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CABIN REPORT

Ron Pierce - PLA President: Cabin Report July 2013

Kris and I hope summer brings everyone some much needed relaxation or at least some fun.

During the past quarter, we have had a few loadmasters make the news with Hal McCoy Hall of Fame baseball writer, needing a driver to the Man of Steel movie.

Hats off to Ray Snedegar. He stepped up and volunteered to be the driver for Hall of Fame baseball writer, Hal McCoy, for the season. McCoy is legally blind and needed a ride from Englewood, OH to Great American Ballpark covering the Cincinnati Reds. Ray will make at least 81 trips driving the 180 mile round trip. For Ray's story go to: http://www.foxsportsohio.com/02/15/13/Driving-Mr-McCoy/landing_reds.html?blockID=864677&feedID=3725.

If you have a chance to see the new Superman movie, Man of Steel, you can catch a glimpse of one of our PLA members as the C-17 Loadmaster in the movie. Paul Garcia, who is stationed at Edwards AFB, was originally showing the actress loadmaster how to use the interphone and other items, when the director made a change and used him instead. Paul said much more interaction was filmed, although it landed on the cutting room floor. Congrats to Paul for chance of a lifetime event.

Hard to believe it has been 20 years since the first C-17 arrived at Charleston AFB on June 14, 1993. I was an escort for a previous wing commander and he told me I really do not need an escort. Good thing because I lost him during a tour and never saw him again. Kris and I went to Burger King for lunch and that was the beginning of my C-17 journey. Met up with CMSgt Bob Morris having lunch and he asked if I would come to Edwards and I told him NO. Then Kris asked where Edwards was, and when I told her, she figured it was not far from her Grandma, so we put in for the move.

Business travel provided the opportunity to visit with loadmasters at Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam over a lunch and loadmaster meeting. Met another group at the Puka (Golf Course) on Friday evening and was quickly schooled on some dice game that cost me for the learning curve. Additional travel allowed me to meet up with a few loadmasters at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska. I am grateful to have the opportunity to chat with PLA members at different bases. I was also home for the annual local cemetery visit with the Northwest Chapter on Saturday May 25, 2013. I always try to make this event to pay respects to our members.

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PLA Business: A new order of patches was sent in and a quote is ready for a new order of PLA coins. PLA stickers were also quoted. Loadmaster Monument is back in place at the National Museum of the US Air Force, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton Ohio after the repair to a spelling mistake. If you have a chance, stop by and visit the Monument. Liberty Chapter has an updated Loadmaster Coin (see page 7). I was able to see it at the Coinforce showroom in Lakewood, WA and purchased one from CMSgt Ron Campeau Jr. Southeast Chapter is moving again thanks to Mike Morris and Todd O'Bryant. If you are interested in helping out contact one of them. **The PLA By-Laws revision is completed and ready for a review of changes to the membership. The By-Laws will be available on the PLA website in the near future. Please review them and if you have any suggestions or comments please contact Hector Leyva at Hector145@msn.com.**

Load Clear

(Cover Photo) is of CMSgt Sharon Hollaway (PLA member and Commandant of the Career Enlisted Aircrew Center of Excellence) receiving an Alamo Chapter Photograph from Andy Vaquera (Alamo Chapter President) at the April 5, 2013 Loadmaster graduation and PLA fundraiser barbeque.

PLA SECRETARY - John Moore**PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF:** June 15, 2013

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 2,149

ACTIVE MEMBERS: 1,029 (13 Lost Loads)

IN-ACTIVE: 1,009

DECEASED: 111

NEW MEMBERS (*Denotes Life Member)**MARCH**

Robert Arieta	Shay Dennis
Gregory Benton	Dominic Gallagher
Richard Bernard	*Jesse Richardson

APRIL

Richard Bissette	*Keith Roscoe
Zachery Foriska	Ivan Sanches
Jason Higashionna	Don Sawyer
Darryl McPheron	Zach Steenhusen
Daniel C. Moore	Jerome L. Thomas

MAY

Aaron Avery	Donald Montgomery
*Chester Domaszewicz	Clayton Woods

JUNE

Roy Cruz	Joshua Macke
Brandon Fertig	*Dale Nyhus

LOST LOADS: When you move, PLEASE notify us of your new address, e-mail, and phone number and you will not end up on the list. If you know any of the Lost Loads please have them contact us with their current contact information. Whenever a mailed LOADER or renewal notice is returned this costs the association money, postage both ways. **Chapter Presidents** please keep us advised of any changes in your chapter officer listing. Ensure that your officers are in fact current members of the PLA.

LOST MEMBERS (13) We need contact information for the following (*** Denotes Life Member**):

* John L Branski	* Michael Lambrecht
* Jesse L. Burdette	Scott W. Mesaros
* Robert B. Burnett	* Jason Morgan
* Christopher S. Clay	* Dewhitt Sizemore
* Daniel Downey	* Gary B Stout
John J. Egan	* Tony E. Strader
* Craig Kelleher	

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<http://www.loadmasters.com/payhere.htm>

This is the only address you can use to join online, renew your membership, or order merchandise.

IN-ACTIVE MEMBERS: We appear to be getting more and more members going in-active, 1,000 plus. **When you receive a renewal notice, please respond** to continue receiving The LOADER. We are still plagued with receiving on line, new and renewal applications with no way to confirm payments. Print and save the PayPal receipt to confirm your payment. We are making many attempts to contact individuals thru the listed phone number/e-mail address and they are no longer good or we do not get a return response. If you think any of your information on the association records is incorrect or outdated please submit a change of address form to the Secretary.

ELECTRONIC LOADER: If you are willing to electronically receive "The Loader" please contact me. The electronic procedure will save your association a considerable amount of money in printing and mailing costs.

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 newsletter to you or make contact if we don't know where you are. Send an e-mail to John Moore at: buildsmall2@mac.com or buildsm@netins.net or leave a free 2 minute message at 1 (800) 239-4524. Remember to speak slowly and distinctly, so we can copy your information down. Thank you!

