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CABIN REPORT BY RON PIERCE

On March 6, 2014 Professional Loadmaster Association lost a very dear friend. Bill Cannon was our association's founder, first President and President Emeritus. Publishing of "The Loader" newsletter was held so that the membership could be notified (see pg 22 - In Memorium). By the time you read this notice the Funeral services and burial will have passed. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Cannon Construction, 406 Porter Way, Milton WA from 1 - 4pm. We have asked that those wishing to attend please RSVP to bcloader@comcast.net so that we can plan for attendance. There is an online guestbook at Haven Of Rest Funeral Home in Gig Harbor WA at: www.havenrest.com. Please leave your favorite memory or condolences for Marion and her family. You may also send your condolences to Mrs. Marion Cannon, 12502 Burnham Drive SW, Gig Harbor WA 98332 or bcloader@comcast.net. Bill's biography is in this issue of "The Loader" on page 9.

Kris and I hope all members had a great winter and are looking forward to spring. Those members in New Zealand reverse that thought. The next few months will be a busy time for your association; By-Laws require membership vote, elections of PLA Executive Positions and the Gathering of Loads (GOL) September 10-14th in St Louis. By-Laws; you will see the By-Laws in this edition of THE LOADER and a tear out ballot for you to mail in. Please take time to look over the By-Laws and cast your vote with the tear out ballot. Thanks to Hector Leyva and team for completing the By-Laws review and updating them this past year. The By-Laws have been on the website for many months for review and comment. Time to get the By-Laws approved so we can move forward on the elections and other PLA work. Special thanks to Bill Weeper for his consistent leadership on keeping the By-Laws and reviews moving as well as his work on "THE LOADER." The new format looks great as well as content submitted by members. An Election Committee is headed up by Andy Vaquera, the Alamo Chapter President. Thanks to Andy for stepping up to head up this committee. Chapter Presidents we need your support. A letter was mailed to all Chapter Presidents to help on the committee. We need two more chapters to step up and assist on this committee. The work will include gathering volunteers and/or asking current executive committee members to accept a nomination for continued service. All current members are eligible to serve and the member must accept the nomination in writing prior to being put to vote by the general membership. September is fast approaching so please step up. The GOL is September 10-14, 2014 St Louis MO, hosted by the Gateway Chapter. Special thanks to them for setting up this GOL. It looks great. Registration fee is \$150 for members and \$50 for spouses. Look for additional information on the website and in THE LOADER (pg 10 - 11). Hotel reservation can be made at Crowne Plaza Saint Louis Downtown, (314) 621-8200. Ask for the Professional Loadmasters group rate. During the past few months I had additional opportunity to visit loadmasters while in

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

Front Cover Photograph:

- Airman Third Class Bill Cannon. Bill, the founder of the Professional Loadmaster Association, it's first President and President Emeritus, passed away March 6, 2014. (Marion Cannon)

Back Cover Photographs:

- You just never know who you might see reading "The Loader" courtesy of the Parker - Aguillon - Payne (Mike See) Facebook webpage.
- Blind Bat V Reunion (John Philson)

Hawaii I had lunch with the Aloha Chapter. While in California I visited with loadmasters from March ARB and Marine C-130Js at Miramar. Over the next few months I am travelling for work to California, Alaska, Hawaii, Okinawa and Korea and hope to see more during those trips. A highlight should be MSgt Alex "Wookiee" Walter's retirement weekend in March. Remember to send in your By-Laws vote and step up if you want to be considered for executive committee positions or you want to volunteer to stay on in your current position. Load Clear.

PLA SECRETARY - John Moore

PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF: February 15, 2014
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 2194
ACTIVE MEMBERS: 1023 (13 Lost Loads)
IN-ACTIVE: 1042
DECEASED: 117

19 NEW MEMBERS since the November 2013 issue
 (*Denotes Life Member)

OCTOBER (3)

Mark W. Felhofer – San Antonio, TX
 Donnie McCorkle – Altus, OK
 Manuel Pena – San Antonio, TX

NOVEMBER (3)

Steven Elmore – Altus, OK
 Charles F. Lesley – Greenwood, SC
 Norman Metz – Altus, OK

DECEMBER (7)

Verlinda Garcia – San Antonio, TX
 Douglas R. Mathes – Anchorage, AK
 Mario Montoya – Abilene, TX
 Agustin Nalsen – Altus, OK
 Bryan Painter – Fairfield, CA
***Dmitri Sokgobenzon – APO AP**
 John Wesley – Mustang, OK

JANUARY (6)

Derek Clements – Altus, OK
 David Gabe – Tucson, AZ
 Conner Gray – Honolulu, HI
 Roger Hilligas – Gardiner, NY
 Lucky Madsen – Marietta, GA
 Dylan Porras – Ewa Beach, HI

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.

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

***John L Branski** – Tacoma, WA
***Jesse L. Burdette** – Cabot, AR
***Robert B. Burnett** – Dulles, VA
 Kimberly L. Carter – Tipton, OK
***Christopher S. Clay** – Arlington, VA
***Daniel Downey** – Abilene, TX
***Bruce A Lund** – Anchorage, AK
***Rebecca McMillan-Graham** – Pascagoula, MS
 Scott W. Mesaros – Crestview, FL
***Jason Morgan** – Pemberton, NJ
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PAY PAL SITE:

www.loadmasters.com/payhere.htm

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

When you receive a renewal notice, PLEASE RESPOND if you desire to remain an active member and continue receiving “The Loader.” There are only two ways to join or renew membership and that is by mail to the PO Box or online thru PayPal. We are still plagued with receiving online, new and renewal applications with no way to confirm payments. Print and save the PayPal receipt to confirm your payment.

DECEASED MEMBERS: If you know of, or suspect that a PLA member has passed, please contact me and we will check it out. It is embarrassing for the Association to finally find a next of kin of a deceased member five years after the death.

ELECTRONIC CONTACT: The cost of postage has gone up again. If a member has an ACTIVE E-MAIL ADDRESS all contact between the Secretary and the member will be conducted electronically. The second quarter of 2013, I started to electronically send renewal letters. The association has saved on postage due to sending out renewal, grace period, and reinstatement letters to those 61 stateside and 12 overseas members who have agreed to accept the electronic version of “The Loader.”

MOVING? IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO MOVE OR TRANSFER, PLEASE SEND US YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND NEW CONTACT INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. We cannot get your “The Loader” newsletter to you or make contact if we don’t know where you are. Send an e-mail to Secretary@Loadmaster.com or 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!

RECRUITMENT: Please, if you have any ideas on how to grow the association, send me your suggestions. In my case I retired in 1987 and found about the PLA, in September 2008, when I traveled from Iowa to the Travis AFB area for business and was invited to the Parker - Aguillon - Payne Chapter meeting. It appears that most of our new members were recruited by word of mouth from a PLA member. It’s coming up on the 17th anniversary of the founding of the PLA and we only have 2,194 members.

THE LOADER EDITOR - Bill Weeper

I hope you are enjoying the new layout of “The Loader.” I am working hard to make this newsletter look more like a professional magazine. Right now my main focus is obtaining 100% of all chapter inputs. With those inputs, I can help promote your chapter through “The Loader.” I am trying to provide interesting subjects to give you the best issues possible but I need your input. If you belong to a PLA Chapter please help your Chapter President submit inputs to me by providing Loadmaster stories, old and new; chapter information; personal achievements; etc. If you don’t have a chapter, send me your Loadmaster related information directly to weeperjr@satx.rr.com. Hector Leyva and his team have finished working on the PLA by-laws rewrite. In this issue of “The Loader” the finalized by-laws have been printed (pgs 12 - 21) and a ballot (perforated tear out) is included for you to vote on them. Hector put a lot of time into the rewrite and he hopes that there will be a good return of ballots. Please fill out the information, put a stamp on it and mail it to Hector Leyva of the By-Laws Review Committee. The ballot will be validated by John Moore, the PLA National Secretary, that you are a current member of the PLA in good standing. Results of the vote will be in the July 2014 “The Loader.”

