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CABIN REPORT JULY 2014 BY RON PIERCE

Kris and I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and longer days to get all those chores done. This report will cover elections, honoring Bill Cannon, Gathering of Loads, visits with loadmasters, and final thoughts. Changes are a coming; Elections are right around the corner for National President, and all three Vice Presidents. Please support the elections by returning your ballots to get your vote counted. Thanks to those members who stepped up and accepted nominations to lead your Professional Loadmaster Association for the next four years or more. Results of the elections will take place at the General Membership meeting at the GOL and the new President will take over at the close of the meeting. Since the last edition of The LOADER many of us were able to attend the funeral and celebration of life for our founder, Bill Cannon. We are all in awe of what Bill did for the loadmaster community. I had the privilege of flying with Bill at Edwards AFB during C-17A Flight Testing. I always learned something and had a laugh or two, Load Clear Chief. During the GOL general membership meeting we will discuss additional ways to recognize Bill. One idea is to place a bench at the PLA monument site at National Museum of the Air Force, Dayton Ohio. If you are unable to attend this GOL send me your ideas at president@loadmasters.com. The Northwest chapter is hosting a memorial in honor of Bill Cannon at Memorial Grove, Joint Base Lewis McChord on 9 Aug 2014, 1130, followed by a social at 1200 in the combined club. The Gathering of Loads is set for September 10-14 looks to be coming together nicely. Get those hotel reservations in and get registered. Forms and information are available on the PLA website. www.loadmasters.com. We will be welcoming our new PLA National President and Vice Presidents at the General Membership meeting. Looking forward to see where the new team takes us. Business travel provided additional opportunity for me to visit loadmasters in Alaska, Japan, and California during the past few months. While in Alaska, I had the opportunity to have dinner with JD Bartlemus and visit with Shawn Brumfield and a few others. At Kadena AB Japan, I stopped in the 1st SOS Squadron and at Travis AFB, CA I had lunch with Mark Raymond. Additionally, at Travis I visited the C-17 Simulator complex and met with Elisa Ballard. I then headed to the 21st and 22nd Airlift Squadrons where I met with the loadmaster superintendents and other members of the squadrons. A highlight was the 573rd Global Support Squadron where I met with SMSgt Duncan and MSgt Dykens, where SMSgt Duncan provided an overview of the direction the Air Force is heading with loadmaster manning and changes service wide. As this is my final cabin report I would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the highlights and thank those that supported the association along the way. Highlights: Seeing the Loadmaster Monument dedication by the PLA at the National Museum of the Air Force. Two new chapters get charters presented, Alamo and Aloha chapters. Three GOLs, Memphis hosted by The Rock Chapter, San Antonio hosted by Alamo Chapter, and Dayton hosted by First State Chapter and soon to be St Louis hosted by Gateway Chapter. Visiting with many loadmasters during business travel

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Front Cover Photographs:

Members of the Alamo Chapter and Instructor Loadmasters from the Basic Loadmaster Course, at the 2nd annual Alamo Chapter BBQ fundraiser at the Career Enlisted Aviator/Center of Excellence, Lackland AFB TX. (Photo by Norma Vaquera)

Back Cover Drawing: Farewell Bill Cannon

has been a blessing. As a retiree, that is the easy way for me to get to know more loadmasters. Being part of this year's scholarship committee was an eye opener to some amazing individuals. Not sure I would call it a highlight, although I was proud to represent the PLA at Bill Cannon's funeral and speak at his celebration of life. Thanks for the support of my wife Kris, as she is the one who make these cabin report sound more like English. Thanks to Marion and Bill Cannon for the years of gentle and not so gentle guidance to keep the association moving and provide historical data as needed. Executive Committee members, Kent Brown, Mark Raymond, John Hayes, Ron Campeau Jr, John Moore, Chris Dockery and Mike Welch, thanks for all your support and guidance leading the association through the business side of things. Special thanks to Jim Engelker and Tom Morawek for the support on scholarships and the website; to Chapter Presidents for making your chapters operate, editors Ed Rennecker and Bill Weeper a special thanks as this is a large task and takes many hours of time to complete. Looking forward to visiting with many of you at the GOL in St Louis. Load Clear

PLA SECRETARY - John H. Moore**MARCH**

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 four years after the death.

ELECTRONIC CONTACT: 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, reinstatement letters and to those, **79 stateside** and **9 overseas** members, who have agreed to accept the electronic version of "The Loader."

PLA MEMBERSHIP

PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF: June 15, 2014

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| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: | 2214 |
| ACTIVE MEMBERS: | 1034 (10 Lost Loads) |
| IN-ACTIVE: | 1058 |
| DECEASED: | 120 |

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.

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 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 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!