"The Loader" - Editor

Bill Weeper - "The Loader" Editor: I'd like to thank all the chapters for a great job of submitting articles and photographs. In fact, we have gone from about two pages of chapter inputs per issue to five pages in this issue. If any of you have articles or photographs you want published, please email them to me at weeperjr@satx.rr.com. Scholarships have been announced in this issue of "The Loader." Congratulations to all four winners. The Career Enlisted Aviator Pipeline Program Manager, Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) and the Basic Loadmaster School (BLM) have been highlighted in this issue. Hopefully it will give you insight into how new Loadmasters are managed by the program manager through the Air Education and Training Command training pipeline. Initial training has changed quite a bit since most of us started our Loadmaster careers and the articles from the CEA/CoE and BLM will give you an idea what is currently being taught at the schoolhouse. I'd like to thank CMSgt Sharon Hollaway, who got these articles and photographs together for me. Chief Hollaway is a Loadmaster, PLA member and Commandant of the CEA/CoE. She is only the third Commandant (and first Loadmaster) of the CEA/CoE and has been a great supporter of the PLA and the Alamo Chapter. It seems that Loadmasters are being recognized and honored more these days, which is a good thing. This issue recognizes a Loadmaster who was inducted into the Commando Hall of Honor and also the whole Loadmaster career field (and the four Loadmasters who represent it) which received the Air Force Association 2013 Team of the Year Award.

Scholarship Information

The PLA offers four scholarships annually for college and/or vocational/technical school after high school graduation. We have one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 named in honor of John L. Levitow (this is a permanent scholarship); and up to three additional \$500.00 scholarships, each named for a different deceased Loadmaster each year. Candidates for the selection process must be from PLA members in good standing and their family members (sons, daughters or grand children) and are limited to one scholarship per applicant. If exceptional circumstances should arrive, the Executive Committee will handle them accordingly. For more information on scholarships go to www.loadmasters.com and click on scholarships. Applications may be applied for through Jim Engelker at engelkerj@gmail.com.

Timeline for Scholarships

Selection of names to be honored for upcoming scholarships shall be provided by December of the year before scholarship announcement. Submission of application to the selection committee shall be no later than March of the year before scholarship announcement. 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. Remember our scholarship fund will be used to support one scholarship of \$1000 and three \$500.00 scholarships a year to PLA members and their family members.

Donations can be made to our PLA Headquarters:
P.O. Box 4351 Tacoma, WA 98438
Write "Scholarship Fund" on checks, remember every little bit counts toward keeping this program ongoing.

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For 2013 there were 10 applications, which is the greatest number ever submitted to the PLA. PLA 2013 Scholarship winners:

John Levitow (\$1000.00) - Kristin M. Masur - IL
Major: Aviation Flight/Hospitality with a Music Minor
Accepted at Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

Ronald R. Haak (\$500.00) - Jarrod B Drury - MO
Major: Electrical Engineering
Either Missouri Western State University or
Colorado Springs Community College

Tally Talamentes (\$500.00) - Kyle O/Leary - WA
Major: Accounting with a Sports Management Minor
Attending Linfield College

Don Eagle (\$500.00) - AnaLisa Lopez Megill - TX
Major: Pre-Nursing
Texas State University

PLA Gear - PLA COINS (see below)

The new coins have both Friendship Through Airlift and Yesterday -Today - Tomorrow around the circle on the back. And now it's 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.

PLA PIN (top right) and PATCH (bottom right)

PLA Coins, Pins and Patches are available through the National Headquarters. The PLA Coins are \$10.00, Pins are \$7.00 and the Patches are \$10.00 each, including mailing. If chapters are interested in obtaining some, please contact us at: secretary@loadmasters.com



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The Alamo Chapter

Bill Weeper: Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter. The Alamo Chapter has breakfast on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 am at the Stinson Airfield café “Bernard’s Cajun Kitchen” (located in the historic Stinson Airport Tower building) at 8535 Mission Road San Antonio, TX 78214, (210) 923-5969. Following breakfast at 11:00 am there will be a chapter meeting at the Texas Air Museum – Stinson Field Chapter. It is located on the Stinson Airport at 1234 99th Street, San Antonio Texas 78214, <http://www.texasairmuseum.org>, (210) 977-9885. The Alamo Chapter is sponsoring a breakroom at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) on Lackland AFB Texas for all enlisted aircrew students and a classroom for the Basic Loadmaster Course (BLM). After a BLM graduation the Alamo Chapter had a barbeque fundraiser on April 5, 2013 at the CEA/CoE (under the wing of their C-130) to raise funds for the breakroom and classroom project. Andy Vaquera was the guest speaker and pinned wings on some of the Loadmaster students. Along with Andy and his wife Norma, Alamo Chapter members Joe Basaldua, Ray Silva, Hector Leyva, Pat Absher, Sharon Hollaway, Don Sawyer (who joined the PLA that day), Bill Weeper and Chris Dockery



Andy Vaquera, Norma Vaquera and Joe Basaldua at CEA/CoE fundraiser

helped with the barbeque. Additionally the Alamo Chapter has purchased a 55 inch flat panel television and delivered it to the CEA/CoE, it will be hung on the main wall in the breakroom. Six large picture frames were donated by John Tosh (Texas Air Museum) and resized to fit 20” by 30” photographs, 4 of them will be put on the wall next to the television. The other 2 pictures and frames will be the start of an enlisted aviator association display. The Professional Loadmaster Association and the Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association are the first two association displays to go up in the breakroom. If you would like to help the Alamo Chapter with these rooms financially or materially, please contact Andy Vaquera at (210) 559-7487, andyvaquera@sbcglobal.net or Hector Leyva at (210) 632-3257, Hector145@msn.com. Chapters or individuals that are interested in sponsoring a classroom at the Basic Loadmaster Course can contact CMSgt Sharon Hollaway, Commandant, Career Enlisted Aviator CoE, 344th Training Squadron, DSN: 473-8300 or Commercial: 210-671-8300, sharon.hollaway@us.af.mil.

Aloha Chapter

Bob Callahan - Aloha Chapter President: Aloha kakou! Since our last update the Aloha Chapter has been busy with a visit from Ted Venturini one of the ‘Godfathers’ of the C-17 and several different fund raisers. The chapter is still building back up from its re-launch last year. A recent accomplishment of ours was receiving the acceptance from SSgt. Danny Hollister’s wife to create and fund a scholarship in his honor. Ted Venturini reached out to the Aloha Chapter President and while on vacation he stopped by the 535th and 204th to share firsthand knowledge on how the C-17 came to be. The stories he shared were of a vision of a three man crew and an aircraft that had the most efficient cargo compartment for a loadmaster to date. A static display was coordinated for Mr. Venturini to get back on the jet and show us some of the things he helped design. Needless to say all of us were extremely impressed. Below is a picture of some of the Aloha Chapter members and Ted Venturini sitting in his favorite chair. **Acknowledgements: SRA Ryan Lockhart received the 15th WG and PACAF Red Erwin Award.** Our chapter officers are; President-Bob Callahan, Vice President-Scott Stueven, Treasurer-Chris Baker, Secretary-Ryan Lockhart, and Sgt at Arms-Keith Roscoe. Chapter meetings are on the third Friday of the month @ 1330 with the location TBA.



