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## CABIN REPORT

Hey Load! My first Cabin Report! I'm so honored and excited about having the opportunity to work with each of you. I want to thank Ron Pierce for all his hard work and leadership over the past years. I know he will continue to be a source of information and assistance for the PLA. So, thank you Ron! Thank you Gateway Chapter for providing another fantastic Gathering. You did an amazing job organizing, planning and putting together another successful Gathering. The briefings were informative and covered the past, present and future of the Loadmaster career field. Thank you Gateway Chapter members! And thanks to all the members and spouses that supported this year's GOL. Without everyone's support, this professional organization will not survive. So again, Thank You All!! One of my many goals, and challenges, is to energize this organization. We have nothing but talented and professional members in this organization. If your talents are not being used to help this organization, please let us know where you can help and we will be happy to have your assistance. For example, at the GOL 2014, we agreed to find (and pay!) someone to design and build a new website. We all appreciate the hard work of Rich Delucia and Tom Morawek on our website, but it is time to pay someone to maintain it full time. If you know of someone that can assist with this much needed project please let me know. We also need to find a company to print and ship PLA merchandise for us. I know most chapters are doing their own printing, and National needs to be doing the same. This could be a good source of funds for our future. Bill Cannon's vision of the PLA was to unite past and present Loadmasters and influence policy in the future. I plan on working hard to continue that vision. In addition, we should be preserving the Loadmaster crew position through documentation of all of our hard work and experiences. I encourage each chapter to have a "historian" and/or a "social media director" among the executive members to document and share your experiences on social media sites such as Facebook. Once we get a new website built, we will have an additional place for all members to share and access this history. We should also be uniting Loadmasters through the work of each chapter. The Gathering of the Loads is the best venue for uniting. However, each chapter should play a larger role in supporting the GOL. After all, it is a gathering for ALL members. Why should one chapter be responsible for raising all the money? I encourage the chapters to get more involved in supporting the Gathering. Expect more information from your Vice Presidents. And finally, we should be promoting the Loadmaster career field through awards and recognition. Wouldn't it be nice if the FAA actually recognized our crew position? This goes back to accessing our talents. If anyone would like to take the lead on making this happen I look forward to talking with you. Also, get ready for the first PLA Loadmaster of the Year Award! I will be asking each chapter to submit nominees and form a National selection committee. Stay tuned for more information. Again, send me an

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

Cover Photograph: Past Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) President Ron Pierce, newly elected PLA President Kathy Disney and past PLA President J. P. Salisbury at the 2014 Gathering Of Loads Convention in St. Louis MO, September 13, 2014.

email if you are interested in helping out in any of these areas. I look forward to serving the PLA as your President as we Preserve, Unite and Promote the Loadmaster career field. I am open to suggestions and available to discuss items anytime. You can contact me at [kathydisney1@yahoo.com](mailto:kathydisney1@yahoo.com). Load Clear! Kathy Disney

**PLA SECRETARY**

**RENEWAL NOTICE: PLEASE RESPOND** if you desire to remain an active member and continue receiving The LOADER newsletter. There are only two ways to join or renew membership and that is by mail to the P. O. Box or online thru PayPal. We are still receiving on line, new and renewal applications with no way to confirm payments. If paying by PayPal, print and save your receipt to confirm your payment.

**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, and reinstatement letters, and a big thank you to those, **100 stateside** and **8 overseas** members, who have agreed to accept "The Loader" electronically.

**TELEPHONE CALLS to Members:** Over the past several months I have made phone calls to the majority of active PLA members in reference to their contact information and/or bad E-MAIL ADDRESSES. I sent over 1,500 messages to remind members to vote on the By-Laws changes and about the 2014 Gathering of Loads, and 248 were bounced back. If a message is left on your machine, PLEASE return my call or send change of address information to Secretary@Loadmasters.com.

**LOST LOAD CANDIDATES:** If your LOADER newsletter is returned to the association by the Post Office, the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) pays \$3.94 for the return. When trying to contact you for updated information and I find your phone has been disconnected and you also have a bad e-mail address, **YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE LOST LOAD LISTING.**

**DECEASED MEMBERS:** If you know of, or suspect that a PLA member has passed, please contact me and we will take the necessary action.

**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 H. Moore at buildsmall2@mac.com or leave a free two minute message at 1 (800) 239-4524. Remember to speak slowly and distinctly, so we can copy your information down. Thank you!