(18) NEW MEMBERS since the March issue

(*Denotes Life Member)

FEBRUARY

***Brian K. Bridgeman** – Dover, DE
James French – Fairfield, CA
Gregory E. Rion – Vacaville, CA
Gerard J. Zuñiga – San Antonio, TX

Patrick J. Egan — Frederica, DE
Heidi Gould – Anchorage, AK
Hugh McFadden – Williston, FL
Roger Moore – Mt. Pleasant, SC
Jeffrey G. Price – Albany, KY

APRIL

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Bobby Dalton — Mission Viejo, CA
Jesse Doyle — Altus, OK
Ralph Foulger — Kaneohe, HI
Keith Hudson — Port Orchard, WA
Mitchel Marquez — Fairfield, CA

MAY

***Matthew Nemeth** — Anchorage, AK
Jeffrey Purvis — Altus, OK
David Sevigny — Maryville, TN

(14) IN-ACTIVE MEMBERS since the March issue

Alexander Berlin – Spotsylvania, VA
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Christopher Caso – Daytona Beach Shores, FL
Marshall Dellinger – Lakewood, WA
Michael Fuchs – Cabot, AR
Michael Harms – Puyallup, WA
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Michael Mason – Fayetteville, NC
Vincent Richmond – Sydney, Australia
Jimmie Spillers – Honolulu, HI
Alfred Springer – Altus, OK
Christopher Walker – APO AP
John Warminski – Mount Laurel, NJ

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 (10): We need contact information for the Following: ***Denotes Life Member** - Last address, month and year when they became lost.

***John L Branski** - Tacoma, WA - Nov 2011
***Jesse L. Burdette** - Cabot, AR - Nov 2011
***Robert B. Burnett** - Dulles, VA - Jul 2011
***Christopher S. Clay** - Arlington, VA - Nov 2011
***Daniel Downey** - Abilene, TX - Jul 2012
***Bruce A Lund** - Anchorage, AK - Oct 2013
Scott W. Mesaros - Crestview, FL - May 2013
***Jason Morgan** - Pemberton, NJ - Jul 2012
***Dewhitt Sizemore** - Bonita Springs, FL - Nov 2012
***Tony E. Strader** - APO AE - Nov 2011

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 Scholarships

Selection of names to be honored for upcoming scholarships shall be provided by December of the year before scholarship announcement. Submission of all scholarship applications are due to engelkerj@gmail.com by the close of business on April 1st Mountain Daylight Time of the year before scholarship announcement.. All scholarships after that date will be returned. Announcement of the scholarship award to the individual participant shall be no later than the middle of May of the year before scholarship announcement. Announcement of scholarships awarded shall be published each year in the July issue of THE LOADER newsletter. 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 Update: 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." The Scholarship winners for 2014 are:



Annette Rebecca Miller - John Levitow \$1000.00 Scholarship
San Diego State University
PLA Member: Jack J. Miller, Father #378
Major: Nursing



Matthew Ford Welch - Lauren Williams \$500.00 Scholarship
Mira Costa High School; will attend California State University at Monterey Bay in the fall
PLA Member: Michael M. Welch, Father #12
Major: Marine Science/Marine Biology/Oceanography



Mary Engelker - Gerald (Jerry) Norris \$500.00 Scholarship
Wylie High School, Abilene TX; will attend Texas A&M in the fall
PLA Member: James P. Engelker, Grandfather #81
Major: Business



Stephen Julia - William M. Coop \$500.00 Scholarship
Lee University of Cleveland, TN
PLA Member: Philip Julia, Father #1382
Major: English with Secondary Education Licensure

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. We are currently having breakfast at Nicha's Comida Mexicana, 3119 Roosevelt Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78214, (210) 922-3330. Following breakfast at 11:00 am there will be a chapter meeting at the Texas Air Museum – Stinson Field Chapter. It is located 2.1 miles from Nicha's on Stinson Airport at 1234 99th Street, San Antonio Texas 78214, <http://www.texasairmuseum.org>, (210) 977-9885. Andy Vaquera (Alamo Chapter President) was selected by Ron Pierce as chairperson to head a nominating committee and obtain nominations for Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) National President and 3 National Vice-President elections. Andy put together a committee, made a plan of action, wrote letters, emails and personally contacted PLA Chapter Presidents and individuals running for elected office, received nominations, verified eligibility and ultimately produced a ballot for PLA members to vote on (see ballot in center section of this issue of "The Loader."). Andy and his committee spent their time trying to get PLA members the best candidates for the association's highest offices, so please cast your vote.



Hector Leyva, Kathy Disney, Andy Vaquera, Bill Weeper at "The 433rd Airlift Wing Family Day"

The Alamo Chapter continues to keep busy recruiting and spreading the word about the PLA. Andy Vaquera, Hector Leyva, Kathy Disney and Bill Weeper represented the chapter at the 433rd Airlift Wing "2014 Family Day" on May 3, 2014. They set up a table with PLA applications, Alamo Chapter welcome packages, copies of "The Loader" and two display boards. One display board described what a Loadmaster is all about and also had photographs of what they do on different military aircraft. The other display board described the PLA organization, showed a map of all of the chapters around the country and information about the Alamo Chapter. The boards also had photographs of four Loadmaster heroes' John Levitow, Charlie Shaub, Manson Grubbs and Ralph Bemis. To round out the board, four photographs of the 2010 Gathering of Loads convention were displayed along with the PLA's written history. Hector Leyva, Alamo Chapter Co-founder, was the guest speaker at the June 5, 2014 Basic Loadmaster Course (BLM) graduation for class number 14024. His presentation was about the airlift world history dealing with the WWII D-Day paratroop drops 70 years ago to the end of the Vietnam war and the

1972 Easter Offensive air drops at An Loc South Vietnam, in which he participated. He also covered the highs and lows of that time including considerable precious casualties and high aircraft combat damage. The aircrews were awarded numerous medals that included the Air Force Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Purple Heart. He said the highlight came at the end of 1972, when 2 airlift crews flew to Hanoi to begin the formal release of our POWs. He closed his remarks to the class by suggesting they have passion for the job, pride of being a Loadmaster, seek the heritage of their squadron, and always doing their best because others have paid the ultimate price to give them that right.