Ted Venturini and Aloha Chapter Loadmasters

Big Country Chapter

Bennie Lopez - Big Country Chapter Historian: The Big Country Chapter meets on the second Saturday at 11 a.m. every other month at the VFW Post 6873, Abilene, Texas. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 2013. Bennie R Lopez, a member of the Big Country Chapter, had the honor and privilege of presenting the Don Eagle Memorial Scholarship to his granddaughter, AnaLisa Lopez Megill. The scholarship was for \$500.00. AnaLisa will study nursing at Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. Our Chapter Officers are: President Michael P Lutzko, 325-829-4026, mlutzko@xanadoo.com; our Vice President is Juan Levario, 325-670-0411; our Secretary is Gary Van Cleave, (325) 854-1926; our Treasurer is Robert Staples, (325) 673-1249, staf1134@aol.com; our Chaplain is Robert Leet, (325) 698-7057, nursebob1@sbcglobal.net; and our Historian is Bennie R. Lopez, (972) 345-5066, ybL40@sbcglobal.net.

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AnaLisa Lopez Megill receiving the Don Eagle Scholarship from her grandfather Bennie Lopez (Big Country Chapter member)

Denali Chapter

JD Bartlemus - Denali Chapter President: Anyone who lives in the Anchorage or the Alaska area interested in helping me reinvigorate our chapter please contact me at the C-17 Simulator Complex on Elmendorf Air Force Base or at: JD Bartlemus, #282 5800 Westover Ave, JBER AK, 99506, or give me a call at 360-701-6267.

First State Chapter

SrA Oliver Vizitei, SSgt Ryan Thompson: Hello from Dover. I hope this issue of "The Loader" finds you all well and enjoying summer. The 3rd Airlift Squadron has been keeping busy supporting the ongoing mission in Afghanistan and has started the drawdown of coalition forces from theater. Within the coming year we're expecting surge operations to continue and loadmasters at the 3rd are looking forward to the challenges of such a monumental undertaking. The 3rd Airlift also recently participated in the test loading and validation of a new presidential support airlift platform, soon to be employed in the system. The C-5Ms of the 9th Airlift Squadron recently moved an 87,000-pound Grauntech Shredder to Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. The 525 HP Mobile Rotogrind Shredder assembly is used to shred everything from paper and electronics to body armor and ballistic glass in a matter of seconds. Giant Shredders don't usually attract too much attention but as we accelerate the pace of retrograde, this item is essential. It will reduce the tonnage coming out of the AOR and the scrap it produces will return money to the U.S. Treasury. This marks the first time this equipment has ever been moved via Air Cargo and 9th Airlift Squadron loadmasters were happy to take on the task. C-5Ms also recently participated in a multinational military exercise to Jordan, Operation Eager Lion. They flew critical cargo in support of 19 Arab and European countries to bolster defense capabilities in the face of a possible flare-up from neighboring Syria. As you can see, we're all having fun and working hard and we'll continue to do so. I hope everybody has a great summer, stay cool out there! The First State Chapter welcomes all PLA members and anybody interested in becoming a member to attend our meeting on third Wednesday of each month, 11:30 at the 3rd Airlift Squadron.

Gateway Chapter

Kevin Butler - Gateway Chapter President: Fellow Loadmasters, I have the privilege of addressing you as the newly elected president of the Gateway Chapter PLA. The Chapter's previous leader, Dave Noel, did an outstanding job at running our chapter as well as preparing to host the 2014 Gathering of the Loads. In the spirit of reaching out to our fellow Loadmasters and community, as well as fundraising for the GOL, we will be hosting a golf tournament and poker run. These events are sure to be a lot of fun for all involved, as well as provide funding for the GOL. The planning for the GOL is well under way. The date is currently set for September 2014. The itinerary will include several professional development events to include speakers from AMC, TACC and special guests. Many of our members are in critical areas on the "A staff" and in the planning and execution directorates of TACC. These members will be able to brief on upcoming plans and programs of our weapons systems as well as the direction our career field is headed. We are currently scouting two locations for the event. Both of the locations are close to attractions for the family as well as adult venues such as casinos and micro-breweries. Our itinerary will leave time for the "usual Loadmaster activities" as well as family events. St. Louis has many attractions for families with all ages of children, to include a very nice zoo, children's museum, science center, and a planetarium to name a few. St. Louis also offers amazing restaurants, a professional baseball team, and very nice golf courses, not to mention being the home of the Anheuser-Bush brewery. With the guidance of the Chapter committees and the Loadmaster leadership involved in our organization, the Gathering in 2014 is sure to be an outstanding professional development opportunity, as well as an excellent opportunity to reconnect with fellow Loadmasters. Chapter meetings are held at the Scott AFB VFW at 1600 on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark - Golden West Chapter President: Greetings from the Golden West Chapter. We are still in the process of recruiting new members and finding lost loads. At our April meeting, we welcomed David Brown, Will Savage, and Al Capone. Also Bob Edwards, Director of the Norton AFB Museum gave a presentation on the progress of the museum and update on future activities. If you have any Loadmaster or 63rd MAW memorabilia to donate, go to: www.nafbmuseum.org. Ernie Vasquez will be hosting the Golden West Chapter summer BBQ. All PLA members are welcome to attend. Please contact Steve Clark at: steve.clark38@yahoo.com or Walt Byrne at: sambyrns@aol.com for information about our chapter and being a member of the Golden West. We meet on the second Saturday of each month.

Liberty Chapter

Mike Kent - Liberty Chapter President: Hello from Exit 7. I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to everyone. I am the new President of the Liberty Chapter. I replaced Kent Brown a few months ago. Kent did a great job leading the chapter and is still heavily involved in all aspects of the chapter. I'm glad to have him and Shem Miller to work with; they both do a lot for the PLA. We

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hold our meetings on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Garden State Diner in Wrightstown New Jersey. We have breakfast at 0900 and the meeting at 1000. The chapter is trying to get more involved in volunteer work and community service. Kent Brown has written a few paragraphs on some of our recent activities. I hope all chapters are doing well and look forward to seeing everyone at the 2014 GOL. Kent Brown - Liberty Chapter Treasurer: The Liberty Chapter has a new LOADMASTER coin. It is the same but different than the one we did about 6 years ago. We added a chain around the border, changed the shape to a rectangle and changed the detents around the edge. If you want one I can mail it to you for \$10 each plus priority shipping of \$5.80. I can get up to 30 in one box for that shipping cost. If you want lower shipping it will be \$4 for first class mail, up to 3, in a padded envelope. If someone wants to buy 30 or more I will sell them for \$9 each plus \$5.80 shipping, per 30 shipped. So order lots. I will take a check from chapters & prefer a postal money order from others. Give me a call or email: Kent Brown 609-893-1833, kabrown9@comcast.net.