**PLA LOADMASTER MONUMENT DEDICATION VIDEO** is now on YOUTUBE:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS5N1ZoB\\_Pk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WS5N1ZoB_Pk)

Kent Brown of the 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.

**PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF:** October 15, 2014

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 1021  
ACTIVE MEMBERS: 1021 (8 Lost Loads)

**( 39 ) NEW MEMBERS since the JULY issue**  
**(\*Denotes Life Member)**

**JUNE ( 8 )**

Ryan Gewinner	Altus, OK
Alla Jabbar	San Antonio, TX
Luke J. Kaufman	Altus, OK
<b>*Marcus Ohler</b>	<b>Kaneohe, HI</b>
Chad Owens	Charleston, SC
Danny South	Altus, OK
Ronald H. Thompson	Puyallup, WA
Thomas Todd	Concord, MI

**JULY ( 13 )**

Francis Bowen	Carle Place, NY
Jason Fatjo	JBSA Lackland, TX
Richard Finkenberg	Delray Beach, FL
James C. Grove, Jr.	JBSA Lackland, TX
Caleb Himpel	JBP HH, HI
Albert King	JBSA Lackland, TX
Chris Koch	JBSA Lackland, TX
James McNulty	Navarre, FL
Denilo Pena	Miami, FL
Clint Robbins	Honolulu, HI
John Schaefer	Magnolia, DE
John A. Shirey	Greenbrier, AR
Scott Swaim	Alexandria, VA

**AUGUST ( 9 )**

Laura Bourdais	Altus, OK
Christopher Cummings	Monroe, NY
Kelsey Gainer	Tacoma, WA
David Houchin	Yelm, WA
Michael D. Martin	Davenport, IA
Peter McCann	North Easton, MA
C.N. Bob Merry	Cabot, AR
Andre Morgan	JBP HH, HI
David Ray	New Braunfels, TX

**SEPTEMBER ( 9 )**

Rafael Chapa	Altus, OK
Ken Common	Altus, OK
Matthew Conn	Altus, OK
Dan Eastman	O'Fallon, IL
Trinidad Gutierrez	Altus, OK

**Secretary Report - Cont. from page 3****SEPTEMBER ( 9 ) Continued**

Jennifer Patterson	Roy, WA
Andy Poulisse	Altus, OK
Matthew Thrune	Altus, OK
Terry L. Wolford	Albany, OR

**( 53 ) INACTIVE MEMBERS since the July issue**

Henry Alexander	Lakewood, WA	May
Travis Alkire	Cabot, AR	July
Jon Andre	Kennesaw, GA	June
John Aulerich	Abilene, TX	July
Ted Beck	Vaughn, WA	June
Richard Bisette	Kileen, TX	April
Edward G. Benning	Wildwood, FL	May
Joseph Blevins	Napa, CA	July
Dr. Thomas Bowden	Omaha, NE	July
Randall D. Christian	San Antonio, TX	June
Richard Costello	Torrance, CA	April
Roy Cruz	St. Louis, MO	June
Kyle Curry	Columbus, MS	April
Elton Daniel	Lillington, NC	July
Benjamin Evans	Pingree, ID	July
Brandon R. Fertig	Cabot, AR	June
Zachery Foriska	Dover DE	April
Joe Giguere	Fuquay Varina, NC	April
Corey Haun	Charleston, SC	July
Jason Higashionna	Ewa Beach, HI	April
Derek Howard	Holly Springs, NC	May
Mike Huelsenbeck	Burlington, NJ	April
Charles Kent	Searcy, AR	July
James Klein	San Antonio, TX	June
Rick LaFrance	Cabot, AR	July
Richard P. Landis	Kerney, NJ	June
Jonathan Lange	Sherwood, AR	July
Gene J. Lorandean	Philadelphia, PA	June
Joshua Mackey	APO AP	June
Seth Malcolm	Ladson, SC	July
Nicholas Marro	Charlotte, NC	July
Andrew Miller	Melbourne, FL	April
Richard Miner	Sanford, NC	April
Enrique Moeller	Tomball, TX	April
David A. Molinar	San Antonio, TX	May
Donald Montgomery	Lady Lake, FL	May
Michael A. Morris	Hanahan, SC	July
David Noel	Ladison, SC	June
Howard Schneider	Great Falls, MT	April
James Schwertman	Sunman, IN	June
Michael Seaton	Ladson, SC	July
Jim K. Slaughter	Knoxville, TN	June
Eric J. Smith	Suisun City, CA	June
Alan Spanks	Menomonie, WI	July
Shannon Stiff	Navarre, FL	April
Brian Student	Cabot, AR	July
Jerome Thomas	Ewa Beach, HI	April
Judel Valdez	Kapolei, HI	June