Hector Leyva and Basic Loadmaster Course Graduates - Class 14024

The Alamo Chapter is sponsoring a BLM classroom at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) on Lackland AFB Texas. On July 3, 2014 the Alamo Chapter had a barbeque fundraiser in the BLM hanger under the right wing of the C-130 Hercules. The main purpose of the fundraiser was to raise funds to purchase more picture frames and photographs displaying Loadmaster history and heroes in the sponsored classroom. The chapter offered a barbeque lunch plate, including bratwurst and hotdog, chips, desert and drink. An Apple I-Pad was raffled and chapter sold PLA and Alamo Chapter memorabilia at the event. The Chapter would like to thank Kathy Disney and the instructors from multiple courses at the CEA/CoE for the help they provided before and during the fundraiser. If you would like to help the Alamo Chapter with this classroom financially or materially, please contact Andy Vaquera at (210) 559-7487, andyvaquera@sbcglobal.net or Hector Leyva at (210) 767-8160, Hector145@msn.com. Chapters or individuals that are interested in sponsoring a classroom at the CEA/CoE and/or the Basic Loadmaster Course can contact CMSgt Eric Rigby, Commandant, Career Enlisted Aviator CoE, 344th Training Squadron, Commercial: (210) 671-5945, eric.rigby@us.af.mil.

The First State Chapter

Lori Tascione, The First State Chapter President: The First State Chapter is looking for a new Chapter President and council. Please contact Lori Tascione at (609) 234-0910, c17loadmistress@gmail.com, if you are member of the chapter who is interested in running for any of the open positions.

Gateway Chapter

Kevin Butler, Gateway Chapter President: The Gateway chapter has set its sights high this year in making the 2014 Gathering of Loads, one that Loads will talk about for years to come. One way we have done this is by initiating the 1st Annual Gateway Chapter Gun Drawing. We have sold over 500 tickets at \$10 dollars apiece for the chance to win one of three weapons to include a Remington 870 Express, S&W MP15 Sport, and an S&W MP 9 Shield. The retail price of these weapons is over \$2,000. As part of our 1st annual 4th of July picnic the Chapter drew the names of the winners. Our planning for next year's drawing is already underway with thoughts of bigger and better weapons!! Even though we have had fund raisers, donations, and sponsors, we would still greatly appreciate any donations other chapters are able to give in order to ensure we provide the best possible experience to our Loadmaster community. Please send checks or money orders to Gateway PLA and send them to Darin Sedlacek, 956 Dunberry Dr. O'Fallon, IL 62269.

2014 GOL

Hey Load – Get ready for the Pre-Mission Brief!! The Gateway Chapter is hard at work with pre-flight checklists to make the 2014 gathering a professional development opportunity every load can benefit from. One of our primary goals is to develop Loadmasters to understand and more efficiently function within AMC; to this end we have invited a good portion of the AMC Staff to include Stan/Eval, Training, Tactics, Safety and Resource Management to name a few. We will also have a couple of experts present a “GRACC for Loadmasters” (Global Ready Aircraft Commander Course) with the intent of showcasing how the MAF system works, starting with the requirements from a customer, routing validation and planning through TRANSCOM, TACC, and tasking to a wing. Developing our Loadmasters for a career in the Air Force is important; just as important is developing our Loadmasters for after their career in the Air Force. We have also invited civilian DV representatives to educate us on employment opportunities within the civilian workforce. Education, along with our military experiences, is what the civilian community requires of us to be better prepared when we make the transition. Finding employment is half the equation when we retire. We also need to understand how to navigate the benefit programs and how recent events affect our futures. Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and retirees have all been affected by the recent incidents in regard to veteran's affairs. Recent media coverage has left many of us with questions. With this in mind we have invited a representative from the local VA office. We have also invited a representative from the VFW and Legion so we can better be informed on what other assistance can be provided after we have hung up our flight suits. It is our hope the Gateway Chapter's gathering agenda will present topics of great benefit to fellow Loadmasters, those currently serving as well as those who are no longer on “flight orders”... (not retired!!!). We look forward to seeing you in September. Please use PLAGatewaychapter@gmail to submit pictures or videos for inclusion into the GoL's hospitality slide shows. Post Mission Brief – COMPLETE. LOAD CLEAR!!!

Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark, Golden West Chapter President: Greetings from the Golden West Chapter in Sunny Sothern California. Our monthly

meeting in March was held at March Field Museum. We enjoyed our trip down memory lane, visiting the C-141, C-123, C-119, C-54, C-47, and various aircraft of days past. We also welcomed three new members to chapter: Terry Terkleson, Dave Murray and Nicole Corace. We encourage all Loads in the Southern California area to join our chapter to share experiences and commadrie. Meetings are on the second Saturday of each month at the Pepper Steak Diner, 26589 Highland Avenue, Highland CA at 1000hrs. Contact for the Golden West Chapter: steve.clark38@yahoo.com.