New Loadmaster Coin

The Liberty Chapter has done several things in the past few months. The Wall That Heals, which features a half- scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C, came to Moorestown, NJ in early June, Kent Brown, Shem Miller, David Tellers & Mike Kent volunteered to provide security for an 8 hour shift. It is one way for people that can't get to the Wall in Washington, D.C. a way to provide closure in the loss of a loved one. We saw many displays of emotion and people left various mementos of their loved ones at the wall. Part of our duties were to secure the mementos that individual left and provide protection from the elements so that the items could be preserved, we also provided assistance to visitors in finding names on the wall. There was an outpouring of volunteers from various organizations & individuals in the area that we were proud to provide our assistance of volunteers and monetary donation. Another fun thing we did was visit a friend, John Ezzo, who has a private collection of military uniforms at a building outside his home. He is gracious enough to let groups or individuals see his collection. He has many different uniforms from WWI to present. They are displayed on mannequins in a very professional manner; he is quickly running out of room and plans on expanding soon. Not only uniforms are displayed but equipment that goes along with military service. John likes all facets of military uniforms, especially aviators. I have given him some of my items left over from my career, and we have collected items from others in the Liberty Chapter. I started him on a challenge

coin collection. Surprisingly he did not know about them. If you have some unique uniform items, especially stuff issued to females only, he would appreciate it all. Nothing he gets goes to waste and he will not sell it, but will find some way to put it to use. John also runs a model aircraft club that meet's at his home so lots of folks see this great display. If you have uniform items or challenge coins that you want to send me, I will get them to him. Kent Brown, 28 Pineview Dr., Browns Mills, NJ 08015. Several months ago we took loadmaster items to the AMC museum at Dover AFB for an upcoming display; the First State chapter has also donated items. It will be later this year before the display is up; they have some other work to do before getting our items displayed. We are still taking donations to place in the display, the more unique the better. Send them to me along with your name and what the item was used for, if it's not obvious. We don't need any TO's or reg's, unless it is some special loading procedures for those items that you only loaded once or test loaded and that's as far as it went, you know what I mean! I would like items from all chapters and members, let's make this a Professional Loadmaster Association display. I did receive items last year from other members for the display but let's make this a huge exhibit. Last item, we will be having our annual picnic on September 7, 2013 at Willow Pond on Ft. Dix. We will begin at 1200 and end whenever. Come out for some barbeque from a local smoke house. We will buy the meat, but would like all attending to bring a side dish and/or desert. Drinks will be provided, but if you want anything stronger than tea or soda its BYOB, because of the rules set by the base. Some of us will be setting up at 1000, if you would like to join us come on out and bring a pre party snack for all to enjoy. Some games will be provided, horseshoes, etc. and there is a playground and basketball court, so bring the kids. Please let myself Kent Brown (kabrown9@comcast.net) or Mike Kent (michael.kent.2@us.af.mil) know if you will be attending (with a head count) so that we know how much meat & drink to buy. As always feel free to contact us if you have any questions about what the Liberty Chapter is doing. Mike Kent - President, Shem Miller - Vice President, and Kent Brown - Treasurer. Cabin Secured.



Wall That Heals

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Michael Kent - Liberty Chapter President at the Wall That Heals

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Kasumi Bailey - Mid-Atlantic Chapter Vice President: Greetings Fellow Loadmasters. First congratulations to all those who were selected for Technical Sergeant! We had five loads at Pope make it this time around. The Annual Dogwood Festival was a huge success. We had a total of 46 volunteers and helped raise \$1.3Million for the city of Fayetteville. We were given a donation which we will be forwarding to National for next year's scholarships. Our Vice President, Kasumi Bailey was coined by Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Cody when he came to visit Pope AFB after being recognized by her supervision. The SATAF team came through to decide the fate of the C-130H2's and manning that is currently at Pope. As of now, the H's will be leaving and going to various legacy bases around the U.S. We will be receiving our J-model birds from Kessler with our first to arrive as early as October. The H's are expected to be phased out by the summer of 2014. All loadmasters are given opportunities to cross-train into J's as well as other career opportunities. Those who decide to stay at Pope passed the final phase of transition will be moved to the OSS as a JAI and go TDY to keep currencies. The civilian furlough has kicked in which affects the flying schedule on Fridays. Things and timelines are always changing so we will keep you posted. Hope everyone had a great 4th of July. Mid-Atlantic Chapter Officers are Sheldon Cary - President, Kasumi Bailey - Vice-President, Samuel Gilbert - Secretary, Alex Walter - Treasurer, Kyle Anderson - Public Affairs, Michal Mason - Webmaster. Take care!

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond - Chapter President: Our annual support of the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, will have been completed by the posting of this Loader. Joe Brown has done a great job organizing and getting support for the event that will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of June. A fundraiser was set up with Cattleman's on the 23rd of May in which they would contribute 10% of the total bill of those that identified themselves with our Chapter. The final total has not been completed at this time but we would like to thank

all that participated. As always the "King of the Relay", Al Horwedel, continues to reign as the top participant for donations. Because of Al's hard work, our chapter is #2 in total donations. I would also like to thank Gabe Esacmilla and Al for representing our chapter at our "Relay for Life" table during the fundraiser at Cattleman's. We have again sent out applications for our annual SMSgt Irv Mahler Scholarship. This year we are proud to announce we have increased the scholarship to \$1,000.00. All family members of Loadmasters in northern California are eligible to apply. With the blessing of Shirley Mahler we continue to use Irv's name on our annual scholarship with the covenant that this scholarship is in honor of ALL those chapter Loadmasters that passed. I would also like to thank SMSgt Jeff Kika, MSgt Ron Strayhorne, and SSgt Joe Vondohlen for stepping up and organization our fundraising efforts with the Sonoma Raceway. They have done a great job getting volunteers to help support our chapter and money to support our programs. We have been having our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club), on Travis AFB for just about the entire fourteen years we have been a chapter. Our chapter officers are: President - Mark Raymond, Vice President - Frank Murphy, Treasurer - Joe Brown and Secretary - Ben Villao. Thanks again to all the great members who continue to support our chapter and the Professional Loadmaster Association. If you have any question, please contact Mark E. Raymond at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ats.com.