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 arise, 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 \$cholarships

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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"Scholarship Application Update, March 1, 2014. Scholarship applications (pg 5) are still being accepted until mid-April 2014. So far, only two applications have been submitted for this year with two more on there way. The selection committee would like to encourage every chapter to talk to their members about the scholarships and encourage them to take advantage of this rare opportunity for our loadmasters and their family members—past, present, and future—to further their education with a scholarship that honors our fallen loadmasters. While the application is time-consuming, the selection committee needs the information from the application to make an appropriate selection. Specifically, the committee is looking for information about the applicant and his or her commitment towards the work required to complete a collegiate degree. There are a lot of Loadmasters with children who are considering college; and there are numerous scholarships from which to choose. But the PLA scholarship is specifically and uniquely designed to support our own. When completing your PLA application you will need to know the PLA membership # and date. Please contact John Moore at Secretary@Loadmasters.com or buildsmall2@mac.com to obtain this information."

Liberty Chapter Loadmaster Coins

Mailed for \$10 each plus priority shipping of \$5.80. Thirty in one box for that shipping cost. If chapters want 30 or more, sold for \$9 each with shipping included. Cheaper alternative is to ship up to three, for \$4.00 shipping first class mail. Send a check made out to Liberty Chapter PLA, or USPS postal Money Order made out to Kent Brown, 28 Pineview Dr., Browns Mills, NJ 08015-6850.



PLA Gear - PLA Coins

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. If you or your Chapter are interested in having some, please contact us. E-mail: secretary@loadmasters.com



PLA Pin and Patch

PLA Coins, Pins and Patches are available through the National Secretary. The PLA Coins are \$10.00, Pins are \$7.00 and the Patches are \$10.00 each, including mailing. If you or your Chapter are interested in having some, please contact us. E-mail: secretary@loadmasters.com



PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTER ASSOCIATION
 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Rev: November 2012

Please limit your application to only those items requested on the form below.

NOTE: If additional space is required to complete the application, please continue on a separate piece of paper, and make sure you reference the item you are continuing.

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

High School Students:

GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____ ACT/SAT: _____
 College(s), University(ies), and Vocational/Technical School(s) you have made application to:

College Students:

College/University, Vocational/Technical School GPA: _____
 College/University, Vocational/Technical School you are or will be attending: _____

All Students:

Proposed Field of Study: _____

Why did you choose this field of study? _____

Scholarships/Financial Aid you have received (include amounts):

Scholarships/Financial Aid you have applied for and still pending:

What is your connection with the Professional Loadmaster Association? Please provide the name of the PLA member and his/her relationship to you. _____

Membership # and expiration date of PLA membership: _____

(i.e., I am a member, my father/mother/grandparents are members, etc.): _____

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

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

Please attach the following items:

1. List of activities (high school or college or military or all) to include positions/offices held in athletics and/or organizations.
2. List of community activities to include positions/offices held.
3. A typed written paragraph of your educational goals and your dreams for what you will be in five years.
4. Explain why financially you should receive this scholarship.

 Student signature

 Date

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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 Nicha's Comida Mexicana, 3119 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio TX 78214, (210) 922-3330. After breakfast there will be a chapter meeting at 11:00 am at the Texas Air Museum – Stinson Field Chapter. It is located 2.1 miles from Nicha's on the Stinson Airport at 1234 99th Street, San Antonio TX 78214. The Alamo Chapter has been sponsoring a breakroom at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) on Lackland AFB TX for all enlisted aircrew students and a classroom for the Basic Loadmaster Course (BLM). 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 CEA/CoE and/or the BLM can contact CMSgt Eric Rigby, Commandant, CEA/CoE, 344th Training Squadron, (210) 671-5945, eric.rigby@us.af.mil. Hector Leyva and his team have finished working on the PLA by-laws rewrite. Hector and our Chapter hope you will read the by-laws carefully and cast your vote to approve them. Andy Vaquera, Alamo Chapter President, was selected by Ron Pierce as chairperson to lead a nominating committee and obtain nominations for all PLA Executive Committee positions to be elected for the current election term. We would like to welcome Mark Felhofer, Verlinda Garcia, and Jerry Zuniga to the Alamo Chapter. The Alamo Chapter met in February and is planning another fundraiser at the CEA/CoE within the next few months and to have a chapter meeting at the 68 Airlift Squadron Kelly AFB when a hard UTA is scheduled.

Aloha Chapter

Aloha Kakou! - SrA Ryan Lockhart, Aloha Chapter Secretary - Aloha Chapter members have been setting records since our last chapter update. Six hundred eighty three refugees were airlifted out of Tacloban City, Philippines setting a new C-17A record of most pax transported. SrA Dylan Porras and TSgt Bob Wyman were positioned there for 3 weeks. We continue to raise money for our first scholarship on behalf of Danny Hollister, recently raising over \$500. Recruiting four new PLA members this month, with several more expected, the Aloha Chapter is running strong.

Gateway Chapter

Kevin Butler - Gateway Chapter President - The Gateway Chapter is currently in the middle of the worst winter in over 25 years. As we struggle through record setting snow falls, subzero temps, and pot holes that could swallow a C-130, we are planning the next Gathering of the Loads. To ensure this event is effective in developing and educating our members, the committee is organizing some of the most influential members of the airlift community to brief at our event. From leadership in the 618th AOC/TACC to leadership in AMC, this event is sure to enlighten our members on current as well as future operations. The GOL planning committee understands developing our members not only takes place in briefings but also in social settings. With this in mind the planning committee has planned social events to include social hours in the hospitality room, a baseball game (Cardinals vs. Pirates), and a tour of the Anheuser-Bush Factory. They have also planned events for the spouses to include a tour of the Botanical Gardens and the new Galleria Mall for shopping (see pg 10). If none of these events

are to your liking there are many other events in the St. Louis area that we can recommend to you and your spouse or family. To sign up for this event fill out and mail in the registration form located in this loader (pg 11) or on the Gateway Chapter Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/PLA-Gateway-Chapter/528559157235735?ref=hl>

Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark - Chapter President - Greetings to all PLA members from the Golden West Chapter in Sunny Southern California. We are looking forward to a more active 2014 activities schedule. Our belated holiday dinner was at Pinnacle Peaks Steakhouse in Colton CA, a famous eatery for Nortonites of the past. We also welcome Jim Bardaro to the Golden West Chapter. Now we can get our C-17 development stories first hand. We are still in the process of locating lost loads and increasing our membership in the Golden West Chapter. Meetings are on the second Saturday of each month at the Pepper Steak Diner, 26589 Highland Ave, Highland CA. A salute and taps to our founding member Tom Neyman who passed away December 29, 2013. He was a Vietnam veteran Loadmaster on C-123 Provider (310 TAS) and C-141A Starlifter (15thMAS/445th MAW AFRES). He will be greatly missed by all. Our next field trip will be to March Field Museum to visit the historic Airlifters on display. Ted Venturini, the original C-17 Project Loadmaster, will be giving a seminar on C-17 history at Norton AFB Museum on April 16, 2014. I encourage all Golden West Chapter members to attend this informative event. Contact for the Golden West Chapter: steve.clark38@yahoo.com. "Load Clear." Bob Edwards - The Norton AFB Museum's (NAFBM) 4th Evening at the Museum presentation is scheduled for April 16, 2014. Featured Guest Speaker will be Mr. Theodore (Ted) Venturini, past Chief Flight Test Loadmaster at Edwards Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB CA, McDonald Douglas Aircraft and Boeing Co. He will give a presentation on how the C-17 evolved from the AMST YC-14 & YC-15 Test Programs along with the lessons learned from the C-5 Test Programs. The NAFBM (old NCO Club) is located at 1601 E. 3rd Street, San Bernardino CA. Exact time will be announced on the NAFBM Website (www.nafbmuseum.org) however we expect the presentation to start at 7:30 p.m. Questions should be directed to the NAFBM by calling (909) 382-7307.