Golden West Chapter members at a monthly meeting - Walt Byrne, Cecil Clark, Steve Collins, Wilbur Wilson, Kevin Perdue, Doug Van Beuge, Ernie Vasquez, Steve Clark, Bill Heaton

In the coming months we will be visiting Edwards AFB Flight Test Loadmasters for a behind the scenes tour of their facility. We will also be visiting the March ARB C-17 Loadmaster section. Walt Byrns our previous Chapter President has moved on to the Golden Gate area and we wish him well. In April at the Norton AFB Museum, the staff hosted Ted Venturini (The Godfather) past Chief Flight Test Loadmaster at Edwards AFB as guest speaker. Ted gave a very informative presentation on how the C-5 Galaxy and AMST program YC-14/YC-15 test aircraft programs led to the development of the C-17 Airlifter. The entire presentation can be seen on the Norton AFB Museum web site, www.nafbmuseum.org/. During the Q and A session he discussed the politics, funding, R/D issues, Loadmaster inputs and the future of airlift in getting the C-17 program off the ground. "Load Clear"



Golden West Chapter at Norton AFB Museum - Ted Venturini Presentation

Liberty Chapter

Michael Kent, Liberty Chapter President: Hello from Exit 7! Greetings from the Liberty Chapter! We are centered in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst 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 me 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 have been very busy the last few months. In April we toured NAS Lakehurst. We started off with a tour of the Cathedral of the Air. The Cathedral was built in 1932 by the American Legion Department of N.J. We then toured the actual sight where the Hindenburg disaster took place. We also toured the museum and finished the day with a late lunch at a local Tavern.



Liberty Chapter members at NAS Lakehurst

We held a fundraiser at the 2014 JB MDL NJ Open House 10-11 May. The USAF Thunderbirds were the main attraction. We had 8 members man a food booth for the weekend. The weather cooperated except for a shower on Saturday afternoon. We are still waiting to find out how much money we raised. We have done this fundraiser before and have always done well.



Liberty Chapter members - Pemberton Township Clean Communities Day 2014

We did a targeted fundraiser on the 17th of May to raise money for the New Jersey Honor Flight. We had 12 people volunteer for the Pemberton Township Clean Communities Day. We picked up trash in the Presidential Lakes residential area of the town. Because of our efforts we were given a grant of \$300. This money along with another \$200 from memorabilia sales was given to The New Jersey Honor Flight. We had a few members volunteer to help out with the New Jersey Honor Flight event on 7 June. We had four members help out in the morning assisting the over 100 Veterans. They were served breakfast then taken by bus to Washington DC to tour the war memorials. We also had a few members return in the evening to unload the buses and help serve dinner. We also had the privilege of escorting a War Veteran to and from the event. He flew during WWII in China. He had some great stories to tell. We plan to continue our support of this event next year. We will raise money for them again, and some chapter members have expressed interest in being a guardian for a veteran for the day long event. A guardian gets paired with a veteran for the entire day and helps them with whatever they need. This is a national organization and many states sponsor events like this one. Hope everyone has a great summer. Hope to see everyone at the GOL in September.



Mike Kent, Dave Tellers, Bill Davies present \$500 donation to NJ Honor Flight

Northwest Chapter

Victor Fredlund, Northwest Chapter President: Greetings from the great Northwest. Our chapter has ordered a memorial marker for Bill Cannon, to be installed sometime during the late summer at the Loadmaster site in Memorial Grove at McChord Field. We had a very productive Northwest Chapter meeting May 9, 2014 hosted by 4th Airlift Squadron. Total attendance was 33, mostly active duty Loadmasters. We distributed numerous membership applications, and the folks were very receptive to conducting future meetings at each of the Airlift Squadrons. A copy of March 2014 "The Loader" which had very good coverage on Bill Cannon was passed around for all to see. Chapter Officers: President: Victor Fredlund - 1841 Trosper 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: Victor Fredlund is temporarily filling this position. If a chapter member is interested in filling this position please contact Victor. The Northwest Chapter will meet on July 11, 2014 at 1630 hosted by 7th AS.

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond, Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter President: A request for applications for our annual SMSgt Irv Mahler Scholarship award has been sent out and is being offered to all Loadmaster's and their 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. The annual American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, will be held in Vacaville, California on the 21 and 22 of June at the Vacaville High School football and track field. This has been our chapter's main charitable event every year and we have already raised over \$20,000 in donations. Al Horwedel continues to be at the forefront of personally raising the most money. Joe Brown is our team Captain with Al Horwedel assisting. We've had a few fundraising efforts for the Relay of Life this year that includes dinners at Chevy's and King's Buffet and a garage sale at Joe Brown's. The Sonoma Raceway events are underway in which we volunteer to help to raise money for our chapter. We missed an opportunity for the NASCAR races but are currently requesting support for the NHRA race that will be on 18 - 20 July. Future events have not yet been announced. This is our main source of fundraising efforts and do appreciate all those that continue to volunteer to support our chapter. 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 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. If you have any question, please contact Mark E. Raymond at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ats.com.



Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter members-American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Trailblazers Chapter

Jay Van Landingham, Trailblazers Chapter President: Howdy Ya'll! The Trailblazer chapter has been hard at work yet again. We recently helped raise money for the Sheridan Sunshine Foundation by cooking pit beef sandwiches at a golf tournament and a poker run. The turnout has been very good. All proceeds went to help fund childhood cancer research. We have also sold pit beef at the local Rock and Rumble, as well as the Duncan Car Show, in order to fund this years annual PLA camping trip happening in September.

