators rented it for their annual symposium event here at the base where Boom Operators gather from all over the globe. They gave their sincere thanks as they hosted over 100 aviators here at Altus and had plenty of grilling space! Safe to say it's getting lot of attention and use! It looks great and we're very proud of it! Thanks again too all those that helped! Our chapter participated in the annual Altus Main Street Rock 'n Rumble again this year. We went big and bought more meat this year than we had in the past! Very glad

we did because we SOLD OUT! Huge thanks for all the volunteers who make this event such a success! It's the biggest event we have out here and it's always so good to us. This year we had several new Loadmasters become PLA/Trailblazer members as they helped out with the booth and made food/water/ice runs for us. Honestly couldn't do it without each and every person who helped!! We had the opportunity again this year to help the local favorite Meathead Ed's food truck at the Mangum Rattlesnake Roundup. Being PLA lifetime members, they're great to our chapter and split earnings with the Trailblazers as we help sell and prepare food from their truck. Thank's to the volunteers who helped with that event as well as Meathead Ed's! You guys all rock!! Our chapter is voting in new officer positions this month and we're looking forward to some new insights and ideas to our little chapter out here in SW Oklahoma! We have been meeting regularly on the first Friday every month at 1500 at the 58th AS on Altus AFB. If anyone wants to attend but can't get on base please reach out as we'd love to have you there!! As always, if you have any questions or requests please reach out to one of our officers. We love seeing and hearing from everyone! Hope to see you at first Friday!



PLA members Caleb Alexander and Mellisa Michels from the Trailblazers Chapter accept a check from Meathead Ed's owners Kyle and Kathy Disney (center) at the 2022 Mangum Rattlesnake Roundup.

## Troop Carrier Chapter

Josh Daigle, President Troop Carrier Chapter - Just checking in from the Troop Carrier Chapter out in Ramstein. Overseas Covid is starting to wrap up but was still a thing up until a couple months ago. We are planning to have our first meeting since last summer at the end of July. Several of our members are leaving in the near future and we are planning to hold a new set of elections at that meeting. Date, time, and location is still to be determined. To highlight some of our members. The 37th Airlift Squadron members are in the middle of exercise season and are spending more time on the road than they are home. Since the

## The Airline Professional Loadmaster



### *The Airline Professional Loadmaster* By Dave Bell and Karl Hinkamp

The first article of the Airline Professional Loadmaster (PLM) series appeared in the November 2016 issue of *The Loader*. Earlier that year, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) established the Loadmaster Certification Working Group (LCWG) in response to the National Airlines B-747 crash at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, and Erik Kaupa was selected to represent the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) on the FAA working group. Also, the PLA Executive Committee established Task Force 1, headed by Doug Gardiner, to consolidate PLA efforts toward achieving recognition and certification of Loadmaster as a crew position by the FAA. We [Dave & Karl] wrote The Airline PLM series to contribute to these efforts by using our experience with commercial air carriers to highlight the airline aspect of our career field, and compare it to the military side of Loadmaster life—Airline Loadmaster 101, if you will.

The Airline PLM recurring column has covered several topics affecting airline Loadmasters including (but not limited to) airline terminology, Unit Load Devices, port services, and commercial freighter aircraft to name a few. In the November 2019 issue of *The Loader*, “The Airline Professional Loadmaster” topic was training. In this article we delved into what we feel is inadequate training for air carrier Loadmasters generally and wrote specifically about the training given to the Loadmaster on the B-747 that crashed at Bagram Air Base. We are not the only ones holding this opinion. In its Aircraft Accident Report, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), stated the incident Loadmaster’s “training was deficient to the extent that it could not have provided him the knowledge and skills necessary to properly load and restrain a special cargo load ...” The NTSB also expressed concern that “Cargo handling personnel are not FAA-certificated; thus, there are no standardized procedures, training, and duty hour limitations and rest requirements for personnel who perform the safety-critical functions of loading and securing cargo.” The NTSB’s recommendations included increased oversight by the FAA and for the FAA to “Create a certification for personnel responsible for the loading, restraint, and documentation of special cargo loads on transport-category airplanes, and ensure that the certification includes procedures; training; and duty hour limitations and rest requirements consistent with other safety-sensitive, certificated positions.” Additionally, the NTSB specifically noted the “required crewmember” status of military Loadmasters and the extensive

training and evaluations they receive.