Liberty Chapter

Hello from Exit 7, Michael Kent - Chapter President - Greetings from the Liberty Chapter. We are centered around Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (Joint Base MDL) in New Jersey. We hold our meetings the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Garden State Diner in Wrightstown NJ. We meet for breakfast at 0900 and have our meeting at 1000. The Diner is located about 2 miles from the main gate of the base. The officers for the chapter consist of myself as President, Shem Miller as Secretary and Kent Brown as Treasurer. Kent is also the East Coast Vice President. We all have held numerous posts within the chapter over the years. We went to Dover AFB DE on the 9th of Nov for the dedication of the C-5 at the AMC museum. The dedication ceremony was very nice. We toured the museum and had lunch and made it back to NJ in the early afternoon. The chapter has made several trips to the museum and it is always a great time. We are still working with the museum on setting up their loadmaster display. Chapter members have already donated items to the museum and we are still collecting items. They

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do not have a firm date as to when the display will be ready. I am in touch with the museum staff and will put out more information as I find out. They are also looking for Airlift/Tanker pictures from the Viet Nam era for their display on that war. If you can help them out please contact Deborah Sellers at the museum. Her phone number is (302) 677-5993 and her e-mail address is Deborah.sellers.ctr@us.af.mil . We held our annual holiday party on 20 Dec 2013. JP& Barb Salisbury hosted the party. We had a good turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The chapter provided the main course and the members each brought a side or dessert. We collected toys at the party and donated them to Operation Santa Clause. This is a local charity that gives gifts to needy children. We have recently started working with an organization called the New Jersey Honor Flight. This group takes veteran's to the memorials in Washington DC. They will be holding their event on June 7th of this year. We are planning a fund raiser for them. We also plan on helping out with volunteers on the day of the event. We have a few events coming up in the near future. We are planning a trip in April to NAS Lakehurst. They give tours of the facilities and also have a museum. A few of the chapter members work at Lakehurst and have set us up for a guided tour. After the tour we will have lunch at one of the local diners. We are going to work a booth at The Joint Base MDL Airshow May 10 - 11, 2014. The Thunderbirds will be headlining. This is our best fundraising opportunity and we have done this several times in the past. The days are long but you have a great view of the show.

Northwest Chapter

Victor Fredlund - Chapter President - Greetings from the great Northwest, home of the Super Bowl Champion Seattle Seahawks. The Chapter held the annual Christmas Party at a nearby Family restaurant in Tacoma on Dec 14. National President, Ron Pierce was guest speaker; Ron gave us an update on what is happening in 2014, and encouraged member participation in the upcoming National election of Executive Officers. He also encouraged members to attend the September 2014 Gathering of Loadmasters in St. Louis. The Chapter has stratified meeting venues to include the Airlift Squadrons, in an attempt to brief Loadmasters on the objectives of the PLA, with recruitment of new members and stimulation of current members to attend monthly meetings and to participate in the functions of the chapter. The Chapter election of officers occurred on 2 February. Victor Fredlund was retained as President; Harold Edvalds was retained as Vice; and Pat Ratzlaff was selected as Sec/Treas. President: Victor Fredlund - 1841 Trospen Rd SW #8, Tumwater WA 98512-6964 - Tel# 360-705-3755, E-mail victorfredlund@msn.com. Vice President: Harold A Edvalds - 1702 S0 90th St, Tacoma WA 98444-3122 - Tel.#253-537-8996. Sec/Treas: Patrick D Ratzlaff - 1429 Bethel Park Ct NE, Olympia WA 98506 - Tel# 360-402-3768 - E-mail Pat.ratzlaff@comcast.net. NW Chapter meets at McChord Golf Clubhouse on second Saturday at 1000; Mar 8 and Nov 8. Additional meeting places: Apr 12 - Hosted by 313th AS (reserves) @1000, May 9 - Hosted by 4th AS @1630, Jun 14 - Field trip to Boeing Airplane Museum in Seattle WA, Jul 11 - Hosted by 7th AS @1630, Aug 9 - Annual Picnic @ McChord Museum Park, Sept 10 - 14 - Gathering of Loads @St Louis, Oct 10 - Hosted by 10thAS @1630, Dec 13 - Christmas Party Hosted by Ron Pierce.



Ron Pierce - National President at Northwest Chapter Christmas Party

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond - Chapter President - Our annual Christmas party in December was held at the Travis Heritage Center, formally known as the Travis Air Museum, and was well attended. We again had it catered from the Travis Convention Center, and as always they provided outstanding support and GREAT food. Our chapter covered most of the cost although we did charge a minimal fee. Thanks to all who brought in the numerous door prizes that were raffled off. Mike Pryor who was visiting from Florida was also in attendance, and it was great to see him after all these years.



Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter Members - JC Wiley, Jim Rost, Jack Miller, Frank Murphy, Mark Raymond, Ric Larsen at the 2013 annual Christmas party

Our annual SMSgt Irv Mahler Scholarship award will soon be initiated and a request for applicants sent out to help support our Loadmaster families in northern California. We will again be offering \$1,000.00 to the winner. The SMSgt Irv Mahler name that we use for our annual scholarship represents and honors all our chapter members that have passed. We continue to support the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, as our chapter's main charitable event every year and have already kicked off asking for donations and working on this year's event. Joe Brown has again volunteered to act as Captain for our team with Al Horwedel assisting. To help in our fundraising efforts we are currently planning on having a fundraising event at Chevy's on March 26, 2014, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We will have flyers/coupons to handout

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for those who choose to support us on that day. Fifteen percent of what is spent by those using our flyers/coupons on that day will be given to our chapter. Our chapter will also get together that night for a social and to help in the fundraising effort. If anyone in Travis area is interested, please contact Mark at his emails below for the flyer/coupon. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Weeper and his wife Anita for the outstanding job they have been doing with the Loader. Great formatting and the inclusion of more pictures, stories, and Loadmaster stuff. Also John Moore has been doing a great job of keeping in contact with the chapters and keeping the information flowing. We have been having our monthly meetings at the Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club) on Travis AFB for just about the entire sixteen years we have been a chapter. Thanks again to all the great members who continue to support our chapter and the Professional Loadmaster Association. Chapter officers are: Mark Raymond, President; Frank Murphy, VP; Joe Brown, Treasurer; and our Secretary position is vacant. If you have any question, please contact Mark E. Raymond at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ats.com.

Trailblazers Chapter

Over the holiday season, the Trailblazers Chapter was hard at work. Early in December, we were presented with 2 opportunities to give back to the local community. We were asked to help the Non Prior Service pipeline students put on a Christmas party for themselves, as well as help brighten the holidays for a local boys home. When taken to a vote, both were unanimously voted a yes. The students were presented with \$50 to help fund their party and members of the PLA presented Christmas gifts to the Hollis Boys Home. There was one child in particular that remained at the home for Christmas and we helped make his holiday season a bit brighter. They were very appreciative. We also helped out the local Habitat for Humanity with the preparation of their new office in January. We recently closed out our raffle of the DPMS .308/7.62 NATO LRS-308B. It was awarded to our own SMSgt Justin Strain. All in all, we raised approximately \$500 in this raffle. Next, we are planning to raffle off a shotgun to be given out the week before Turkey Season. In addition to raffles, John Coles, PLA member and local VFW President, has given us the opportunity to raise \$150 to set up for/clean up after parties hosted at the VFW, which occur nearly every weekend. With the recent retirement of Kim Carter, we decided to present her with a small gift. On a Saturday afternoon, a few of us made the journey to the ranch in order to show our appreciation for all that she has done for us. Again, we would like to wish her all the best and good luck on her future endeavors. The Trailblazer Chapter meets the second Wednesday of each month at 1130. For more information, contact Chapter President Jay Van Landingham.