Al Horwedel and Gabe Esacmilla at the Cattleman's donation table

Northwest Chapter

Bill Birney - Northwest Chapter Secretary: Greetings from the Great Northwest PLA Chapter, where our temperatures are mild and comfortable all year long. The Northwest Chapter meets for breakfast and a business meeting the second Saturday of each month at Habanero's Grill located at the McChord Golf Clubhouse.

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Breakfast begins at 0900 hrs and the meeting follows at 1000 hrs. We welcome all Loadmasters to our monthly meetings. Our planning for support of this year's Air Mobility Rodeo had to be put on hold as the Rodeo was canceled due to budget restraints. Hopefully this event will be restored in the near future. Our members formed two groups for the Memorial Day visit to local cemeteries in our area to ensure American flags were displayed on our gone but not forgotten Loadmasters' final resting place. Members participating in the Memorial Day remembrance were: Vic Fredlund, Ron Pierce, Walter Baade, Norm Keppler, Rob Staples, Warren Riches, Al Hansen, Harold Edvalds, Harry Brown Sr., Leroy Wares, and Del Keefauver. On July 13 our chapter will convene at McChord's Memorial Grove to place nine memorial bricks in remembrance of fallen Loadmasters. Five families from out of the local area will be attending the placing of the bricks in the Loadmaster section of Memorial Grove. We are currently planning for our annual picnic scheduled for September 14th and we invite all Loadmasters and their families to come out and enjoy the afternoon of fun, comradery and good food. We welcome and look forward to seeing all Loadmasters past and present to our monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month.

Southeast Chapter

Mike Morris - Southeast Chapter PLA President: Greetings from the long lost Southeast Chapter here in Charleston! It has been awhile since there has been a posting in "The Loader" from this chapter. We are in the beginning stages of getting the so called "band" back together here in Charleston. We have created a Southeast Chapter PLA site on Facebook (look for Southeast PLA, <https://www.facebook.com/#!/southeast.pla?fref=ts>) with the intent of sharing our information with anyone who is interested. You can also reach us through this site if you would like to share information with our chapter. We have a couple of projects on the horizon already; our first meeting on 1 July at the Charleston Club and assisting with the delivery ceremony of the last C-17A Globemaster III. We will be reporting the great things that we will have accomplished by the time the next "The Loader" rolls around. If there are some members out there who do not participate in social media and do not have Facebook, feel free to send us an email at chucktownlm@gmail.com for updates or information. A Special thanks to CMSgt Jenny King for sponsoring food and drink for our first meeting.

The Rock Chapter

Mike Oliver: We are working to get the chapter going again. The Rock Chapter is having a "re-org" meeting on the 9th of July and will have a list of Chapter Officers next month. Our meeting will be at the VFW Post 4548 in Jacksonville, Arkansas, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 3pm. Our link for Facebook is: www.facebook.com/groups/therockpla.

Trailblazers Chapter

Jeff Harmon - Trailblazers Chapter Secretary: First off, we would like to welcome the newest member of our Trailblazer Chapter, CMSgt Samuel A. Fredrick. Chief Fredrick is coming off of C-130s from Little Rock and is taken the 97 OG Superintendent position here at Altus. Also the local chapter of the VFW held new

elections and five of the six executive board members are now active duty or retired loadmasters. John Coles, L-3 instructor & MSgt (Ret.) is the Commander, SMSgt Rick Willey is the Senior Vice Commander, MSgt Josh Wilberg is the Junior Vice Commander, SSgt Jonathan Rogers is the Quartermaster, and MSgt Jeff Witherly is the Adjutant. Like most quarters this last quarter here at the Trailblazers we've been busy as usual. We are still continuing to hand out the free 1-year memberships to any PLA chapter on successful completion of his or her LIQ evaluation. There is still continuing interest from these new loadmasters on the PLA organization and hopefully they are making good use of their membership coupon at their local chapters. We were able to complete our smoker trailer just in time for the eighth annual Altus Rock-n-Rumble Car Show. We put our smoker to work expecting to cook for about 800 customers and by early Saturday afternoon we had sold out completely. The Rock-n-Rumble started Friday evening and by early Saturday afternoon we had gone through 800 pounds of meat. Our pit beef sandwiches were such a big hit that numerous judges went around asking where the best place to eat was and were quickly pointed in our direction. We had customers willing to wait in line up to thirty minutes without complaint. We donated a \$100 towards sponsoring the Nursing Department 3rd Annual Western Oklahoma State College Campus 5K. Through our donation they were able to raise \$4,500.00 that will be used by providing academic scholarships for future nurses. As well as participating within and/or hosting a variety of other health related programs for Western Oklahoma. Finally we are donating money towards helping the Boom Operators Association fly out the family of the recently deceased enlisted aircrew member in the KC-135R crash out in Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan. The family will be attending a private memorial ceremony here at Altus honoring his memory and sacrifice for our great country. Trailblazers Chapter Officers are: President - Josh Wilberg, Vice President/Treasurer - Rick Willey, Secretary - Jeff Harmon, and Ways and Means - Dan Davis. Chapter meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and meeting locations are rotated between several restaurants in town.



Altus VFW members L to R: JR Rogers - Quartermaster, Jeff Witherly - Adjutant/PLA Life member, John Coles - Commander/PLA Life member, Jean Meechum - Chaplain, Rick Willey - Sr. Vice Commander/Trailblazers Chapter VP/PLA Life member, and Josh Wilberg - Jr. Vice Commander-Trailblazers Chapter President/PLA Life Member