So far, the FAA response has not gone nearly as far as the NTSB recommended. The FAA issued two revisions (A & B) to Advisory Circular 120-85, which was originally issued in response to the 1997 Fine Air crash. However, Advisory Circulars are NOT MANDATORY. [For a detailed explanation of Advisory Circulars, see “What is AC 120-85A,” by Dave Bell, *The Loader*, July 2016] The Federal Government has moved painfully slowly on this issue—the Bagram crash occurred in 2013, the LCWG was formed in 2016, and their report was finalized in 2018. We wholeheartedly agree with the NTSB position that certification is needed, and stand by to assist—must there be another major incident or fatal crash for the NTSB recommendations to be adopted?

As for “The Airline Professional Loadmaster” series, we have covered the basic subject within the confines of a recurring column and will suspend operations for the time being. We wish to thank you, our readers; also Erik Kaupa for his expert representation on the FAA Loadmaster Certification Working Group, and Doug Gardiner for his steadfast devotion to commercial Loadmaster certification. We would be remiss if we did not give a **special Thank You** to the editor of “*The Loader*,” Bill Weeper, for his expert inputs and always making space for “The Airline Professional Loadmaster.”

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“National Air Cargo's Boeing 747-400 Freighter Crash in Afghanistan”. Accessed June 9, 2022, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sUWC2jfjQI>.

<sup>2</sup> For more information on the FAA Loadmaster Certification Working Group, including the PLA position, see: Federal Aviation Administration, Loadmaster Certification Working Group Recommendation Report, May 17, 2018.

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<sup>5</sup> NTSB, Steep Climb, vii, ix, 57.

<sup>6</sup> NTSB, Steep Climb, 63.

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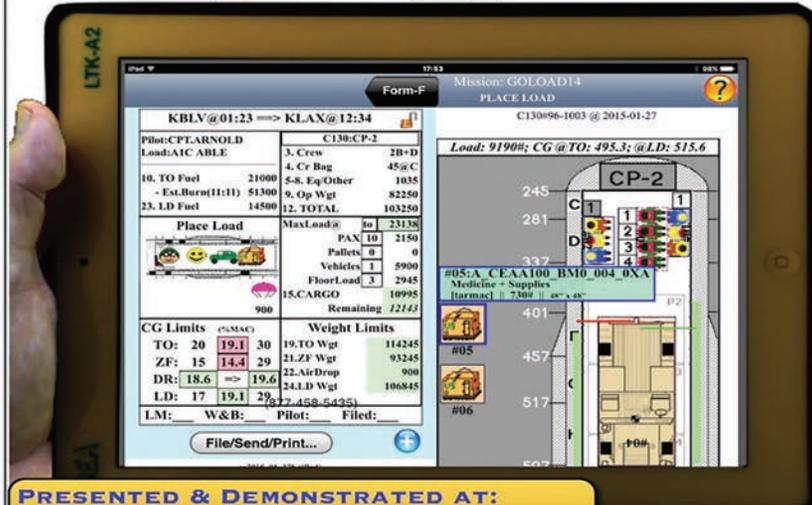
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- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by JUNE 31, 2022.
- A \$35 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event.
- Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable.
- Group lodging has been blocked at the Wyndham San Diego Bay:  
 \*Wyndham San Diego Bay, 1355 N Harbor Dr, San Diego- group: The Professional Loadmaster Convention  
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## GoL Tentative Schedule

Sunday, August 21, 2022

1600 - 2000 Registration & Reception

Monday, August 22, 2022

0800-0900 Welcome & Introductions  
 0900-1000 AFPC  
 1015-1030 Break  
 10:30-1115 IATA - Dangerous Goods (HAZMAT)  
 1115-1230 Lunch  
 1230-1300 Chief's Panel  
 1330-1500 Edwards AFB / Mission  
 1500-1515 Break  
 1515 - 1630 WIC Loadmaster