MSgt Jeff Witherly is heading up the planning this year. As we mentioned in the last article, we raffled off a shotgun before turkey season which turned out to be a success. Our very own TSgt Donnie McCorkle was the recipient. We would like to welcome CMSgt Jenny King to Altus. She has only been here a few weeks and has already contributed a lot of help to the organization. We are happy to have her. Also, SSgt Brandon Nontelle has recently left us for bigger and better things. Our chapter would like to wish him the best. The Trailblazer Chapter meets the second Wednesday of every month with the locations alternating. For more information, contact any one of our Board Members. President: SSgt Jay Van Landingham, jjvanlandingham@msn.com; Vice-President: TSgt John Jack Metzger, john.metzger.4@us.af.mil; Secretary: SSgt Michael Anderson, michaelcanderson86@gmail.com; Treasurer: TSgt Donnie McCorkled, donni1684@gmail.com; Ways and Means: SSgt Collin Cenci, vbach8@gmail.com.

“The Loader” Editor

Bill Weeper: The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) By-Laws have been rewritten, ballot posted, voting completed and votes validated by John Moore the National Secretary. The May 1, 2014 PLA By-Laws revision has been **approved** by the membership. The updated PLA By-Laws will be posted on the PLA website. When you see Hector Leyva, please thank him and his team for all the hard work that went into the rewrite. In this issue of “The Loader” you will find an election ballot (perforated tear out) for the National President and 3 National Vice-Presidents elections. Andy Vaquera and his election committee have done a great job of getting a ballot finalized. They have received nominations from members of our association, those individuals were asked to complete a nomination sheet and agree that if elected they will accept the position of the elected office. Please fill out your paper ballot and mail it to Andy Vaquera. For members who already receive “The Loader” electronically an electronic version of “The Loader” and electronic ballot will be sent to you via email by John Moore. **The cutoff for return of all ballots is August 13, 2014.** The ballot will be validated by John Moore, that you are a current member of the PLA and in good standing. Results of the vote will be announced at the 2014 Gathering of Loads in St. Louis MO. Please vote!!! The Gateway Chapter is hosting the Gathering of Loads (GOL) “Hey Load - 2014” convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 200 N 4th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63102 **September 10 – 14, 2014.** To help get the word out, about the GOL convention, this issue of “The Loader” contains the 2014 GOL Flyer, GOL Registration Form, and a TDY/PTDY Justification Letter. Even though the TDY/PTDY Justification Letter is primarily for active duty, ANG, Reserve or other services (Marine Corp, Navy, Coast Guard) Loadmasters, it contains the 2014 GOL schedule of events for each day of the convention and may be of interest to all that may consider attending. John Moore recently sent out a mass emailing, asking all PLA members to help spread the word about the GOL. Each PLA member was asked to forward the email with 4 attachments to all Loadmasters in their email address book. Hopefully this will get the word out to a lot of Loadmasters, whether they are still in the military or are retired, a PLA member or not. Please help our association get the word out about the upcoming convention.

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



Dennis Miller, Blind Bat Reunion V: was held on May 19th and 20th, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Golden Nugget Hotel/Casino. It was attended by 34 C-130 crewmembers who flew the flare support missions over Laos and Vietnam. The group consisted of 24 loadmasters, 4 navigators, 3 flight engineers, and 3 pilots. Monday night everyone met at the second floor Gold Diggers Lounge overlooking the Fremont Street Experience. Of note were picture boards reminding Blind Bats of their time in Ubon and Okinawa. The highlight was a tribute to the Reunion on the overhead light show. The public and all were stunned when a C-130 flew from one end of the canopy to the other in the light show. On Tuesday, many took the Creech AFB bus tour where they got to walk right up and touch the large drones that are becoming the new Air Force. Besides getting to eat in the mess hall, the highlight was seeing the joystick controls and TV monitors that the armchair pilots use to control the drones. Tuesday evening, the banquet was held where the guest speaker, Col. (Ret) Gaillard R. Peck, Jr., spoke of America's MiG Squadron, and how he was instrumental in its setup in the Nevada desert near Area 51. Dennis Miller and Joe Schillaci get credit for a reunion well appreciated.



Gilbert Hooper, Langley Loadmaster Reunion: After 42 years, a group of loadmasters who flew together out of Langley AFB in Hampton Virginia during the years 1970 - 1972 reconnected for a reunion at the Balsam Mountain Inn in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina. Most of these veterans had not seen or talked to each other in all that time. Some brought their wives, others came alone, but the reconnection was instantaneous, as if it was only last week since they had all been together as C-130E Loadmasters with the 36th, 37th, and 38th TAS in the 316th TAW. They were all 20 years old again and spent 2 full days relating stories that any current Loadmaster could relate to. All agreed that being a Loadmaster was very special. They came from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Louisiana. The event was so well received that next years event is already being planned and discussed and the search is on for others that served with them during that time. Photograph by Gil Hooper Photography.





2014 GATHERING OF LOADS

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



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REGISTRATION FEES

MEMBERS REGISTRATION FEE X \$150 = \$ _____

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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



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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

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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

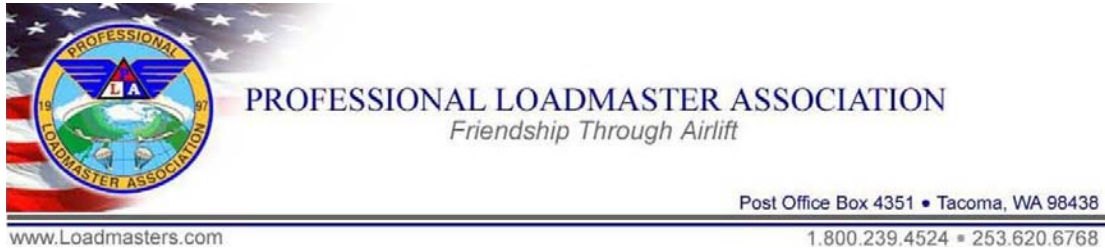
The tour of the St. Louis brewery (founded 1852), located next to the Anheuser-Busch World Headquarters, puts a face on the world's largest brewer. As the tour guide leads you from the tour center to the Budweiser Clydesdale paddock and stable, lager cellar, Brew House, Lyon's Schoolhouse, and Bevo packaging 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!!!