MSgt Michael Weber - Career Enlisted Aviator Pipeline Program Manager - HQ AETC/A3R, JBSA Randolph AFB, TX: The Creation of Loadmasters. Have you ever wondered who loaded you for training in the pipeline system for initial skills training that you had been through? Or, more importantly, who orchestrates rearranging individual's schedules to ensure all required training is completed? This article briefly describes the behind-the-scenes efforts to produce a "New Loadmaster." After prospective Aircraft Loadmasters either finish Basic Military Training or are selected and approved as retrainees, they proceed to the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) within the 344th Training Squadron, 37th Training Wing, at Lackland AFB to begin their journey as a Career Enlisted Aviator! So who handles all the loading of your training that starts off your new adventures in life? Well, that is where I come in to set a schedule for initial skills and Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) training for both Non-Prior Service (NPS) Airmen and Retrainees. For instance, in FY 13 we accessed 242 NPS and 155 Retrainees on the active duty side to increase the 1A2X1 manning to 97% worldwide. My position is charged with managing the 155 active duty Retrainees, and therefore I am the direct liaison with the Retrainee and work any issues they might face as they flow through the training pipeline. The FY13 total force production requirement for 1A2X1 Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) Aircraft Loadmaster is 656. To come up with this number is nothing short of pure magic. The 1A Career Field Manager (CFM) works with Headquarters Air Force (HAF)/A1 to determine the overall requirement to maintain the health of the AFSC. This is then provided to Air Education and Training Command (AETC)/A3P who rolls this number into their Enlisted Initial Skills/Programmed Technical Training document. AETC/A3P then sends the request to 2nd Air Force and the CEA/CoE to see if there is capacity for the future Loads. Once this is complete, the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) advertises the Retrainee numbers on the Air Force Portal's retraining advisory message, and the Air Force Recruiting Service is also notified to recruit for this specific NPS. After an individual is approved to retrain, AFPC will provide me the Retrainees' names, and that is where my magic begins. My duties include providing direction and oversight for the 1A2X1 AFSC pipeline to ensure it is flowing smoothly, and if there are any disruptions I'll work with the appropriate agency to bring about some resolution. Disruptions that could negatively impact the pipeline include incorrect numbers of retrainees on the retraining advisory message (requiring engagement with the CEA/CFM to resolve), dorm capacity issues for the NPS at formal training schools, and Retrainees' personal issues that could affect their attendance or performance in any of their training courses. The goal is to have a 100% fill rate for all classes, and this requires active coordination with HAF/A3O, HQ AETC, AFPC, 2nd AF and the CEA/CoE to accomplish the mission.

Commando Hall of Honor welcomes Loadmaster, Posted 6/10/2013, Updated 6/10/2013 by Staff Sgt. Melanie Holochwost Air Force Special Operations Command Public Affairs. HURLBURT FIELD, Fla.: A former Air Force Special Operations Command Loadmaster was recently recognized for more than 25 years of service with the special operations community by induction into the Commando Hall of Honor. Retired Chief Master Sgt. Gordon Scott was inducted into the United States Special Operations Command Hall of Honor during the 2013 Special Operations Forces

Industry Conference gala dinner in Tampa, Fla. The Commando Hall of Honor recognizes the accomplishments of those who have made unique and prestigious contributions to the special operations community. "This is one of the greatest honors I've received," Scott said. "I'm very humbled by the fact that my name is on a wall with so many warriors who have given so much to make special operations and AFSOC what it is today." Scott was inducted to the Commando Hall of Honor for having a heavy hand in developing the tactics, techniques, and procedures used by special operations aviators today, according to Chief Master Sgt. Gregg Jones, 1st Expeditionary Special Operations Wing command chief, who nominated him for this honor. As an NCO, Scott was involved in combat operations in Grenada, Bolivia, Honduras, Kuwait and Iraq. During Desert Storm, he flew more than 40 combat sorties, including the airdrop of three BLU-82s (15,000-pound bombs) and more than 10 million leaflets leading to the mass defection of enemy troops and an unprecedented quick coalition victory, Jones said. As a senior NCO, Scott flew combat missions in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Bosnia, Kosovo, Republic of Congo and Afghanistan. "During Enduring Freedom, he flew eight pivotal missions, delivering time-critical resources to Operation Detachment Alpha Teams, which were operating deep inside Afghanistan," Jones said. What's more, Scott and the crew of "Whisk 05" were awarded the 1997 MacKay Trophy for a mission into the Republic of Congo. This trophy, which is kept on display in the Smithsonian, is awarded for the most meritorious U.S. Air Force flight of the year. Although Scott retired from active duty in 2005, he has continued to work in support of special operations. "I've been hooked since 1987, and I still believe in the special operations mission," Scott said. "After 18 years with AFSOC, it was a logical transition to continue my involvement." Following his retirement from active duty, Scott spent more than five years as the course director for the Special Operations Combating Terrorism Course at the Joint Special Operations University, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. In this capacity, he was responsible for educating more than 400 international officers from 80 different countries. Now, he is working as a curriculum developer for NATO Special Operation Forces, and he said he plans to stay as long as possible. "I've been so fortunate to have worked with the best aircrews, maintainers, operators, loggies, and all of the other agencies that were critical to successful mission execution," he said. "Every day I think about all the great commanders, chiefs, supervisors, Airmen, warriors in harm's way, and warriors we've lost. This honor is theirs and I'm grateful to have been a part of it."



1986 photo of then SSgt Gordon Scott, in Honduras. (courtesy photo)



CMSgt Sharon Hollaway - Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence: 344th Training Squadron, Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland AFB TX, Commercial Contact Information (210) 671-8300, January 2006 – Present. The Career Enlisted Aviator (CEA) Center of Excellence was selected as AETC's "quick win" AFSSO21 initiative in January 2006. In less than one year, the enlisted aviator undergraduate flying training pipeline was completely reengineered to co-locate 12 apprentice-level aircrew training courses from six bases and five major commands, resulting in training of over 2,000 active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command and international CEA candidates. This task was accomplished ahead of schedule. In seven months, an initial cadre of instructors created courseware, renovated facilities and established classrooms with four of the eight courses in full production beginning in fiscal year 2007, and stood up the remaining three courses throughout the year. By reorganizing the enlisted aircrew training pipeline, the wait to begin training was shortened by an average of two weeks. That saved time translated to a savings of about 13,900 workdays and \$3.44 million through fiscal year 2008. The startup cost was under \$1.5 million; \$3.25 million less than the original estimate. The consolidation of aircrew courses provided a springboard that helped identify repetitive training and led to the development of an Aircrew Fundamentals Course and a base for Career Development Course writers to standardize training products. The consolidation also enabled efficiencies across the eight aircrew specialties through a modular approach to training. The Center of Excellence trains about 2,200 students in 10 aircrew specialties per year. The first course enlisted aviators attend is Aircrew Fundamentals. This course represents the first day of a crewmember's flying career. The mission of the course is to prepare enlisted personnel for the transition to a career in aviation. The course is not designed to teach specific skills. Knowledge presented in the course includes aircrew mission, anti-hijacking, anti-terrorism, aircrew coordination, aircrew training, basic aerodynamics, aircraft publications, safety and flight medicine. The program provides the indoctrination into the enlisted careers in aviation. Once a student has completed Aircrew Fundamentals they move on to the specific apprentice training. The Center of Excellence teaches the following courses: 1A0-Inflight Air Refueling, 1A1-Flight Engineer, 1A2-Aircraft Loadmaster, 1A3-Airborne Mission Systems, 1A4-Airborne Operations, 1A6-Flight Attendant, and 1A9-Special Mission Aviator. The Center of Excellence uses and maintains about \$73 million dollars in training equipment to include a C-20 Gulfstream, C-130B Hercules, C-135 Speckled Trout, and HH-53 Jolly Green Giant aircraft, Airborne Communication System and Boom Operator Weapon System trainer. Recently, the Center of Excellence team stood up an apprentice course for the newest CEA Special Mission Aviations career field. The new course began January of 2013. Additionally, the team completely revamped all 1A specialty training standards and courseware as a result of the latest virtual Utilization and Training Workshop in October of 2012. These efforts reduced travel costs, training days and leveraged efficiencies through technology with a potential annual savings of more than \$5 million dollars annually. The Air Force Association awarded the Center of Excellence team in 2007 with the Hoyt S. Vandenberg award for advancements to aerospace education, and in 2008 with the George C. Kenny Award for Lessons Learned. Recently, efforts to produce more loadmasters through the Center of Excellence significantly contributed to the Air Force Association's selection of the Loadmaster career field as Team of the Year.