William A. Wallace	Lawton, OK	May
Paul A. Wickstrom	San Antonio, TX	June
Brian Williams	Warner Robins, GA	July
Michael Wood	Summerville, SC	July
Clayton L. Woods	North Little Rock, AR	May

**LOST LOADS ( 8 ):** If you know any of the Lost Loads please have them contact us with their current contact information.  
**\*Denotes Life Member** — Last address, month and year when they became lost

<b>*John L Branski</b>	Tacoma, WA	Nov 2011
<b>*Jesse L. Burdette</b>	Cabot, AR	Nov 2011
<b>*Robert B. Burnett</b>	Dulles, VA	Jul 2011
<b>*Christopher S. Clay</b>	Arlington, VA	Nov 2011
<b>*Daniel Downey</b>	Abilene, TX	Jul 2012
<b>*Jack L. Langenstein</b>	Summerville, SC	Jul 2014
<b>*Dewhitt Sizemore</b>	Bonita Springs, FL	Nov 2012
<b>*Tony E. Strader</b>	APO AE	Nov 2011

**“The Loader” Editor**

“The Loader” Editor - Bill Weeper – We have seen many good things happen to the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) this year including approval of the updated By-Laws, the national elections and a great Gathering of Loads (GOL) in St. Louis MO. Congratulations to new National President, Kathy Disney and new National Vice-President, Rene (Red) Delarosa along with returning Vice-Presidents, Mark Raymond and Kent Brown (see their short bio’s on page 8). I am sure they will do an outstanding job representing the PLA in the years ahead. I am continuing to work hard to make this the best newsletter that I can. My main focus is obtaining 100% of all chapter inputs. Some chapters are reconstituting and I will do what I can to help promote those chapters through “The Loader.” I am trying to provide interesting subjects but to give you the best issues, I need your input. If you belong to a PLA Chapter please help your Chapter President submit inputs to me (providing Loadmaster stories; old and new, chapter information, personal achievements, etc.). If you don’t have a chapter, send your Loadmaster related information directly to: weeperjr@satx.rr.com. In this issue you will see that we have a new sponsor, Larry Crain, whose company produces the “Loadmaster Tool Kit.” You may have seen Larry at previous GOL’s, even though he isn’t a Loadmaster he sure supports the career field. How many companies can you think of that sell a product directly aimed at Loadmasters? Please check out Larry’s advertisement on page 5. We have an interesting story from Rene (Red) Delarosa in this issue on page 14 about his training as an Aircraft Dispatcher. It is great to see that there are jobs in the civilian market that can use some of the skills that many of you have learned as Loadmasters. I also received a very interesting article from Dexter Neyman who flew as a Loadmaster on the Chase C-122 Avitru. It is also great to have articles from Kent Brown the East Coast Vice-President and Mike Welch our Public Relations Director. And finally we have our annual membership roster followed by coverage of the 2014 GOL. Congratulations to Kevin Butler and the Gateway Chapter on an excellent GOL.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary@loadmasters.com)



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The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) offers five scholarships annually for college and/or vocational/technical school after high school graduation. We have two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each named in honor of John L. Levitow and Bill Cannon. These are permanent scholarships. Three additional \$500.00 scholarships, each named for a different deceased Loadmaster, will be awarded each year. Candidates for the selection process must be from PLA members in good standing and their family members (sons, daughters or 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, located on the PLA website, 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 received after that date will be returned. Announcement of the scholarship award to the individual participant shall be no later than the middle of May of the year before scholarship announcement. Announcement of scholarships awarded shall be published each year in the July issue of THE LOADER newsletter. Remember our scholarship fund will be used to support two scholarships of \$1000 and three \$500.00 scholarships a year to PLA members and their family members.

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Donations can be made to our PLA Headquarters:
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Write "Scholarship Fund" on checks. Remember every little bit counts
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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 (see page 7) you will need to know the PLA membership # and date. Please contact John Moore at Secretary@Loadmasters.com orbuidsmall2@mac.com to obtain this information."