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June 13, 2014

To All Current Active, Reserve, and Guard Loadmasters

The Gateway chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association is hosting the Gathering of Loads “Hey Load - 2014” convention at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 200 N 4th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63102 September 10 – 14, 2014. By attending the convention you will have an opportunity to come together and obtain valuable information regarding your duties and functions as a Loadmaster, as well as develop an understanding of USTRANSCOM (including assets from other services such as the Marine Corps, Navy or Coast Guard), Major Commands such as AMC, and the 618 AOC/TACC. We will be inviting the current top Air Force Loadmasters from the Air Mobility Command Headquarters Staff, Air Force Personnel Center, and Major Commands. Additionally, during the 3-day convention you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one and one-on-group question and answer discussions regarding your career, assignments, promotions, and other topics. Exhibitor booths will also provide information, resources, and giveaways.

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

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

Reference: AFI 36-3003, Page 54 Rule 14 Authorized Permissive TDYs: To attend meetings or seminars sponsored by non-federal technical, scientific, professional (e. g., medical, legal, and ecclesiastical, IT and mechanical) societies and organizations. Unit commander may approve up to 10 days. NOTE: The meeting or seminar must have a direct relationship to the member's primary military duties and clearly enhance his or her value to the Air Force.

Please join us in St. Louis and have a rewarding and exciting time with Loadmasters from around the world. If you have any questions about the convention, please contact me at (302) 359-5059, (618)-229-4459, or PLAGatewayChapter@gmail.com

Kevin Butler
President, Gateway Chapter – Professional Loadmaster Association



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2014 Gathering of Loads- Schedule of Events:

* Spouses Welcome

Wednesday September 10, 2010

1400 – 1800 Registration

1600 – 2100 Hospitality Room *

Thursday September 11, 2010

0700 – 0745 Registration (Crown Plaza Hotel)

0800 – 0900 **Opening Ceremonies & Remarks**
*

0915 – 0930 Break

0930 – 1045 **CFM/AFPC/AMC/AETC
Functional LM Panel**

1045 – 1215 Lunch *

1215 – 1300 **Civilian Company Presentation**

1315 – 1330 Break

1330 – 1600 **National Executive Meeting**

1600 – 2100 Hospitality Room *

Friday September 12, 2014

0800 – 0845 **AMC STAN/EVAL**

0845 - 0900 Break

0900 – 0945 **AMC Training**

0945 – 1000 Break

1000 – 1045 **AMC Safety**

1045 – 1215 Lunch

1215 – 1300 **AMC Resource Management**

1315 – 1330 Break

1330 – 1415 **USTRANSCOM**

1415 - 1430 Break

1430 – 1530 **618AOC/TACC**

1600 – 2100 Hospitality Room *

Saturday September 13, 2014

0800 – 0845 **Civilian company presentation**

0845 – 0900 Break

0900 – 0945 **VFW/American Legion**

0945 – 1000 Break

1000 – 1045 **VA Brief**

1045 – 1215 Lunch

1300 - 1500 Group Activity

1800 – 1900 Group Banquet Social Hour
(Crown Plaza Hotel) *

1900 – 2200 Group Banquet and Guest Speaker
(Crown Plaza Hotel) *

Sunday September 14, 2014

0800 – 1130 Checkout Hotel

**ALL TIMES AND PRESENTORS ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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

***Robert E. Kruse** of Peshtigo, WI passed June 17, 2010 at the age of 65. Private graveside services were held at the Harmony Cemetery on Tuesday, June 22 with military rites. Born on February 3, 1945 in Milwaukee, he was the son of the late Erwin E. and Mildred (Tourek) Kruse. He served in Vietnam, and retired in 1988 after serving over 22 years in the United States Air Force. He is survived by a sister, Marion Glinberg of Mequon. Berth & Rosenthal Funeral Home, Peshtigo assisted the family with arrangements. Editor's note: Robert E. Kruse's name only was originally listed in March 2011 "The Loader" but there was no obituary.