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

0800 - 1045 General Membership Meeting  
 1045 - 1100 Break  
 1100 - 1130 AMC A3V Brief  
 1130 - 1230 Lunch  
 1230 - 1300 ARFC CEA Functional Manager  
 1300 - 1330 Contingency Response  
 1330 - 1430 Bashur Airdrop  
 1430 -1445 Break  
 1445 - 1530 CV 22 Osprey / Naval COD Ops  
 1530-1630 Lt. Col. Marion Marshall  
 TBD Rally for Padres @ Altitude

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

0800-0830 Administrative Comments  
 0830-1000 Chief Ray Snedegar  
 1000-1015 Break  
 1030-1115 VA info  
 1115-1145 Vet Center VA rep  
 11:45-12:45 Lunch  
 12:45-1430 Non-combatant Evacuation  
 Operation Panel  
 1430 - 1630 Recap/Administrative Comments  
 1800 - 2200 Awards Banquet

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To All Current Active, Reserve, and Guard Loadmasters

The Golden West Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association is hosting the 2022 Gathering of Loads Convention at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside, San Diego, California August 22 – 24, 2022. August 21, 2022, and August 25, 2022 should be considered travel days to and from the convention. By attending the convention, you will have an opportunity to come together and obtain valuable information regarding our 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 3-day convention you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one and one-on-group question and answer discussions regarding your 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 Sunny California for a rewarding and exciting time with Loadmasters from around the world. If you have any questions about the convention, please contact Marie Gamache at (509) 496-8627, or [marieanngamache@gmail.com](mailto:marieanngamache@gmail.com).

*Kathy Disney*

President, Professional Loadmaster Association



Marie Gamache, Golden West Chapter - Greetings from sunny Southern California! The Golden West Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) is hosting the **2022 Gathering of Loads (GoL) convention at the Wyndham Bayside Hotel, August 22 – 24, 2022**. The GoL is shaping up to be really great this year. We are looking forward to getting everyone back together to celebrate 25 years of the PLA. Special thanks to Mark Smith for stepping up to be our Keynote speaker. The schedule has been built around the idea of educating Loadmasters on all the opportunities available around the Air Force. By attending the convention, you will have an opportunity to come together and obtain valuable information regarding your duties and functions as a Loadmaster. We have invited the current top Air Force Loadmasters from Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center, Major Commands, Test Center at Edwards AFB, Loadmaster Weapons Instructor Course, Contingency Response, and others. We have also invited the United States Navy CV-22 Osprey / Naval COD Ops Loadmasters, along with civilian and retired Loadmasters. There will be presentations such as IATA - Hazardous Goods (HAZMAT), Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations, VA Vet Center representatives, and we will have a discussion on various topics of interest with the Chief's Panel. Additionally, during the 3-day convention you will have the opportunity to have one-on-group and one-on-one question and answer discussion regarding your career, assignments, promotions, and other topics. We also want to celebrate some of the amazing accomplishments Loadmasters have had both past and present. With that said we still need help to make sure this goes well. Our registration numbers are really low, as are rooms booked at the hotel. So members, if you are coming please register ASAP; and if you have registered, book your room before we have to give them back. To ensure you receive the contracted rate of \$169.00 per night, all reservations must be reserved by the **reservation cutoff date of July 21, 2022**. The rooms at the Wyndham Bayside Hotel are reserved at the government rate between August 20-29, 2022. These rooms can be reserved online through wild apricot website. If able, we humbly ask for chapters to donate what they can to assist in funding the GoL. We are always looking for more sponsors so

if you or anyone you know would like to donate money or have a booth, please contact Phil Ensley (**Pensly14@gmail.com**) with your donation intention. Any other question please contact one of our main planners Nicole McBrearty (**Nicole.McBrearty8@gmail.com**) or Marie Gamache (**Marieanngamache@gmail.com**). GoL registration can be accomplished at this website: **<https://pla.wildapricot.org/event-3751737>**. Lastly, we reached out to leadership within the AFRC C-17 community in an effort to get leaders to solicit our event to their Loadmasters. We would like to reach out to our C-5, C-17 and C-130 Active Duty Loadmasters and all of our chapter members to ensure they are informed about the opportunity to register for our event. We need your assist in doing this as it can be daunting trying get emails out to our entire Loadmaster force. With your help, I hope we can reach out to most of them. Below is a forward-friendly message that was created so leaders and chapter presidents can quickly copy, paste and edit, then email out to their people. Please feel free to do the same and advertise this event to your organizations. We are really excited for the GoL in San Diego and are looking forward to seeing everyone at this amazing event in August!