Public Relations Director

Mike Welch - The PLA has had only two Public Relations Directors since its inception. SMSgt Tom Connell (USAF Ret. and passed away), March 1997 – March 2001 and CMSgt Mike Welch (USAF Ret.) March 2001 – Present. Why have there only been two people to fill this position? Well the PLA started its beginning with planning sessions at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Company located in Long Beach, CA and needed a company to help sponsor "The Loader" with advertisements. At the time, McDonnell Douglas employed CMSgt Bill Cannon (USAF Ret.) – Chairman Emeritus, Tom Connell and Mike Welch. Therefore, the company stepped up and had advertisements in "The Loader" since the beginning and up to three years ago. The Public Relations Director is responsible to the Executive Committee for keeping the association informed through media available to include the website, "The Loader", emails, texting, personal calls or visits to bases. This person also promotes 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 Executive Committee in the marketing of the association to include the preparation, distribution, and mailing of newsletters, notices, and current roster of members if the director is collocated with the National Headquarters. Marketing may also

assist with advertisement in "The Loader," in accordance with postal rules. The Public Relations Director shall work with the Editor of "The Loader" and the Webmaster to keep the National PLA newsletter and website current. Now, in the past 15 years we have had such excellent editors for "The Loader" and our website that this Director has not had much to do in those arenas. But, this director still works for The Boeing Company and visits all 20 Air National Guard (ANG) and AF Reserve (AFR) C-130 units and I am able to promote the PLA in this manner. This begs the question – "Why should an Active Duty, ANG, AFR, Retired or a Civilian Loadmaster join the PLA?" First, a Loadmaster is a professional, and professionals should belong to our organization to help promote the career field to the younger folks just starting their career. Second, you receive "The Loader" three times a year and you have the opportunity to stay in touch with others via this avenue. It is exciting to read an article about a 19-year old Loadmaster who has been in combat situations many times. Third, the camaraderie you develop within your chapter and by attending the Gathering of the Loads every two years gains a foundation for the future loadmasters. Fourth, "What's it going to do for me?" – not even a question to ponder but if you want an answer, it does feel good to be part of an outstanding career field's professional organization.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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College(s), University(ies), and Vocational/Technical School(s) you have made application to:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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](mailto: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

## Meet the 2014 - Newly Elected Professional Loadmaster Association National President and Vice Presidents



Kathleen Disney, National President - Currently works at the 344 TRS, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Center of Excellence as a BLM Instructor/NCOIC. Air Force career includes both C-141B and C-17A's on Active Duty and Reserve's at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Altus AFB, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and the current assignment at Lackland. Civilian employment includes Flight Data Specialist at Honeywell Aerospace, Aircraft Dispatcher at Alaska Airlines, and GTIMS Systems Administrator at Northrop Grumman. She completed a Bachelor of Science Degree at St. Martin's University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Trident University. She is a life-time member of the PLA and a previous Trailblazer Chapter President. Currently resides outside of San Antonio in the lovely town of Bulverde, married to CMSgt Kyle Disney with four beautiful dogs, Amber, Peanut, Ginger, Eddy and a cat, Kitty.



Mark E. Raymond, West Coast Vice President - Mark was born in Grand Forks ND and grew up between Minnesota and North Dakota. Mark attended Bemidji State College in Bemidji MN for one year after High School. He enlisted in the Air Force in December 1969 and retired in December 1999 from 15th Air Force after 30 years of service. Mark completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University and completed a Master of Aerospace Sciences degree from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. After retirement from the Air Force, Mark has been working on the KC-10 Aircrew Training System as a Quality Assurance Manager and as the Training System Support Center Manager with both Boeing and Flight Safety. Mark has been the Chapter President of the Parker-Agullion-Payne Chapter since it was founded in 1998 and the West Coast Vice-President since 2006. Mark is married to the former Hisuhua Sandy Wu from Keelung, Taiwan and has two grown children, Julie and Alicia, and two grandchildren, Emma and Rocco.