Lewis Eugene "Fuzzy" Hawkins of Little Mountain, SC, formerly of Warner Robins, Georgia, 78, entered into rest on Thursday, August 30, 2012. Mr. Hawkins was born on March 3, 1934 in Newberry, South Carolina. He was of the Lutheran faith. With pride and honor, he served his country in the United States Air Force retiring after obtaining the rank of Master Sergeant. During his military career, he received many awards and much recognition, including two Distinguished Flying Cross Awards, Vietnam Service Medal, and many others. Subsequent to his military career, he retired from the City of Molina Police Department where he was Chief of Police. He also worked for the Bank of Molina as a Security Officer. His beloved wife, Mary Kathleen Hawkins; stepson, Billy D. Coleman, Jr., and parents, Irvy Elijah Hawkins, preceded him in death. His memory will forever be treasured by his stepson, Willard J. Coleman, Port St. Lucie, Florida; siblings, Margaret Cromer, Janice Crowell, Reverend Irvy Hawkins; five grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Visitation will be Monday, September 3, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at McCullough Funeral Home. Graveside Services with full military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

Boston (Boss) Sizemore, CMSgt Ret., 84, of Ellerslie, GA died September 16, 2013 at home under the watchful care of Columbus Hospice. A memorial service with Full Military Honors will be held at Fort Benning Main Post Cemetery, Friday, September 20, 2013 at 11:00 A.M., with Hospice Chaplain Dan MacMinn officiating, according to Striffler-Hamby, 4071 Macon Road, Columbus, GA. Family to receive friends immediately following the ceremony. CMSgt Sizemore was born August 10, 1929 in Kenvir, KY, son of the late Corbett and Melinda Thomas Sizemore. He was a highly decorated veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, a member of the elite Air Force Air Rescue Unit, and later a Loadmaster on some of America's largest aircraft. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by 5 brothers; Ernest, Earley, Burley, Denver, and Troy Sizemore; 2 sisters, Pearl Mosley and Ruby Warren. He is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Eva; a son Tom (Martha) Sizemore of Sacramento, CA, and a daughter, Karen Spencer of Wichita, KS; 2 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Columbus Hospice, 7020 Moon Road, Columbus, GA 31909.

John Marshall Fausch, 68, of Decatur, died Sunday, March 16, 2014 in an area hospital. Mr. Fausch was born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin but had lived in Decatur, Tennessee for the past 16 years. He was a retired Senior Master Sergeant with the U.S. Air Force. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of the American Legion Post # 79. Survivors include his wife, Deborah Fausch, Decatur; son, Jerry (Ginny) Fausch, Universal City, Texas; Kimberlea (Dana) Emborsky, Waco, Texas; Stephanie (Eddie) Fitch, Chattanooga; two sisters, Nina (Charles) Wolfe, Pewaukee, Wisconsin; Barbara (Gene) Thompson, Kansas, Oklahoma; two granddaughters, Raegan Fausch, Universal City, Texas; Fallon (Landry) Lee, Irving, Texas; great grandson, Everett Lee, Irving, Texas, several nieces & nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Monday, March 23, 2014 in the funeral Home Chapel with Evangelist Tim Vermaas Officiating. Interment will be in Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors. The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 7:00 PM Sunday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Voice of the Martyrs, www.persecution.com. Visit www.hamiltonfuneraloptions.com to share words of comfort to the family. Arrangements are by Hamilton Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 4506 Hixson Pike, (423) 531-3975.

***Wayne A. McFarland, Sr.** Age 79, of Puyallup, WA, passed away Thursday, May 15, 2014, in his home, with family by his side. He was born in Monrovia, KS on December 28, 1934 to the late H. Blake and Eva McFarland. Wayne served 21 years in the United States Air Force, was honorably awarded for personal and work related excellence, and followed his military career with an additional 25 years as a United States Postal Carrier. Wayne is survived by his sister Nona McFarland of Leavenworth, KS, his wife Atsuko McFarland of Puyallup, WA, his son Wayne McFarland, Jr. of Puyallup, WA, his son Michael McFarland of Puyallup, WA, and his daughter Nona McFarland of Puyallup, WA. Wayne also is survived by his four grandchildren, Syndahl McFarland, Sterling McFarland, Shayne McFarland, and Ryan McFarland, as well as one great-grandchild, Karmyn McFarland. He also leaves behind an appreciation for his sense of sarcasm, a plethora of corny jokes and one-liners, an understanding of the importance of laughter and love and a secret stash of Oreo cookies, Milky Way bars, and M&Ms. We will always remember when we need to run to the store, it's probably faster to take the car. Burial services will take place Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 10:15 am at Tahoma National Cemetery.

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James Washington Trimble II, Born in Tulare, CA on May 24, 1945, Departed on Apr. 10, 2014 and resided in Denison, TX. Retired Chief Master Sergeant James W. Trimble, II passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2014 with his loving family at his side. Jim was born on May 24, 1945 in Tulare, CA to James Washington Trimble and Camillo Maxine Childers Trimble. He married Sharon Darlene McLemore on December 7, 1962 in Forth Worth, Texas. Jim retired at Altus AFB, Oklahoma as CMSgt from the U. S. Air Force after 26 years in 1989. He flew Generals on the CINC-MAC Crew and also flying Bob Hope on the USO Tour in 1987 plus numerous other celebrities. He served as past Quarter Master for Post 2773 in Denison. After serving in the Air Force he was an instructor for Hughes, Inc. Funeral services will be held at 2:00PM on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at Mullican-Little Funeral Chapel in Bells/Savoy, Texas. Reverend Wes Willie of Cherry Mound Baptist Church will officiate. Interment with full military honors will be held in Rose Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00PM until 8:00PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the funeral home. Jim is survived by his daughters Teresa Peer and her husband Lonny of Abilene, Sherry Fish and her husband Dwayne of Altus, OK and Belinda Smith and her husband Brian of Van Alstyne, brothers C. J. Trimble and Joe Trimble, sisters Ruth Bearden, Julia Trimble and Kathy Wise, grandchildren Brandon, Dustin and Nicholas Taylor, Michael Smith, Chelsea Peer, Brianna Smith, Tianna Fish and Karee Smith, great grandchildren Isabelle, Skylah, Sofia, James and Elliott James Taylor, and numerous nieces and nephews. Also a special friend Laveta Keeling. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 47 years, Sharon Trimble, sister Lena Sue Allen and sister Baby Girl Trimble. Visitation: Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Service: Wednesday, Apr. 16, 2014, 2:00 pm. Cemetery: Rose Hill Cemetery.