Biography of CMSgt (USAF Ret) Bill Cannon

The aviation career of Bill Cannon spanning a total of 43 years flying on transport aircraft started when to avoid the Federal Draft during the Korean War, he joined the United States Air Force. Just eighteen years old and straight out of high school, he thought that the AF offered a chance for a skill in aviation; something not being offered in his hometown of Providence, Rhode Island. Within 6 months after joining the AF in June 1952, he found himself on a B-29 aircraft as an aerial gunner trainee, with the future destination of duty in Korea; however, the Korean War "cease fire" took effect in 1953 and his entire bomber crew was re-assigned to transport

aircraft and were all trained as aircrew members on the Douglas C-124 aircraft. Bill was trained as a Loadmaster in 1953 and completed his career as a Loadmaster in October 1996. During his 30 years in the Air Force, Bill flew on C-54s, C-124s, C-130s, and C-141s finishing his military career at McChord AFB in Tacoma WA. In addition to his flying career, he held many management and aircrew standardization positions from the squadron level up to and including the major command level. At McChord AFB, he was the Chief Loadmaster of the C-141 and C-130 aircraft programs. In his aviation career he flew over 16,600 hours, including 358 combat hours and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals and three Meritorious Service Medals. Bill was awarded the DFC for extraordinary aerial achievement on a combat airdrop mission in Vietnam during the 1967 time period. After retirement from the Air Force in 1982, Bill was employed on the C-130 program for Lockheed Aircraft Company in Saudi Arabia for a short time before being offered an employment opportunity with McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company (now Boeing) as a "Project Loadmaster" for the new United States Air Force C-17 aircraft. Bill was assigned to the Flight Operations Division of McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company. His responsibility included working with the aircraft design engineers, applying his operational skills, to their engineering skills to develop an aircraft cargo compartment on the C-17, whereby the assigned aircrew loadmaster could do his/her job faster, safer, and easier. During his tenure at McDonnell Douglas he founded and was first president of the Airlift/Tanker Association "See Seventeen Chapter". He retired from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company after spending 6 years on the C-17 aircraft development phase of the program and 5 years on the flight test program. One of his highlights in the C-17 program was being assigned as the aircrew Loadmaster on the first production model C-17 that flew. When he retired from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company, he was Chief Loadmaster of the C-17 flight test program within the company. Following his retirement he founded and was the first President of the "Professional Loadmaster Association" - a non-profit, tax exempt organization for Loadmasters and their families which now has over 2100 members. In 1999, Bill was elected as President of the National Airlift/Tanker Association and held that position for 4 years. Bill and his wife Marion were married in 1954 and they have five children; and currently reside in Gig Harbor WA.



CMSgt (Ret) Bill Cannon



2014 GATHERING OF LOADS

PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTERS ASSOCIATION
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 10-14, 2014



To be held at the Crowne Plaza Saint Louis Downtown. The hotel is located at 200 N. 4th St. Saint Louis, MO 63102 Room rates are \$94 a night plus tax. Parking at the hotel is complimentary. The registration fee for members is \$150 and for spouses \$50 and will include the following:

Welcoming Package with Name Badge, Itinerary, List of Attendees, Local Information
Thursday ~ Seminars and Lunch for Seminar Attendees
Friday Seminars
Saturday ~ Banquet Dinner
Hospitality Room stocked with snacks & beverages & cocktails all 4 days

★ Please call the Crowne Plaza Saint Louis Downtown at 314-621-8200 no later than August 10, 2014 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the Professional Loadmasters to receive the group rate of \$94 plus tax per night.

OPTIONAL TOURS

Thursday September 11th ~ 1000-1600 ~ Ladies Tour ~ Botanical Gardens & Forest Park ~ Price \$29

Founded in 1859, the 79-acre Missouri Botanical Garden is the nation's oldest botanical garden in continuous operation and an oasis in the city of St. Louis. This will be a self guided walking tour thru the gardens. After the tour you can do lunch on your own in the Garden Terrace Café and browse the gift shop. We will then head to Forest Park. Forest Park is a 1,300 acre park is home to the city's top cultural institutions and plays host to many of the region's favorite events and pastimes. We will tour the the St Louis Art Museum that has more than 30,000 works of art, including pieces by Monet, Van Gogh, Matisse and Picasso. Galleries and exhibits range from ancient artifacts to 20th century modern art.

Friday September 12th ~ 1000-1600 ~ Galleria Mall Shopping ~ Price \$20

A day of shopping at The Galleria mall with 140 stores including Macy's, Dillards, Restoration Hardware and a new Nordstrom to choose from there is something for everyone. Lunch will be on your own at one of the many restaurants like Cheesecake Factory and California Pizza Kitchen.

Friday September 12th ~ 1815-2300 ~ Cardinals Baseball Game ~ Price \$29

"Let's go out to the ball game" and watch the Saint Louis Cardinals play the Colorado Rockies. We will walk to Bush Stadium which is about 4 blocks from the hotel. Ticket prices are subject to change.

Saturday September 13th ~ 1300~1500 ~ Anheuser-Busch Factory Tour ~ Price \$25

The tour of the St. Louis brewery (founded 1852), located next to the Anheuser-Busch World Headquarters, puts a face on the world's largest brewer. As the tour guide leads you from the tour center to the Budweiser Clydesdale paddock and stable, lager cellar, Brew House, Lyon's Schoolhouse, and Bevo packaging plant, a sense of history and the smell of hops surround you. There will be beer samples, soda, and snacks.

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

The Reunion BRAT
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2014 GATHERING OF LOADS



**PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTERS ASSOCIATION
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 10-14, 2014**

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NAME(s) OF YOUR SPOUSE/GUEST(s) _____

★ BANQUET MEAL SELECTION: BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ VEGETARIAN _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: _____

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE PLA GO TO: WWW.LOADMASTERS.COM

REGISTRATION FEES

MEMBERS REGISTRATION FEE X \$150 = \$ _____

SPOUSE REGISTRATION FEE X \$50 = \$ _____

OPTIONAL TOURS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11th ~ LADIES TOUR ~ BOTANICAL GARDENS / FOREST PARK _____ X \$29 = _____

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12th ~ GALLERIA MALL SHOPPING _____ X \$20 = _____

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12th ~ CARDINALS BASEBALL GAME _____ X \$29 = _____

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th ~ ANHEUSER-BUSCH FACTORY TOUR _____ X \$25 = _____

TOTAL = \$ _____

★ PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10, 2014

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

**THE REUNION BRAT
16817 MOUNTAINSIDE DRIVE EAST
GREENWATER, WA 98022
(360) 663-2521**

- Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 15, 2014.
- A \$20 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.
- So we can better manage your contracted rooms, call the Crowne Plaza at 314-621-8200 as soon as possible to make your room reservations. Room reservations must be made no later than August 10, 2014. Be sure to mention you are with the Professional Loadmasters to receive your group room rate of \$94.00 plus tax per night.
- Depending on availability the room rates are available 3 days prior to and after your reunion should you choose to extend your stay.

WE'LL SEE YOU SOON IN SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

THE PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTER ASSOCIATION

(PLA)

BY-LAWS

**ARTICLES
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**As Amended
May 1, 2014**

Friendship Through Airlift



Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow

**PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTER ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 4351
Tacoma WA 98438**

ARTICLE I**GENERAL****SECTION 1.**

The name of the organization shall be the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA). By virtue of Articles of Incorporation approved by the State of Washington in March 1997 the State of Washington issued a Certificate of Incorporation declaring the Professional Loadmaster Association a non-profit organization. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has authorized the Professional Loadmaster Association and its Chapters a tax-exempt status as of February 1999 under the requirements of Section 501(c) (10) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986.

SECTION 2.

The registered office and principal place of business of the PLA may vary with the election of PLA Executive Committee Members. It shall be within the discretion of the PLA President to establish such registered or other offices as may be necessary for the proper transaction of association business.

ARTICLE II**OBJECTIVE****SECTION 1.**

The Association is organized and operates exclusively as a certified Section 501(c) (10) non-profit tax exempt organization dedicated to extending the spirit and camaraderie among those persons who serve or have served as Aircraft Loadmasters on transport aircraft and helicopters to include rescue type aircraft and gunships. It will be at the discretion of the PLA Executive Committee to decide if a person is or is not a Loadmaster. In addition to furthering the history and traditions of the men and women who serve or have served as Loadmasters, the Association has established a scholarship program and humanitarian grants to benefit Loadmasters and their families.

ARTICLE III**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ELECTIONS, AND THEIR DUTIES****SECTION 1.**

Members of the PLA Executive Committee shall be duly elected and in good standing. The PLA Executive Committee shall consist at a minimum of a President, three Regional Vice Presidents (one for the East Coast, one for the Central Region and one for the West Coast), a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Public Relations Director, an appointed Editor and Webmaster shall conduct all official business of the Association. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the PLA Executive Committee members are indicated and incorporated by reference thereto in Specific Duties, Section 3, of these By-Laws.