Rene Delarosa, Central Vice President - Grew up in Ozona TX. After high school, Rene attended and graduated from the Art Institute of Houston with an Associate of Arts degree in Photography. He enlisted in the Air Force at the beginning of the buildup for the Persian Gulf War and graduated from Basic Training in June, 1991. Rene spent his entire 22 year career in the AF as a Loadmaster. Initially, he flew on the C-141B for 3.5 years and was then selected for the C-17A program prior to it becoming operational. Rene spent the next 18.5 years as a C-17A Loadmaster in assignments at varying levels including NCOIC of Squadron Stan/Eval, Superintendent of Group Stan/Eval, HQ AMC/C-17A Simulator Certification Loadmaster, Superintendent of the Basic Loadmaster School, the Loadmaster CDC Writer and 15th Airlift Squadron Superintendent. He has an Associate of Science degree in Aircrew Operations and is a licensed FAA Aircraft Dispatcher. Rene has a daughter, Christen. After retirement from the AF, he moved to Houston TX and is an Operational Shift Supervisor for BaseOps International. He is a lifetime member of the PLA, a member of the Alamo Chapter in San Antonio TX, and he helped organize and plan their successful Gathering of Loads national convention in 2010.

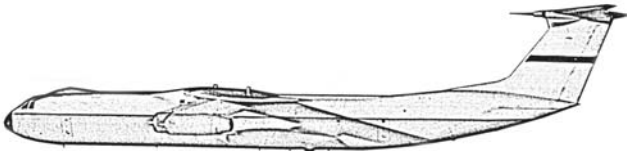


Kent Brown, East Coast Vice President - Retired in 2000 from the 6th AS, McGuire AFB NJ, currently living in Browns Mills, outside the base. Spent his entire career at McGuire, divided among the 6th & ALCE/TALCE/AMOG for 13 years of that. Married for 23 years to Anne (Wright) Brown, one of the first female loadmasters in the USAF. She is also retired. Currently PLA East Coast Vice-President, Liberty chapter treasurer and past president.



### East Coast Vice President

Kent Brown, 609-893-1833, kabrown9@comcast.net, **Hey Load stations in 5** - We all have heard that many times in our career and you may still be hearing it. You tell that to the non-flyers you know and they don't have a clue what you mean. That is one of the many things that make being a Loadmaster unique and special. How many of you look out for potential members when you are at the commissary, VFW, or some local event. You see a person wearing wings on a flight suit, hat, jacket or vest, walk up to them and ask how they earned those wings. They may not be a loadmaster but there is a good chance they may be. Even the Navy & Marines have loadmasters; you just have to ask when you see those wings. I am always on the lookout when I am out on base, I have even stopped spouses in the parking lot and asked about the wings on the license plate on the truck, her husband was a Load and I gave her some info on the PLA to pass to her husband. Most of the time I will approach someone in the commissary while shopping and get to talking about flying, they may be an Engineer or Boom, but I have run into many Loads. Here at McGuire we have all services and a big retiree population. My wife Anne, also a former loadmaster, works in the commissary and just about every day she tells me of seeing some former flyer from her days in the Air Force. So if you have the opportunity to be around current or former members of the armed services lookout for that potential member. Invite them to your next chapter meeting or maybe just let them know about the PLA and we would welcome them to join our ranks. There are lots of people that don't know about us. Maybe they will join us for an upcoming GOL if it's close. Let them know of our website at the least. An organization not only needs members to thrive, those same members need to be active in the organization. All chapters have those people they can count on to come to meetings, help with fundraisers or volunteer to help someone else out. I am sure these folks would welcome more of you to come out for events or meetings. It doesn't have to be for everything that goes on, but if they knew they could count on you a couple of times a year for things other than the free food and beverages at the annual picnic, it would make a difference in our organization. Everyone may not be retired or not have other responsibilities but I think you could make some time at least a couple times a year to help out YOUR organization. Please get in touch with your local chapter and see what they are doing, you may be surprised at what goes on, it's not always drinking beer and telling war stories. Now I've got my rant out, I would like to remind everyone that the Liberty Chapter still has Loadmaster coins for sale. If you want some coins, I can mail them to you for \$10 each plus priority shipping of \$5.80. I can get up to 30 in one box for that shipping cost. So order lots and sell, to others. If you want a little cheaper alternative, I will 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 me. I think you need more than one!!! If chapters want 30 or more, I will sell them to you for \$9 each with shipping included. Send to: Kent Brown, 28 Pineview Dr., Browns Mills, NJ 08015-6850. Thanks Kent Brown.