Scott Antone Ellestad, age 62, passed away at his home in Mesquite, Nevada on June 4, 2014 with his loving wife Barbara by his side. Scotty was born March 5, 1952 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Donald and Claudette Ellestad. He graduated from Coronado High School in Scottsdale, Arizona in 1970 and immediately entered the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Ubon Airfield, Thailand, from 1972 to 1973. Scotty became a Loadmaster on C-141 cargo airplanes in 1974. He was stationed at McChord AFB, Washington for 12 years as a C-141 Aircraft Loadmaster, Instructor Loadmaster and Unit Standardization and Evaluation Loadmaster. In 1986 he was assigned to Headquarters, Military Airlift Command, Scott AFB, Illinois as the Command Standardization and Evaluation Loadmaster Manager. Scotty was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant (E-9) in 1990. In 1992 he was reassigned to Altus AFB, Oklahoma where he and his wife Chief Master Sergeant Barbara Ellestad both retired from active duty in 1994. Scotty amassed 6,365 flying hours in support of C-141 missions that included Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Grenada, two flights to Antarctica, and backup support of President George H.W. Bush's visit to Somalia in 1992. Scotty earned an Associate's Degree from Fort Steilacoom Community College, Tacoma, Washington and an Associate's Degree from the Community College of the Air Force. Scotty and Barbara were married in 1989. Even though he would have been a terrific father, he had no children. After his retirement he and Barbara lived in Gallatin Gateway, Montana where he owned and operated a successful painting business. They moved to Mesquite, Nevada in 2001 where he worked for the Wolf Creek Golf Course for eight years. Scotty loved playing golf and being with his family and friends especially all his golfing buddies. His kindness, care and concern for others, and honesty and integrity made him a giant of a man. He was as gracious in dying as he was in living. Scotty was preceded in death by his mother Claudette in January 2014. In addition to his wife Barbara, he leaves behind his beloved father, Donald, North Las Vegas, NV; a brother Gregg (Goose), Big Sky, MT; and a sister Claudia (the Kid), Phoenix, AZ. Scotty is now on his way to the Rainbow Bridge to pick up his three beloved dachshunds, Fred, Heidi and Gigi (Butts). Soon after he'll be making tee times at the greatest golf course in the sky. As long as we live in the hearts of those we love, we will never die. A celebration of Scotty's life will be held at the CasaBlanca Golf Course on June 14, beginning at 7:00 a.m. A limited number of tee times are available immediately following for those who want to play one more round with Scotty (please call Pete Donley, 702-345-2063 or Scott Sullivan, 702-346-6764 for tee times). In lieu of flowers, donations in Scotty's honor may be made to the Virgin Valley Home Care and Hospice. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Virgin Valley Mortuary, Mesquite, NV. Published in Desert Valley Times on June 10, 2014.

MSgt Daniel Ray Wassom II, 31, of Vilonia died Sunday, April 27, 2014. He was born October 21, 1982 in Jacksonville to Daniel Ray and Pamela Peters Wassom. Daniel grew up in a military family and was known as "Bud". He attended Cabot Schools where he played the trumpet and graduated in 2001. He also graduated from UCA with a Bachelors Degree in Health Administration. Daniel was very patriotic and joined the Air National Guard shortly after 9/11 and made a career of the military. Daniel was a C-130 Evaluator Loadmaster. He voluntarily served in Kuwait in 2010 and truly loved his job. He was always outgoing and had friends all over the world. Daniel was a dedicated husband and father and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Daniel was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Wayne Wassom and Jack Peters. Daniel is survived by his wife, Suzanne Kemple Wassom; their daughters, Sydney Elizabeth Wassom and Lorelai Sophia Wassom; his parents, Daniel and Pamela Wassom of Cabot; three sisters Misty Dawn Hambrick of California, Katie Lynn Childs of Korea and Leolani Mei Wassom of Cabot as well as his grandmothers, Sharon Peters of Cabot and Carol Arnett of Oklahoma. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 2, 2014 with funeral services beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Jacksonville. Burial will follow at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens in Beebe under the direction of Moore's Cabot Funeral Home (501)843-5816.

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Farewell Bill Cannon

UPCOMING REUNIONS: Sep 11–14, 2014: 57th TCS/MAS/AS Reunion in Branson MO; POC: Woodie Hall, 2635 Marval Court, Cape Coral FL 33991; (239) 850–1758; alumni57th@gmail.com www.57thalumni.com

Apr 24–26, 2015: 40th TAS Reunion Group; POC: Lonnie Jackson, 40thtas@gmail.com and https://www.facebook.com/groups/40TAS/. The reunion is for anyone who served in the 40th TCS, 40th TAS, and 40th AS.

LINKS: PLA LOADMASTER MONUMENT DEDICATION VIDEO is now on YOUTUBE, Kent Brown Liberty Chapter, has posted a 20 minute video of the Dedication Ceremony that took place at the Museum of the US Air Force, Dayton, Ohio on 21 September 2012. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS5N1ZoB_Pk

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