A. The term of office will be four (4) years for all PLA Executive Committee members. The Editor and the Webmaster will be the only positions on the PLA Executive Committee that will be appointed by the PLA Executive Committee. The President, the Regional Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Director elections shall be staggered by two (2) years, thus allowing for approximately one-half of the PLA Executive Committee to be elected while still maintaining continuity with the other PLA Executive Committee members. The election to the four-year term will coincide with the biennial PLA "Gathering of the Loads" Convention and the installation of all elected officers will be announced during the General Membership Meeting.

B. Vacancies occurring between elections may be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the PLA Executive Committee. Any person elected to fill a vacant position under this paragraph shall satisfy the remainder of the term of the vacant position.

C. A majority vote of the PLA Executive Committee will be required to remove any PLA Executive Committee member from their elected or appointed position.

D. Any member of the PLA Executive Committee may resign by submission of their resignation in writing with a 90 day's notice.

E. Non-members will not hold any elected or appointed position on the Executive Committee. This will include any member on the inactive list.

SECTION 2. Elections.

A. The President will appoint a Chapter President as a nominating committee chairperson. The appointed chairperson will form a committee of a least three (3) non-serving PLA members to obtain nominations for all PLA Executive Committee positions to be elected for the current election term. The members of the nominating committee should be selected from a least three (3) different PLA Chapters.

B. The nominating committee shall obtain a signed verification form from each of the nominees in good standing that they will run for the elective office, and if elected will accept the position of the elected office.

C. The nominating committee will also be responsible for getting a ballot out to all the PLA members in good standing, by sending the ballot to the Editor of "The Loader" newsletter to be published in the March issue of the newsletter of the election year.

D. The ballot system is designed for the benefit of the PLA membership to allow each member to have a clear voice and choice in the election of the PLA Executive Committee. Ballots will remain in the custody of the PLA Secretary for a period of four (4) years.

E. Ballots must be returned to the nominating committee chairperson, or by notifying him via E-mail of member's choice on the ballot. All ballots must be signed, dated, and returned no later than 30 days of receiving the ballot or the date indicated on the ballot. The deadline date will be further announced to Chapter Presidents who will disseminate the date to all members of the respective Chapter.

F. Ballots will be counted and verified by the chairperson and then sent on to the National PLA Secretary along with any E-mail votes that were received.

(1) The PLA members receiving the majority vote and subsequently elected will be announced at the Biennial "Gathering of Loads" Convention. The President will preside over the opening of the General Membership Meeting and announce the results of the election positions. The President will declare official election results. When the election is for the position of President, the incoming PLA President will take the oath of office and preside over the remainder of the convention.

SECTION 3. Executive Committee Members Duties.

A. The President shall: have general charge of and control over the operations of the Association by upholding the By-Laws of the Professional Loadmaster Association. Assure the overall enforcement of policies and the proper conduct and management of all association business. Establish a quarterly PLA Executive Committee meeting with Chapter Presidents to review any and all ongoing Association business. Assign committees as needed to conduct the business of the President's office. Enthusiastically pursue the proliferation of the association within the boundaries of all allocated resources.

B. The Vice Presidents shall: review, advise and assist in the chapters' activities for each of their respective areas. They will provide to the PLA Executive Committee a semi-annual report on the health and welfare of the chapters within their region and work in harmony with the PLA Executive Committee in all matters concerning their respective region. One of the regional Vice Presidents will be delegated as the acting President when the President is absent from his duties.

C. The Secretary shall: compiled and maintain all records of the Association. Be responsible for recording and maintaining minutes of Association meetings and forwarding a written copy in a timely manner to the PLA Executive Committee and general membership during the quarter in which they occur. Maintain appropriate records to identify members of the Association and their status; Executive Committees members and their status; and the Association By-Laws and established committees. Provide all Chapter Presidents with any required action requests. Publish and distribute Association notices to all members by working closely with the Editor of "The LOADER" newsletter. Assist with the distribution of "The LOADER" newsletter.

D. The Treasurer shall: be responsible for the handling of all Association finances including receipts, deposits, and dispersal of funds. Maintain the PLA Association's financial records. Prepare an annual financial report for the preceding year and prepare a budget for the forthcoming year both of which will be submitted at the first PLA Executive Committee meeting following the close of the fiscal year. Within the report, provide the Association's financial strength to include assets, debits, obligations, net worth, well-diversified

earning and cost management. Prepare and file with the IRS the annual Federal Income Tax Return. Mail the IRS Form 990EZ to Chapter Presidents for signature and after signing immediately return the same to the PLA Treasurer. All Chapter IRS forms will be submitted together to the IRS. Provide a written financial report at each PLA Executive Committee and General Membership meeting. Assure that no funds are spent/committed without majority vote of the Executive Committee. EXCEPTION: Funds of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less may be spent by concurrence of a least two (2) PLA Executive Committee members. Records will be maintained reflecting the approving authorities. These expenditures are disbursed to support and maintain association activities.

E. The Public Relations Director shall: be responsible to the PLA Executive Committee for keeping the Association informed through all media available to include the PLA website, “The LOADER” newsletter, emails, text messages, and personal telephone calls. Promote the merits of Loadmaster involvement in the aircraft manufacturing industry as it regards to cargo compartment development and concept of operations. The Director shall also be responsible to assist the PLA Executive Committee in the marketing of the association through newsletters, notices, and articles in civil aviation and military related publications. Marketing may also include assisting with acquiring financial sponsors for the PLA, the biennial “Gathering of Loads” convention and advertisement in “The LOADER” newsletter.

F. The Editor of “The LOADER” shall: be responsible for gathering information about the Association from Chapter Presidents (Chapter Reports), and stories about military, retired, and civilian Loadmasters. Edit the information and send the finished “The LOADER” newsletter to the publisher for printing and distribution to members and the PLA Secretary. The Editor of “The LOADER” newsletter shall work with the PLA Public Relations Director to keep the National PLA publication current.

G. The Webmaster shall: maintain the PLA website. Update important information relevant to the Association in a timely manner. Assist and advise the PLA Executive Committee on current Information Technology and work in conjunction with the Public Relations Director to ensure the PLA website is current and all information pertinent. Assure that members in good standing have posting permission for the website.

H. Board of Advisors: Due to the current size of the Association (14 Chapters) the President may task the Board of Advisors, consisting of the Chapter Presidents or past Presidents/Vice Presidents as a group or individually for guidance and assistance in assuring the mission of the Association will always be met.

I. President Emeritus: An Honorary position bestowed by popular vote of the members.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1.

The association shall be made up of three (3) types of memberships:

- A. General
- B. Life
- C. Associate

SECTION 2.

General membership is open to all aircraft Loadmasters, civilian and military, who serve or have served as Aircraft Loadmasters on transport aircraft and helicopters to include rescue type aircraft and gunships. Members must have been a fully qualified Loadmaster. Membership will be voluntary and not restricted or influenced on the grounds of age, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin. A member must be able to provide proof of eligibility if so requested by the PLA Executive Committee.

SECTION 3.

Life membership is granted to members upon receipt of the current published dues, payable to the PLA at the time of application and their paid dues cannot be subsequently increased.

SECTION 4.

Associate membership is limited to the spouse of a deceased member in good standing.

SECTION 5.

Membership dues will be \$20.00 for one year, \$50.00 for three years, and \$250.00 for lifetime. Any increase in dues will be announced at least four (4) months in advance in “The Loader” newsletter. A membership survey on increasing the dues will be part of the announcement to provide the PLA Executive Committee feedback on the proposed request.

SECTION 6.

Changes in dues can only be approved by a majority vote of the membership at a General Membership Meeting provided the membership has been so notified in advance. Life members, with dues already paid, owe no further dues.

SECTION 7.

The member’s anniversary month will be the month in which dues were paid and the individual becomes a member of the PLA. Subsequent dues are payable in the member’s anniversary month.

SECTION 8.

Members who have not renewed dues by the end of their anniversary month will be given a sixty (60)-day grace period after which the member is placed on the inactive list and considered delinquent for non-paid dues. The inactive member will be barred from attending PLA functions, lose voting privileges, and receipt of any PLA benefits, until dues have been paid and membership restored.

SECTION 9.

Members who have been placed on the inactive list will be reinstated upon renewal. The reinstated members will retain their original membership numbers but their anniversary dates will be the month they pay their dues.