Please use the following message to advertise to your organizations:

'Your Greeting'

We have the opportunity to attend a Loadmaster-specific event in Southern California. The Golden West Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association is hosting the 2022 Gathering of Loads convention, August 22-24, 2022 with August 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as travel days. This event is for retired, present, civilian and sister service Loadmasters. The convention is Air Force sanctioned and is considered a developmental event. There will be various speakers presenting information that applies to the many facets of your careers. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to meet and network with a multitude of Loadmasters from various organizations outside of our own!

Here is some specific info and highlights:

- PLA membership is required to attend. Here is the link for the PLA and where you can register to become a member: <https://pla.wildapricot.org/>
- There is an option for an annual membership (\$25)
- Registration for the event is \$85 (which members can claim on their travel vouchers)
- Registration for the event and banquet is \$170
- GoL registration: <https://pla.wildapricot.org/event-3751737>
- Government rate for blocked rooms at the Wyndham Bayside Hotel. Room reservations can be made at: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50247012/owner/55596/home>
- Golden West chapter will be hosting daily evening events within the San Diego locale

-Hospitality Room  
 -San Diego in the summertime does not disappoint!

Please see leadership for options to attend. For Guardsmen and Reservist, with commander's approval, Annual Tour can be used for this event. For Active Duty and AGRs, please see leadership for options to attend.

R,  
 Your email signature

### 2021 Loadmaster of the Year Award

The 2021 PLA LM of the Year Award winners are:

**SrA Brandon C. Berry**, 16th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC

**TSgt Michael J. DeMik**, 714th Training Squadron, Little Rock AFB, AR

**MSgt Christopher D. Fullmer**, 16th Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, SC

### Troop Carrier Chapter Report - Cont. from page 6

last "The Loader" was released we have been in Greece, Morocco, and France supporting D-Day 78. As our crew force is getting younger, the young ones are continuing to carry the load and make magic happen without complaint. Our members at the 603rd Air Operations Center have been dealing with the crazy surge that is Ukraine support. The warfighters from the 435th Contingency Response Squadron have set up multiple basing locations and have been forward-deployed since February. As for younger Load recognition I have to say SrA Alexander Fulbright has been an absolute rockstar for us. He is the first of his peers to go to instructor school and constantly sets the example of what does right look like.



Alexander Fulbright

### In Memorium

The Professional Loadmaster Association offers condolences to the families and friends of the following Loadmasters whose deaths have been reported to our association. Name underlined denotes a PLA Member. \*Denotes a Lifetime Member.