### The Alamo Chapter

Bill Weeper - Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter. Our chapter would like to congratulate two of our chapter members; the new National President Kathy Disney; and Central Vice President, Rene (Red) Delarosa. We wish them all the best of luck and we would like them to know they have our chapter's support. We would also like to thank past National President Ron Pierce for all that he has done for the Professional Loadmaster Association. The Alamo Chapter recently held a fundraiser (bratwurst/hotdog plate and I-Pad raffle) at Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) - Basic Loadmaster School (BLM). Thanks to Kathy Disney, Jose Basaldua, Don Sawyer, Hector Leyva, Primo and the rest of the Loadmasters that helped. We recruited four new members and raised enough money to send \$500 to Kevin Butler at the Gateway chapter to assist in the hosting of the 2014 Gathering of Loads (GOL) in St. Louis MO. Hector Leyva, Bill Weeper, Ray Snedegar and Randy Christian represented the Alamo Chapter at the 2014 GOL. We would like to thank Kevin Butler for all the hard work that he and his team did to put together an excellent GOL. The Alamo Chapter is going to quarterly meetings after our next meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014. It is going to be at the Holiday Inn/Northwest/Seaworld, 10135 State Highway 151, San Antonio TX at 5:30 pm. The chapter is also looking for a new home. The air-conditioning went out in our meeting room at the Texas Air Museum and it won't be replaced in the immediate future. We would like to thank John Tosh (Texas Air Museum Director) for allowing us to meet there during the past few years. Andy Vaquera is looking for a permanent place to meet and will announce the location via text message and email. The Alamo Chapter continues to sponsor a BLM classroom at the CEA/CoE on Lackland AFB Texas. The Alamo Chapter will be purchasing more picture frames and photographs displaying Loadmaster history and heroes in the sponsored classroom. 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 BLM can contact CMSgt Eric Rigby, Commandant, CEA/CoE, 344th Training Squadron, Commercial: (210) 671-5945, eric.rigby@us.af.mil. Also please keep CMSgt (Ret) Harold (Snake) Tilton in your prayers, he is in rehab and wish him well and a speedy recovery.



Alamo Chapter/Basic Loadmaster Course Fundraiser

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### Big Country Chapter

Michael P. Lutzko, Chapter President - The Big Country Chapter had their monthly meeting on October 4, 2014 at VFW Post 6873 in Abilene, Texas. The members discussed the Veteran's Day Parade, which will be held on November 8, 2014 in Abilene, Texas, and decided on an entry for the parade. A Christmas party was discussed and set for December 13, 2014 at VFW Post 6873. The chapter voted to donate a memorial plaque to the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, Texas. The plans for the memorial plaque have been submitted to, and approved by, the Texas State Veterans Cemetery. The plans have been forwarded to the Texas Veterans Land Board for final approval.

### Gateway Chapter

Kevin Butler, Chapter President - My contact information is: 4431 Thunderbolt Dr, Scott AFB, IL 62225 (302-359-5059). The Gateway Chapter meets at the Scott VFW on the first Wednesday of the month at 1630. For those of you who attended the 2014 Gathering Of Loads (GOL) convention in St. Louis MO the first person you probably saw after you checked into the hotel was Nancy Ashby of Reunion Brats. The level of effort and knowledge she added to our convention was amazing. The Gateway Chapter can't express how much we appreciate what she added to our convention. She handled the check-in along with other behind the scenes work that made the convention process flow very smoothly for each attendee, the Gateway Chapter and our association. We would like to send a very heartfelt thank you to Nancy. We hope to see you at future GOL's.



Nancy Ashby (Reunion Brats)

### Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark, Chapter President - Greetings from the Golden West Chapter in sunny southern California. It was a pleasure to attend the 2014 Gathering of Loads in St Louis MO. Loadmasters, from the new generation and old crew dogs all had experiences to share. We received very informative up-to-date briefings on the Loadmaster career field. Topics discussed were expanded crew duties, advances in aerial delivery, updates on C-17, C-130J, C-5 and Special Ops. Ray Snedegar gave a powerful presentation on Operation Baby Lift C-5 crash in South Vietnam. We all enjoyed the sightseeing tours of St Louis. Most of all the Anheuser-Busch

Distillery and thanks for all the beer they provided to our hospitality suite. The members of the Golden West Chapter send our kudos and congratulations to Kathy Disney on her selection as PLA National President. With the approach of the holiday season, we are planning community service activities. At our next meeting we will be collecting items for food baskets for needy families. All southern California area Loads are welcome to our annual Christmas party in December and to join our Chapter. Recruiting will be our focus in the coming year for the PLA and the chapter. We meet the second Saturday of each month at the Pepper Steak Diner 26589 Highland Avenue, Highland CA at 1000 hrs. Giving back to the community is priceless. In the past few months, in the interest of our chapter, I've participated in summer aviation camp for youth, escorted potential recruits to Edwards AFB, March ARB and Miramar MCAS, mentoring them in military life, resources and occupations. I hope they all become Loadmasters.