ARTICLE V**CHAPTERS**

SECTION 1.

Chapters may be established at locations where a minimum of twenty (20) members can be registered as affiliated with that chapter. A PLA Executive Committee member shall issue a Constitution and PLA preliminary By-Laws to each Chapter President upon qualifying. The programs and activities of a Chapter shall not be in conflict with the PLA Charter or By-Laws.

- A. Chapters will establish regular meeting times and locations.
- B. Chapters will hold regular election and set terms of office for the elected Chapter positions. To be elected and hold office within a Chapter the member must be in good standing
- C. Chapters may amend the PLA preliminary By-Laws to coincide with their Chapter, but must not conflict with PLA By-Laws. The Chapter’s By-Laws will be sent to PLA Executive Committee to be filed in the Chapter records.
- D. Chapters should establish short and long term goals, maintain members’ motivation and have an active recruiting program to posture the PLA as a continuing and functioning organization.
- E. Chapters can call upon the PLA Executive Committee for advice and training as required.

SECTION 2.

Chapter starts up requirements are the following.

- A. Must have a minimum of 20 active members in the Chapter.
- B. Must hold at least 2 meetings to establish the criteria of Chapter.

C. Must have a minimum of four (4) elected positions consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer in good standing. It is recommended that all branches of the Air Force be represented in the four (4) positions if at all possible; that is Active, Reserve, ANG, and Retired personnel. Loadmasters from other United States Military Services, Civilian Loadmasters and International Loadmasters may also hold elected positions.

D. Members must decide on an appropriate name for their Chapter which may consist of:

- (1) Geographical location
- (2) Deceased Loadmasters (Permission must be obtained from next of kin)
- (3) Present Loadmaster

E. Once the criteria has been met in Section 2 above, (A-D) the Chapter President shall notify the PLA Executive Committee of the name selected and forward a list of the names of the Chapter's members and elected positions to the PLA Executive Committee. This can be accomplished by FAX, E-mail or regular mail.

F. The PLA Executive Committee will file for an IRS Form # SS4, which must be signed by the PLA Executive Committee to obtain an Employee Identification Number (EIN) for the Chapter so that each Chapter may open a bank account, etc. and the Chapter will be readily identified by the IRS.

G. After completing the requirements of Section 2, paragraphs A through F, the Chapter shall establish a date for the PLA President and/ or Representative to officially present the Constitution and the PLA preliminary By-Laws to the Chapter.

H. The Constitution and PLA preliminary By-Laws, which are presented to the Chapters, shall be passed to each succeeding President of the Chapter along with the (1) IRS Group Ruling (2) EIN Number and (3) IRS Form # SS4. These documents are to remain in a permanent file within the Chapter.

I. Each Chapter shall initially receive Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) from the PLA Executive Committee at the time of induction, after receiving the Constitution and PLA preliminary By-Laws, for their respective use in start-up operations for supplies, postage and a Post Office box, if needed.

J. If any Chapter becomes dissolved, all records and assets of the Chapter must be forwarded to the PLA Executive Committee. PLA By-Laws under Article XIII will be the governing authority for other records and archives.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

SECTION 1.

General Membership, Business, and Special Meetings will be used to conduct all official business of the Association.

A. **General Membership**: A General meeting of the membership shall be conducted periodically or as part of the biennial "Gathering of Loads" convention. Notice of such meetings shall be published in "The LOADER" newsletter a minimum of 45 days prior. All Association members in good standing are eligible to vote on any motion and should be in attendance. The presence of at least 20 members in good standing shall be required to vote on PLA matters.

B. **Business**: A Business meetings to conduct association business are called periodically. Since the Association members and the PLA Executive Committee are separated by considerable distance from each other, the PLA President has authorized the use of video- and teleconferencing (if available) along with electronic mail (e-mail) to conduct such business. Notification of a routine meeting will be through E-mail or by first class mail. At least 20 members in good standing shall be required to vote on PLA matters.

C. **Special**: A Special meetings must be called by the PLA President. Any PLA Executive Council member may ask for a Special meeting, but the meeting must be called by the PLA President or one of the Vice Presidents in his absence. Notification of such a meeting will be through Email, video, teleconferencing, or first class mail or Fax. The Special Meeting, as called, will limit the business at hand to the specific reason for the meeting. Therefore, Special meetings should only be called when matters of utmost importance needs to be acted upon. Discretion is granted to the PLA President to call special meetings in case of "emergencies" and special meetings should never be convened for trivial matters.

SECTION 2.

The PLA President or one of the PLA Vice Presidents' shall conduct General Membership meetings in conjunction with the biennial "Gathering of Loads convention and/or business meetings unless Special meetings are in order. The Chapter President/Vice President will preside over all meetings to be held by their respective chapters. The order of business of all meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Sign-in
- B. Call to Order
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Election of Officers
- E. Minutes of Last Meeting
- F. Report of Executive Committee Members
- G. Report of Committees
- H. Unfinished Business
- I. New Business
- J. Good of the Order
- K. Adjournment

SECTION 3.

Rules of order of these By-Laws may be altered or amended upon the proposition in writing at any regular session of the membership, and by a majority vote of those present at that meeting. Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be the authority in all matters not addressed within these By-Laws.

SECTION 4.

All members in good standing have the right to speak, make motions, and vote at all meetings.

ARTICLE VII**"GATHERING OF LOADS" BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

SECTION 1.

The Association shall conduct as a minimum one "Gathering of Loads" Convention biennially. The geographical location for the next convention will be determined based on access for the most members and local accommodations and will be announced at the current "Gathering of Loads" biennial Convention. Specific convention sites and committee members to plan, organize, and conduct the convention shall be filled from the local host chapter. Ideally, the convention location should be rotated between geographical areas serving the greater number of members. The hosting Chapter will receive \$1500.00 from the PLA Executive Committee to cover incurring expenses such as deposits for hotel, food, outside activities, etc. The event registration fee will be set to ensure that the host Chapter incurs no revenue losses.

SECTION 2.

Duration of the "Gathering of Loads convention will normally be three (3) days. The agenda should include professional development subjects applicable to current, future, and past loadmasters. Acceptable subjects would be new processes and/or procedures involving current weapon systems, airdrop, etc. There should also be seminars presenting opportunities for loadmasters leaving military life and transitioning to the civilian sector. The committee should also plan events for the spouses of reunion attendees and should include time for local area activities. A dinner/banquet will be conducted on either the second or third evening. The hosting Chapter will be responsible for all arrangements involving the convention site, the guest(s) of honor and any equipment requirements for a guest speaker(s) and presenters.

ARTICLE VIII**FUND-RAISING AND EXPENDITURES**

SECTION 1.

The President of the Professional Loadmaster Association must be advised in writing of all fund raising activities. PLA fund raising activities shall be scheduled and managed by the PLA Executive Committee. Local Chapter fundraisers must be approved by the respective Chapter Presidents. The Professional Loadmaster Association shall also accept voluntary donations.

SECTION 2.

Expenditure of Association funds will normally be limited to administration, publication, and distribution of newsletters, rosters, notices, meetings, bereavement, briefings, travel, and those other items that are a benefit to the maximum number of members. A reasonable percentage of funds may be used for initial expenses for conventions, scholarships, special awards, chapter awards, or other worthwhile activities.

SECTION 3.

Once funds are considered surplus to required operating expenses they shall be dedicated for scholarship or humanitarian grants.

ARTICLE IX

SALARIES, COMPENSATION, AND LIABILITY

SECTION 1.

The Professional Loadmaster Association shall be managed and controlled exclusively by volunteers elected from within its ranks. No PLA Executive Committee Member shall receive a salary or compensation for the conduct of their office.

SECTION 2.

The Professional Loadmaster Association shall not employ any person or persons in either a temporary or permanent position. Any expertise (i.e. auditor, legal counsel, tax consultant etc.) required to support the business of the PLA from outside the PLA shall be provided for through Pro Bono or contracted for through paid consultant(s).

SECTION 3.

Reimbursement for travel expenses expended by an individual in conjunction with the official conduct of PLA business shall be based on actual expenses incurred (receipts required).

ARTICLE X

PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 1.

The PLA "The LOADER" newsletter shall be published and distributed in March, July, and November of each year.

SECTION 2.