\* Richard Andrew Strouse, CMSgt (Ret), June 10, 1941 - March 3, 2022. Born in Scott County, Indiana, on the "Strouse Farm" near Leota, Indiana. Mother, Mary Fay Tumey (Strouse) Smith, from Dallas, Texas. Father, Ira W. Strouse of Scott County, Indiana, his brother Bill from Bedford, TX, and stepfather, John Smith, of Seymour, Indiana. all deceased. He attended his early grade school years between Texas and Indiana. His most memorable was the first grade at "Ole Number Six" one-room schoolhouse in Leota, Indiana. He later attended Danville, Indiana schools and graduated in 1960. After graduation he joined the U.S. Air Force and married Connie Ann Walker of Plainfield and Washington, Indiana (his high school sweetheart), on December 11, 1960. Richard and Connie have been married 61 years and raised three sons: Andy, Tony, and Russ. His first duty assignments took him to Virginia, Vietnam and Korea while in the transportation career field. In early 1968 he cross-trained into the Aircraft Loadmaster career field and following technical school was assigned at Dover AFB, Delaware to the 39th Military Airlift Squadron, flying on the C-133A Cargomaster aircraft. When the C-133 was retired in 1971 he was assigned to the 9th Military Airlift Squadron, flying on the new C-5A Galaxy aircraft. In 1979 he was assigned to the 436th Military Airlift Wing, Aircrew Stan/Eval section. In 1983 he was picked by Headquarters, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Illinois, to become the Chief C-5 Loadmaster of the command. In 1988 he assumed the position of Command Chief Loadmaster, Military Airlift Command, responsible for all 2,200 aircraft Loadmasters in the Air Force. He retired in October 1990 with 30 years and 21 days of active military service. After military retirement he was hired by Evergreen International Airlines (EIA) as an Operations Agent/Loadmaster, assigned at Dover AFB, Delaware, working military contract flights with the USAF. One of his proudest moments was when he received "The Civilian Desert Shield and Desert Storm Medal" from General Fogleman, Commander of Air Mobility Command (AMC), when he participated in aerial flights into the war zone of the middle-east in B-747 aircraft. He was one of only 206 Evergreen aircrew members to receive this medal. He was later selected as the "Chief Loadmaster," Evergreen International Airlines, and served in that capacity up to his retirement in 1998. After retirement he had only one part-time job that he really enjoyed and that was at "Old Mill Hardware", across from "Moore's Lake" in Dover, Delaware. His hobbies were restoring three old John Deere tractors, two Corvette's and his beautiful Chevy 409. In the winter months he worked and played with his Lionel trains. He enjoyed his "Purple Martins" and other wildlife. He loved his dogs and was most content when he was working on his projects and yard. He was a member of the Three Stones Church in Dover,

Delaware. He will be buried at "Sharon Hills Memorial Park" in the Garden of Honor" section with full military honors. Funeral services 1pm on Friday, March 11, 2022, at Pippin Funeral Home 119 W. Camden-Wyoming Ave. Wyoming DE where there will be a viewing from 12:00-1:00pm. [https://www.pippinfuneralhome.com/obituary/Richard-Strouse?fbclid=IwAR1YLzWGx-8WaAqDf\\_-u1AQglVLVjNp9yLwVJsHJGvpJ4F-blU9cJpLg\\_qM](https://www.pippinfuneralhome.com/obituary/Richard-Strouse?fbclid=IwAR1YLzWGx-8WaAqDf_-u1AQglVLVjNp9yLwVJsHJGvpJ4F-blU9cJpLg_qM)

Non-Member

John Bellew SMSgt (Ret) passed away on February 9, 2022. [https://www.postandcourier.com/journal-scene/obituaries/obituary-john-jd-david-bellew/article\\_ce8b1e0e-89d4-11ec-9d27-cf234a16d53c.html?fbclid=IwAR3MJfUyeNbrHwwI6OROGgu3EeVLM-MK5c7DjxTi3kTz5C1gKQEpHRqMj-o](https://www.postandcourier.com/journal-scene/obituaries/obituary-john-jd-david-bellew/article_ce8b1e0e-89d4-11ec-9d27-cf234a16d53c.html?fbclid=IwAR3MJfUyeNbrHwwI6OROGgu3EeVLM-MK5c7DjxTi3kTz5C1gKQEpHRqMj-o)

Scott Little passed away on April 22, 2022. [www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10228145307801710&set=p.10228145307801710&type=3](http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10228145307801710&set=p.10228145307801710&type=3) and <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10228145308761734&set=p.10228145308761734&type=3>

Benny Wigley passed away on April 17, 2022. [https://allveterans.com/tribute/details/262462/Benny-Wigley/obituary.html?fbclid=IwAR1pjbJ0l6eVsquoXHCzIqO5tJe4aHtJPINjfhNi\\_DeufS4VqNifaqqMySs#tribute-start](https://allveterans.com/tribute/details/262462/Benny-Wigley/obituary.html?fbclid=IwAR1pjbJ0l6eVsquoXHCzIqO5tJe4aHtJPINjfhNi_DeufS4VqNifaqqMySs#tribute-start)

### PLA Merchandise

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**Scholarship Manager**

Jim Engelker

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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 the Jim Engelker at [engelkerj@gmail.com](mailto:engelkerj@gmail.com).