Basic Loadmaster School Instructors

TSgt Russ Cantrell -Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence - Basic Loadmaster Course: Greetings from Lackland AFB, home of the Basic Loadmaster Course located within the 344th Training Squadron's Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence. This is the Air Force's three skill level AFSC awarding course for the 1A231 Aircraft Loadmaster for active duty, reserve, guard, and international students. From here, graduates progress to follow on aircraft qualification training located at Altus AFB, Oklahoma for C-17, Little Rock AFB, Arkansas for all variants of the C-130, and Kelly AFB, Texas for C-5. Currently, we have a cadre of 13 active duty, civilian, and reserve instructors from multiple aircraft systems who teach five blocks of instruction encompassing 160 hours and 20 academic training days. This mix of instructors provides us an incredible representation of all potential loadmaster missions that a candidate may be exposed to in their future. We train and mentor on average 620 loadmaster students annually. Our current course of instruction includes loadmaster career ladder, security, customer relations, passenger briefings, customs requirements, principles of airdrop, technical orders, regulations and forms, safety and emergency procedures, hazardous materials handling, initial scanner duties, flight and aerial port operations, and airmanship. Students learn formulas for calculating vehicle and aircraft center of gravity, weight and balance computation, load planning, as well as the effects of load shifts and removing cargo and cargo loading. Also emphasized are shoring requirements, cargo restraint, and chart "E" familiarization, as well as concentrated and palletized load planning. A final portion of the course focuses on aircraft loading and actual task performance on a C-130 aircraft training device. Students must pass all progress checks and score better than 85 percent on each end-of-block examination to graduate. Changes to our course come from the career field, and after our recent Utilization and Training Workshop, the loadmaster force asked us to put more focus on aircraft systems.

So for the new Basic Loadmaster course beginning October of 2013 we will have a new three day block of instruction consisting of basic concepts related to aircraft systems to include electrical, fuel, communication, hydraulic, environmental, landing gear, brakes, engines, flight instruments, aircraft defensive systems, and fire detection and extinguishing systems. Other future changes we are looking at are computerized testing and the electronic flight bag. Of course, all changes come with a cost so it takes time to implement any new requirements, but our instructors are fresh from the field and bring a lot to the classroom through discussions and real life experiences. Recently, our loadmaster force received the Air Force Association's Team of the Year award and a big push for that accomplishment started right here at the Center of Excellence. Our loadmaster and Aircrew Fundamental instructors pushed through an additional 100 students in 2012 to ease the Air Force wide Loadmaster shortfall. This effort was accomplished with no additional resources, just the dedication and hard work of our instructors to get the job done. We pride ourselves in producing world class students for our Loadmaster force. Our job is to determine if Loadmaster candidates have the academic discipline and the right skill sets to become successful in their next phase of training. We welcome feedback anytime to help equip our future Loadmasters and to provide a more solid foundation for our career field.



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Air Force Association Salutes 2013 Team of the Year - Released by Lynette Cross July 2, 2013, Arlington, VA-May 29, 2013: The Air Force Association (AFA) proudly announced the AFA 2013 Team of the Year, honoring the career field of Aircraft Loadmasters, a profession that involves being responsible for supervising the loading and unloading of cargo, vehicles, and people on a variety of aircraft. Each year the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, along with the major command-level command chief master sergeants, selects a specific Air Force career field to be recognized as the "Team of the Year." They then select individual members within that career field who are professionals who clearly display superior technical expertise, attract the praise of their superiors and provide leadership and inspiration to others. Loadmasters perform their duties during extensive trips to all areas of the world. A loadmaster's duties includes mathematically preplanning the correct placement of the load on the airplane, providing passenger comfort and safety, securing cargo, and taking part in airdrop operations. Loadmasters are on flying status as an aircrew member and are required to fly as part of the job. "These Airmen exhibit what it means to perform above and beyond the call of duty in order to protect, serve, and honor our country," said George Muellner, AFA Chairman of the Board. "This career field plays an essential role in the United States Air Force by providing detailed support to every mission we fly. We congratulate the 2013 Team of the Year and we thank them for their exceptional service." "We are honored to have the opportunity to highlight these Airmen who embody the core values of our USAF integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do," said Craig McKinley, AFA President "These professionals are dedicated to their careers and their example motivates us all. They engage in every aspect of their job and are committed to providing top quality in all that they do." We congratulate the following members of the AFA 2013 Team of the Year Award.

Master Sergeant Erin L. Manley distinguished herself culminating as a Loadmaster Superintendent, 15th Airlift Squadron, 437th Operations Group, 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina. As the first female Instructor Loadmaster Advisor, Sergeant Manley provided unrivaled instruction to the Afghan Air Force Loadmasters. She made history by certifying the first two Afghan Instructor Loadmasters thus enabling the transition of airlift operations to an autonomous Afghan Air Force.



Technical Sergeant Russell J. Cantrell distinguished himself as Instructor Supervisor, Basic Loadmaster Course, from the 344th Training Squadron, 37th Training Group, 37th Training Wing, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Sergeant Cantrell's leadership was invaluable in the scheduling and oversight of 11 instructors directly executing 8,718 academic hours graduating 610 enlisted aviators.



Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Rizzo distinguished himself as an MC-130H Loadmaster, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Florida. Sergeant Rizzo executed 50 combat missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, flying 165 sorties, 230 hours and set an airframe record of more than 1 million pounds of airdropped equipment



Senior Airman Katherine D. Mackey distinguished herself admirably while assigned to the 68th Airlift Squadron, 433rd Operations Group, 433rd Airlift Wing, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas. Airman Mackey meticulously logged over 180 flight hours, 60 combat support flight hours, moved over 430 tons of cargo, transported over 1,000 Space-A Duty Passengers and flew numerous AMC contingency channels and short notice missions in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.



Senior Airman Nicholas E. Cunningham distinguished himself as Instructor Loadmaster C-130J, 37th Airlift Squadron, 86th Operations Group, 86th Airlift Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany. As a stand-out USAFE career enlisted aviator, his joint support actions proved vital to protecting United States personnel in challenging operations in the Middle East.



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Terry Ray Stokes, 57, of Alamogordo, NM passed away on September 3, 2012. Terry was born in Colorado Springs, CO on December 26, 1954 to parents Gene Stokes, and Sara (Curly) Stokes. He attended schools in Colorado Springs and graduated from William Mitchell High School in 1972. He joined the United States Air Force and trained to become a Loadmaster on C141 Cargo Jets. He was stationed at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, CA. He met and married Karen Stokes and was blessed with children Jason, Jamie, Erick and Spenser. Terry moved his family to Tulsa, OK and continued his military career with the Oklahoma Air National Guard until his retirement in 2010. Terry was preceded in death by his mother, grandparents Horace, Sr. and Eleanor Stokes and Raymond and Martha Todd. Terry is survived by his father and stepmother Diane Stokes, his wife, children, grandson Hunter Stokes, sister Linda Stokes and many wonderful uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. A celebration of Terry's life will take place at a later date. If you choose, please make your donation to: Guide dogs for the blind; Canine Companions. Published in The Gazette from September 14 to September 16, 2012. Editors Note: Terry was assigned to the 53rd MAS at Norton AFB while he was a Loadmaster.

Howard S. "Stan" Davis: Died on 29 Oct 2012 at home in Frederick, MD. He was a retired locomotive engineer for the CSX Railroad at the Brunswick, MD terminal. "Stan" served in the US Air Force as a Loadmaster in the 3rd MAS Charleston AFB, SC (C-141A), from 1966-69, and overseas in the 50th TAS, Ching Chuan Kang AB, Taiwan (C-130E), from 1969-70. He returned to the states and joined the Air Force Reserve serving in the 756th TAS, Andrews AFB, MD (C-130B) from 1970-74. Stan is survived by his wife Francis Davis of Frederick, a daughter Elizabeth Ann Goodman and grandson, Stephen Goodman of York, PA.

Master Sgt. George Dan McNamara, 3/19/1925, Manmoth, IL. Passed away on 3/31/2013 Loma Linda Pettus Veterans Hospital. He lived in the area since 1953 stationed & retired at Norton A.F.B. Served in the Navy during W.W.II earning four battle stars, pulled duty in Fosburg, Germany, with the Berlin Air Lift. Went to Korea for 12 months then shipped to Japan for 6 months. In 1961, George was selected for a classified group flying many missions over Vietnam dropping flares to support the Army on the ground. In between Korea & Vietnam he flew over 100 air drop mission over a four year period. In Feb 1973, he was on standby at Clark AFB in case they were needed for the mission to Hanoi. His total service was 31 years & he retired as a Loadmaster and rank of Master Sgt. In 2002 he was inducted in the Air Commando "Hall of Fame". He loved his wife Laura and their children; Karen Peters, Sebastopol, Ca, Mike Toland, Tenn., Harold Cross, Beaumont, Ca., Sue Clark, Beaumont, Ca., Leah Cross, Colton, Ca., Jeanne Birkley, Spokane, Wa. and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Colton Community Church on Sat. April 13, 2013 at 12 noon. Published in San Bernardino Sun on April 4, 2013.

TSgt (Ret) James Patrick "Pat" McRaven II, 58, of Brunswick Georgia passed away Monday, April 8, 2013, at Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. Pat is survived by 2 sons, Christopher Patrick McRaven of Holbrook, N.Y. and Justin Michael McRaven of Norman, Okla.; a sister, Michelle Hogan of Vero Beach, Fla.; and a brother, Michael McRaven of Brunswick; and was preceded in death by his parents, James Patrick McRaven and Louise Marinelli McRaven. Pat had been a resident of Brunswick for the past 5 years. He was a veteran of Desert Storm and was retired from the United States Air Force after 25 years of service. After retirement from the Air Force, he was employed by Four Points Communications of Brunswick. Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Chapman Funeral Chapel and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. Family-placed obituary The Brunswick News April 10, 2013. Editors Note: Mac was a Loadmaster and served in C-141 squadrons at Norton AFB CA and Altus AFB OK until his retirement in 1992. Mac worked Aerial Delivery at Altus.

Master Sgt Allen D. Gardner USAF RET., age 62, of Gray, Tennessee, passed away at his residence on Sunday, June 23, 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Kingsport, Mr. Gardner resided in Gray, TN. Mr. Gardner retired in 1991 from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years and 8 months of service. He was employed as a truck driver for various local companies from 1991 – 2001. From 2001 – until present he was employed with Waste Management. He was a member of Pleasant View Baptist Church. Mr. Gardner is preceded in death by his parents, Orval & Rita Gardner and a niece, Annaliese Gardner. He is survived by his wife, Nell Marie Gardner of the home; daughter, Channon Skinner and husband Kit of Plano, TX; step-daughter, Jennifer Haire and husband Brian of Myrtle Creek, OR; step-sons, Christopher Lockner and Joseph Lockner, both of Gray, TN; sister, Jane Copenhaver and husband John of Gray, TN; brothers, Daniel L. Gardner and wife Patricia and Michael H. Gardner and wife Virginia, both of Gray, TN; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 26, 2013 from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 pm in the Funeral Home Chapel at Tri-cities Funeral Home in Blountville, TN with Chaplain Matthew A. Barber officiating. Military graveside services will be held at Mountain Home Cemetery, Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 10:45 am with military rites conducted by American Legion Hammond Post #3, Gate City Post #265 and Daniel Boone High School Marine Corp JROTC. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Chaplain Matthew A. Barber, Gray School Faculty and Staff, Dr. Bruce Boggs and his staff, Lawrence Counts (Attorney At Law), Amanda, Heather and Melissa at Hospice. Tri-Cities Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gardner Family. For more information, please call us at 423-323-3795.

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