A roster of the Association membership, to include names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers, shall be updated and distributed once each year. The roster will be published in the November issue of "The LOADER" newsletter.

ARTICLE XI

LOGO AND MOTTO

SECTION 1.

The membership logo/patch is depicted on the title page of these By-Laws.

SECTION 2.

The membership logo will be a triangle in the center of a symbol representing aircrew members' wings. The triangle which is familiar to aircraft Loadmasters representing the weight, arm, and moment (WAM) weight and balance formula is substituted by PLA. The P shall be blue on a red background. The L shall be red on a white background. The A shall be white on a blue background. The background colors of red, white, and blue are taken from the colors of the flag of the United States of America. The division lines and border shall be black to call our attention to the memory of our fellow Loadmasters that have gone before us.

SECTION 3.

The membership patch is our logo resting on top of the globe with planes circling represents our worldwide Association and also as Loadmasters who have traveled around the world. The parachutes represent the airdrop of supplies, which is a part of the duties we perform.

SECTION 4.

The PLA shall have two mottoes. They may be used separately or combined. They are: "Friendship Through Airlift" and "Yesterday—Today—Tomorrow".

ARTICLE XII

LIABILITY

SECTION 1.

No individual shall obligate the Professional Loadmaster Association for any purpose deemed solely for the benefit of that individual. Should this occur, then the individual will be liable to the Association.

SECTION 2.

The Professional Loadmaster Association must follow all Federal, State and local laws governing its operating activities.

ARTICLE XIII

VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1.

In the event of voluntary dissolution of the Association (corporation), after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501C (10) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XIV

RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

The ratification of the Professional Loadmaster Association By-Laws shall be by a 51% majority vote in favor of the responding membership.

SECTION 2.

Changes to the Professional Loadmaster Association By-Laws which have been approved by the PLA Executive Committee shall be approved by the membership. Members shall register their vote in writing. The proposed By-Laws with voting requirements and action dates shall be published in the next available "The Loader" newsletter after the Executive Committee approval. Voting requirements are:

A. The ballot system is designed for the benefit of the PLA membership to allow each member to have a clear voice and choice in ratifying the By-Laws of the Association. The President will appoint a By-Laws Review Committee Chairman and committee members to amend the By-Laws and provide a ballot to vote on the changes.

B. Each By-Laws ballot must be returned to the By-Laws Review Committee Chairman with the member's choice on the ballot. All ballots must be signed, dated, and returned no later than the date indicated on the ballot or 30 days after receiving the ballot if no date is indicated.

C. The By-Laws ballots will be counted by the By-Laws Review Committee and membership status for each voting member will be verified by the National PLA Secretary. After the votes are tallied the results of the vote will be posted in the next issue of "The Loader." Ballots will be sent to the PLA National Secretary, where they will remain in his/her custody for a period of four (4) years.

SECTION 3

Amendments to the Professional Loadmaster Association By-Laws which have been approved by the PLA Executive Committee may be made at any announced General Membership meeting. At least 20 members in good standing shall be required to vote on PLA matters with a 51% majority vote in favor of an amendment. Any approved amendments will be published in the association meeting minutes in accordance with Article III, Section 3, Item C.

Summary of ChangesMay 2014

- Article I,** Section 1 - Identified IRS tax-exempt status for the PLA
- Article III,** Section 1 - Identified Executive Committee positions subjected to elections, office terms and eligibility.
Section 2 - Identified election process and completion requirements
Section 3 - Clarified duties for each Executive Committee member's position
- Article IV,** Section 2 - Clarified member requirements
Section 5 - 1 through 9 clarified dues for membership and inactive status of non-payment of dues
- Article V,** Section 1 & 2 - Added detailed Chapter start-up and administrative requirements
- Article VI,** Section 1 - Amplified Special Meeting criteria
- Article VII,** All future biennial reunions will be designed as the "Gathering of Loads" Convention.
Section 1 - The hosting chapter will receive \$1500.00 from the Executive Committee for expenses.
Section 2 - Identified subject matter and activities requirements for the convention
- Article VIII,** Section 1 - Clarified fund raising approval requirements
- Article XIV,** Section 1 - Clarified new voting approval requirement by the membership
Section 2 - Added a new section and renumbered to identify approval process and requirements for any changes to the PLA By-Laws
Section 3 - Renumbered this section and identified the requirements for the voting and approval of By-Laws amendments

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*** William M Cannon**, CMSgt (Ret), USAF, May 28, 1934 - March 6, 2014. He was a son, brother, husband, father, friend, and soldier. He believed in God and his country. Bill spent 30 years in the Air Force as a Loadmaster, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross in Vietnam. His life was rich in experiences and his greatest accomplishments were those of service to his country, his commitment to the Loadmaster profession and his love of family. Bill was founder and first president of the See Seventeen Chapter of the Airlift Tanker Association in Long Beach, CA. He served as president of the National Airlift Tanker Association and was a member of both the National and Northwest chapters of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society. His proudest achievement was serving as the founder and first president of the Professional Loadmaster Association. The measure of success of one's life is by the character and commitment to the values he chose to live by. Bill never faltered from the right thing to do and he held steadfast to his convictions. The testament of his life and legacy lies within the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Bill was preceded in death by his parents John and Annie Cannon, and two brothers Richard and Robert. He is survived by his wife, of 60 years, Marion; his son Michael, and four daughters Anna, Lillian, Mary, and Kathy; 13 grand children and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at St Nicholas Parish in Gig Harbor, WA on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 11:00 am. Burial will be at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent on Monday, March 17th at 10:15am. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in his name, to the Professional Loadmaster Association Scholarship Fund at PO Box 4351 Tacoma, WA 98438. Please sign his online guestbook at www.havenrest.com with your favorite memory or condolences for the family.

Van A. Adrian passed away March 13, 2013, age 68 years, of Browns Mills, Pemberton Twp. Retired Master Sergeant US Air Force. Funeral Service will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Interment BGWCD Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown, North Hanover, NJ.

Mark S. Bauman of Bloomington, IL formerly of Jasper, MN passed away at 6:50 PM Sunday December 08, 2013 at Heartland Health Care Center, Normal IL. There will be two celebrations of life services for Mark. The first service will be at 1:00PM, Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Jasper, MN, Rev. John Olson will officiate; military rites will be accorded by the American Legion, Jasper, MN. Interment will be at Jasper City Cemetery, Jasper, MN. A second service will be 2:00 PM Sunday, December 29, 2013 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #454 1006 E. Lincoln St, Bloomington, IL. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM, Sunday at the VFW Post #454 with military rites accorded by the VFW Color Guard, Bloomington, IL. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorials be made to the Community Cancer Center 407 E. Vernon Ave, Normal IL 61761. Cremation services provided by Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, IL. Mark was born August 9, 1949 in Pipestone, MN the son of Gordon and Beryl Nierson Bauman. Surviving is his Mother, Beryl Bauman, Jasper, MN; one sister, Marla (Arlen) Hawes, Crooks, SD; one Brother, Keith (Rena) Bauman, Yankton, SD; Significant Other with whom he made his home, Kathryn J. Rutledge, Bloomington, IL. Also surviving several, aunts & uncles and nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father and grandparents. Mark went to school in Jasper, MN and spent 24 years as a Loadmaster in the US Air Force traveling all over the world, he was a Vietnam & Dessert Storm Veteran and retired in May of 1993 from Scott Air Force Base. He obtained the rank of Master Sergeant. He was the Commander of AmVet Post #270 and Service Officer for VFW Post #454 both of Bloomington, IL. He was a member of the American Legion Post #1189 Waynesville, IL. Mark was a member and Past Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #60, Bloomington, IL. Mark's greatest passion was assisting veterans and their families. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

***Donald Garlow** passed away Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013 at Capitol Nursing Home. Mr. Garlow was born June 5, 1929 in Canada to the late Judy Garlow and Hazel Lewis Garlow. He served in the United States Air Force for 30 years, and was a veteran of both the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Camden Wyoming VFW where he worked as a bartender, the American Legion Walter L. Fox Post #2 and the D.A.V. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his 1st wife, Ayse Garlow; son, Marvin VanEvery; siblings, Dorothy, Robert, Wilma Jean, Silvia and Helen. He is survived by his wife, Yoshiko of Dover; brothers, Ralph and Floyd both of Canada; sisters, Norma Barreno of N.Y. and Phyllis Garlow of WI; grandson, Wayne VanEvery of Canada; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 at Torbert Funeral Chapel South, 1145 E. Lebanon Road (Rt.10), Dover. Friends may call one hour prior. Interment will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Camden. Letters of condolence may be sent, and guestbook signed attorbertfuneral.com.