**Timeline for Scholarships:** Scholarship applications are due by close of business on April 1, 2023. Please review the PLA scholarship information on the PLA website. Take the time to complete an application, include your photograph and email it, in PDF format, to Jim Engelker. 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.

When completing your PLA application you will need to know the PLA membership number and date. Please contact Chris Cummings at [cchris1686@gmail.com](mailto:cchris1686@gmail.com) to obtain this information."

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The 2022 Scholarship Committee has completed its review of twelve applications and have selected the following for the scholarships



**Christopher R. Barto, \$1,000.00,  
John Levitow Scholarship**

College Application submitted:  
Penn State University  
Purposed field of study:  
Psychology

Connection to PLA: Larry Barto,  
Father, Membership # 1285/  
Lifetime

Proposed Field of Study:  
Psychology. Why did you  
choose this field of study: I have  
chosen psychology as my field of  
study as I feel a solid connection

to adolescents struggling with mental health issues due to social media, COVID, school pressures, and family situations. There is a great need for mental health care availability for children, teens, and young adults. I can make a difference through my life situations, family in the military, separation due to deployments, a victim of cyberbullying and physical bullying. I was also diagnosed with PTSD at the age of 12, and finding a therapist trained in teenage PTSD or EMDR therapy was quite tricky for my family. Receiving this scholarship will assist me in paying for college costs and allow me to focus on school my first semester instead of balancing a part-time job and my first semester classes. College is a huge adjustment for anyone but attending college shortly after turning 17 makes the adjustment so much more significant as I am much younger than most first-year college students. I know the time will come when I will need to balance both, but having a scholarship will ease the burden for now.

**Kaleiolani Duran, \$1,000.00,  
Bill Cannon Scholarship**

College application submitted:  
University of New Mexico, UC  
Denver, UC Colorado Springs,  
Texas Tech University, Johns  
Hopkins University

Major: Biology with a minor in  
Genetics

PLA connection: Herb Duran,  
Father, membership # 309,  
lifetime

I will major in biology and minor

in genetics to pave my path toward medical school. I was born with a congenital heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot. Amazing doctors repaired my heart, inspiring me to become a cardiothoracic surgeon to give back to patients who have heart problems. Attending college and eventually getting into medical school are my primary goals. I understand that becoming a doctor requires hard work, dedication, commitment, and many years of education, but I am ready for the challenge! Receiving the Professional Loadmaster Association Scholarship will assist me in achieving my goal of becoming a doctor. Becoming a doctor is a long and expensive process; it requires about fifteen years of education. This scholarship will help defray some of my college expenses. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to apply for the Professional Loadmaster Association Scholarship. It would be an honor to receive this scholarship. My thanks to the selection committee for their time reviewing my application and for their consideration.



**Addison Jane Anthony,  
\$1,000.00 Mike Welch  
Scholarship**

Colleges application submitted:  
Pennsylvania State University,  
James Madison University,  
Auburn University, Monmouth  
University, West Chester  
University of Pennsylvania

Major: Communication Sciences  
& Disorders

PLA connection: Christopher,  
Anthony, Father, #2499, 3 July  
2022

My name is Addison Anthony and I was born on September 21, 2004, in Summerville, South Carolina! My parents are Christopher and Rachel Anthony. My dad was a Technical Sergeant at Charleston Air Force Base at the time as a C-17 Loadmaster. Shortly after we moved from South Carolina to New Jersey and finally ended in Pennsylvania. Currently, I am enrolled at Saucon Valley High School where I will be graduating with my high school diploma. Also, I'm enrolled at Northampton Community College where I have accumulated 9 college credits going into my first year at Penn State University. This fall 2022, I will attend the Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus where I will be studying Communication Sciences and Disorders and minoring in Health Policy Administration. In my four years of high school, I have been the captain of my school's varsity field hockey and lacrosse team for the 2021-2022 school year, I'm a chair member of the club Mini-THON, a fundraiser for pediatric cancer, and a member of the National Honors Society. Also, I have received the recognition of being a part of the PA All-State Academic Team for field hockey for the years 2020 and 2021 and I have also been named