Shelley Lee Kelly, of Jacksonville, AR was born October 12, 1945 and departed on January 24, 2014. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force who had two tours of duty in Vietnam. He served proudly and with distinction as a Senior Master Sergeant for 23 years until retirement. Following this, he returned to the LRAFB as civilian instructor with the Lockheed Martin Corporation. He trained enlisted airmen to become loadmasters for C-130 airplanes. In his early life, he lived in Louisburg, North Carolina. He attended Riverside High School and upon graduation in 1963, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He initially served as a transportation vehicle operator, but later he became a loadmaster. In 1985, Shelley was named senior NCO of the year at the Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene Texas. He obtained three associates degrees in liberal arts, business management, and logistics management. He participated in the C-130 ATS Program from August 1988 to February 2009. Ultimately, he retired a second time after 20 years with the Lockheed Martin Corporation as loadmaster instructor. He served in his community as a boy scouts troop leader, a member of the NCO Academy Graduates' Association, and a Mason. Shelley loved people and made them laugh. He never met a stranger, and could start a conversation with anyone he encountered. All who knew him appreciated his hospitality and spirit of goodwill. Shelley had an easy-going, fun-loving spirit. He loved playing golf with his buddies. It seemed that he enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie with his friends as much as he

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enjoyed beating them in competition. He was preceded in death by his parents, James N. & Mary Kelly and one brother James Napoleon Kelly Jr. of Louisburg, NC. Shelley leaves to cherish his memory a loving wife of 32 years, Johnnetta Phillips Kelly, two sons, Chris Kelly (Lisa), Michael Kelly and one daughter, April Ellis (James), five brothers, Freddie Kelly (Pearline), Eddie Kelly (Carolyn), Clarence Kelly (Mary), Claude Earl Kelly, Melvin Kelly & three sisters Justine Kelly, Evelyn Kelly, Daphne Kelly and two grandchildren, Lamya Kelly and Tanyia Turner, 13 nieces and nephews, 10 great nieces and nephews, also many other relatives and friends. Shelley will truly be missed. Family Visitation Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. and funeral services at 11:00 a.m. at the Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home in Jacksonville, AR. Interment will follow at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery in NLR. Donations desired in lieu of flowers at www.amyloidosisupport.com.

***Duane (Dewey) Larson** passed away January 23, 2013. He was born in Rockford, IL on January 13, 1935. He graduated from Rochelle High School in 1952 and attended University of Arizona for one year. Dewey then joined the Air Force in 1957 and became a Radar Technician, serving in Labrador and Lufton TX, until finishing his enlistment in 1961, when he returned to work for Standard Oil, serving then in the Air Force Reserves as well. He moved to Chicago for three years, then reenlisted into Active Duty in 1969 at Norton AFB, San Bernardino CA. In 1970 Dewey became an Air Reserve Tech and married Margaret in November of that year. In 1973 they had a son, Daniel. In 1978 Dewey joined Civil Service, retiring in 1994. In 1995 he retired from the AF Reserve, and in 2001 Dewey and Margaret retired to Florida. Dewey is survived by his wife, Margaret; his son, Daniel, wife Lisa and their children Liam and Pippa. He is also survived by his sister, Kathryn, and her husband, children and grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Monday, January 28, 2013, at 11 AM at First United Methodist Church, 8th Street, Crestview. Dewey's ashes will be interred at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Washington State.

Thomas (Tom) Neyman 65, of San Bernardino CA, died December 29th, 2013 at home with his loving wife of 40 years Dona by his side. Also surviving Tom are his daughter Laura, grandson Christopher, granddaughter Carly, great grandson Caden and one sister Annette of San Jose CA. Tom was a proud member of the United State Air Force. He served from 1967 to 1980. During this time Tom was a USAF Loadmaster on C-141s, and C-123's. Tom was stationed at several bases including 8th MAS - McChord AFB WA, 310th TAS Phan Rang AB - RVN, 15th MAS and 445th Airlift Wing (Associate) at Norton AFB, CA. After leaving the Air Force, Tom and Dona kept themselves busy starting a pet grooming business, Blues House of Grooming, bringing several new small friends into their lives. He was very proud of being an original member of the Golden West Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association. Tom, (The Admiral), was a clamper and a member of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus, The Billy Holcomb 1069 Chapter for the past 32 years. Tom enjoyed getting together with his friends at camping sites; telling stories was one of his favorite past times. The family would like to thank all of his friends and fellow veterans who have called and sent cards expressing their condolences and best wishes. Tom will be interred at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92518, January 15th at 10:00.

Nathaniel James Riddick, III was born to Nathaniel James Riddick, Jr. and Martha E. Minns Riddick Jones on February 21, 1942, in Norfolk, VA. He departed on Feb. 2, 2014 and resided in Pflugerville TX. Riddick attended Blessed Sacrament School (grades 1-8) and New Rochelle High School in New Rochelle NY. Following high school graduation, he joined and proudly served in the United States Air Force. On December 12, 1964, Riddick was united in holy matrimony to Rosie Dilworth at Bergstrom AFB TX. After 20 years of service, Riddick retired from the Air Force, where he served the last twelve years as a Loadmaster which afforded him the opportunity to experience and explore six continents and various cultures. He maintained his passion for the uniform by joining the New Jersey Department of Corrections where he faithfully worked as a corrections officer for 20 years. Two of Riddick's fondest career memories were teaching catechism classes to Vietnamese children during his Vietnam tour, and serving as a hostage negotiator for the entire New Jersey prison system. Riddick and his wife relocated to Austin TX in July of 2003 to enjoy retirement. During retirement, Riddick delighted in golfing, extended family activities, and hugging his beloved wife. He often shared that the last 10 years were golden years, surrounded by love, spirit-stirring worship, and remarkable memories. Riddick was a consummate husband, father, giver, nurturer, and lover. He will always be remembered for his compassion and good will to all whom he befriended. Those who mourn at his transition to God are his devoted wife for 49 years, Rosie; three children, Sean C. Riddick, Houston, TX; Katina N. Riddick, Beverly, NJ; Courtney L. Gaston (Jermaine), Camden, NJ; and six grandchildren, Keyon Franklin, Nikia Gaston, Keira Gaston, Kori Gaston, Kyah Gaston and Shane Riddick; his mother, Martha Jones, New Rochelle, NY; his brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, and nephews. A Life Celebration by Franklin, Taylor TX, Friday Feb 7, 2014, 10:00 AM, interment at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

***Benedetto D. Renzi** died unexpectedly at home in Washington, D.C., March 29, 2009. The son of Adeline Cimini and Dominic Renzi, he was born in Pittsfield on March 7, 1937, receiving his education in the Pittsfield School System. Ben had a distinguished career in the Air Force, serving across the globe, including, North Africa, Cambodia, Vietnam and the Philippines. After his Air Force career, he worked for Lockheed Aircraft in Saudi Arabia, as well as the Pittsfield branch of the Postal Service. While working for the Post Office, he lived in Hinsdale and was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church. Upon retirement, he moved to Washington, D.C., and lived at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, enjoying a wide range of activities, and friends. Throughout his life, Ben was known by many for his generosity and charity to others and will be greatly missed for his humor, love and compassion. Beloved father of Virginia "Ginger" Claus of Delmar, NY, Vincent Renzi (Birgit) of Potomac MD, Mary Tiernan (Daniel) of Tewksbury, and Caroline Barry of Atlanta, GA.; grandfather of Sheridan and Bryce Renzi, Peter Claus, Kirk and Brooke Barry, and Haley and Ryan Tiernan; brother to James Renzi of Pittsfield and Maryann Renzi (Thomas) of Edmonds WA; and cousin to his "sister in spirit," Sandra Cimini of New Orleans. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on June 18, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. with Military Honors, including a 21-gun salute.

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