to the NFHCA (National Field Hockey Coaches Association) High School National Academic Squad. I work as a lifeguard during the summers and the winters. Additionally, I worked as a certified youth girl's referee for lacrosse for the past three years and I have coached youth girl's lacrosse for the past two years! I have been involved with my church in doing service projects to help the community, such as helping the less fortunate with food donations, to cleaning up outdoor parks in our local community. Upon graduation, I hope to obtain my degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders then move on to graduate school and finish by becoming a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist! I hope to bring confidence to individuals about their speaking abilities just like my speech therapist did for me growing up. If I am selected for the Professional Loadmaster Scholarship, I will use it to assist with my tuition and books for my education. Thank you for taking the time to consider me for this scholarship and opportunity!



**Alyssa Marie Herman, \$500.00, Ted Venturini Scholarship sponsored by Al Capone**

Colleges applications submitted: University of Central Florida, Florida State University, University of Missouri

Major: Health Sciences

PLA Connection: Michael Herman, Father, #1951 Lifetime

My name is Alyssa Herman and I am eighteen years old living in Collinsville Illinois, near Scott AFB. I was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina to the parents of Michael and Tawnya Herman. I am graduating from Collinsville High School in the top three percent of my class. I have been very active in my school clubs including being the officer of Latin Club and the Vice President of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) as well as many other honor societies throughout my high school career. Most recently I have earned the Illinois State Scholar award through my academic achievements as well as being on honor roll since my freshman year. I have been participating in my school's color guard program and drama program and found my love for performing through those activities. I have found joy in participating in service projects and activities in my community and it has grown my desire to be able to make a difference in communities. I am planning on studying Health Sciences in college with the goals to be able to attend medical school in the future. The PLA scholarship would help me enter my first year of college as I have run into a few hurdles to be able to afford college. I cannot attend my first choice school because it is extremely out of the price

range to be affordable, but with help from scholarships my second choice school can become more affordable. I am paying for school independently and so every penny I am able to receive helps me not have to worry about taking out extremely large loans as this scholarship would help go into paying for this year's expenses.



**Emma Hua Giordano, \$500.00, Harry "Mac" McCommons Scholarship**

Colleges applications submitted: Saint Mary's College, Loyola Marymount University, University of San Diego, Cal Poly SLO, UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara

Major: Environmental Engineering

PLA connections: Mark Earle Raymond, grandfather,

membership number: 214 Lifetime

My name is Emma Giordano. I was born in Sacramento, California, on March 8, 2004 to my parents Carlo and Julie. I am a senior, in the top 9% of my class, at St. Francis High School, and I will be graduating this May. I have over 500 volunteer hours. I've helped with St. John's Program For Real Change at their women's and children's shelter. I am the founder and president of St. John's Service Club which organizes volunteer opportunities for other students at the shelter. I have coached 5th - 8th grade girls' volleyball teams at my old school over the past 3 years. In addition, I am a Student Ambassador at my school where I host prospective students. Furthermore, I volunteered at Sutterville Preschool, where I assisted teachers with activities. Last August, I began working at Crumbl Cookies. I ran cross country the last two years. I currently enjoy running in my neighborhood, crocheting bags and hats, and reading books. I will major in Environmental Engineering at either Cal Poly San Luis Obispo or UC Irvine. It is important to maintain current conservation practices and to create new ways to help preserve the planet for future generations. My father is a high school teacher, and my mother works for the State of California. They will be paying a portion of my schooling and I will have to cover the rest of the cost. In addition to the money I have already saved, I plan on working a part-time job while in college, work during my summers off school, receive this scholarship hopefully, and pay the remaining costs with loans. Receiving this scholarship would help me to become debt-free while trying to navigate my independence post-university. Many graduates have financial hardships due to student-debt. This scholarship would get me one step closer to a life that I have dreamed of.