Summer Aviation Camp Youth Members & Steve Clark



Golden West Chapter Visit To 729th Airlift Squadron

### Liberty Chapter

Michael Kent, 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

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as Secretary and Kent Brown as Treasurer. Kent is also the East Coast Vice President. We have all held numerous posts within the chapter over the years. We had a fundraiser on August 10, 2014. We had six members help provide security and general help for The Grind in the Pines Race. This is an annual event and had over 400 participants. This event took place in Browns Mills NJ. The chapter raised \$250 dollars. We are always looking for new ways to raise money. Aside from this race, we have a few new ideas such as providing security for the many soccer tournaments held on the base. We helped the VFW post 6590 in Cookstown, NJ install benches at the C-141B Starlifter memorial on McGuire. We had 6 members assist installing 3 benches. The benches are very unique. They are made from C-141 auxiliary loading ramps. It was quite a project because the ground was hard and full of rocks. It took a lot longer than we originally thought. We plan to help keep this memorial looking good in the future. We recently had plans to do some general clean up of the area but got rained out. The memorial has a list of all the C-141's lost from McGuire and a list of all Crewmembers lost on those planes. You can also purchase an inscribed brick and have it placed at the memorial. If you are ever in the area check it out! We had 8 members attend the GOL in St. Louis September 10-14, 2014. Thanks to the Gateway chapter for all the hard work. I know that it is a lot of work to put on a big event like this. Thanks to Altus for agreeing to host the 2016 GOL in Oklahoma City. Please let us know if we can help in any way. Kent Brown has a lot of experience in this area. We did not have a summer picnic this year due to some conflicting events. We did however team up with the local VFW early bird picnic on September 20, 2014. Most of our members are also members of the VFW and most are members of this post. The 335th AS was also holding a reunion this day at the VFW. The 335th AS was a C-141 Reserve squadron at McGuire. We had a great time and got to see some old friends. Lots of good stories were told and the food and beer were good. I think we may do this again in 2 years when the 335th has another reunion. Our next event will be a Holiday Party sometime in December. We are still working out the details. Along with the party we will collect toys for Operation Santa Claus. This is a local charity that gives toys to kids for the holidays. President: Michael Kent, 609-410-5736, michael\_knt@yahoo.com, Treasurer, Kent Brown, 609-893-1833, heyload@comcast.net, Secretary, Shem Miller, 609-893-6050, shem.miller11@gmail.com.



C-141B Starlifter memorial on McGuire



732d AS Loadmasters offloading a school bus in Haiti as part of the Denton cargo program. The program delivers donated humanitarian cargo to countries in need. (U. S. Air Force Photograph)

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter**

Sheldon Cary, Chapter President - During normal ops tempo we have our monthly meeting at Mckellar's Lodge on Pope Field. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter has had a busy 2014 year. Lots of crews on the road supporting all types of missions. Deployed efforts continue in multiple AORs. Due to the high ops tempo, we have not been able to volunteer as we have in previous years. Sheldon Cary - President, (918) 869-8256, Kasumi Bailey - Vice President, (813)215-9942, daisykb15@yahoo.com, Alex Walter - Chapter Treasurer, (919) 886-5623, bighairyanimal@gmail.com, Kyle Anderson - Public Affairs, (910) 373-7343, journey19man@msn.com, Bill Burton - Webmaster.

**Northwest Chapter**

Victor Fredlund, Chapter President - Greetings from the folks in the Northwest where the weather has been the most temperate of the lower 48 this year. Monthly meetings are held on the second Saturday at the McChord golf clubhouse at 1000, and occasionally on second Friday of the month at 1500, hosted by Airlift Squadrons (AS). Meetings held at AS have been very productive and we are therefore anticipating executive positions to be filled by active duty Loadmasters in 2015. On August 9, 2014 a Memorial Monument dedication for Bill Cannon was conducted at McChord Memorial Grove by Victor Fredlund (see photos on page 12). The Monument was purchased by the Chapter with donations from generous members. The Chapter also hosted a short reception for family and guests at the Fireside Room of the nearby NCO club following this well attended ceremony. The annual Christmas Dinner will be hosted by Ron and Kris Pierce at their residence on 12-13-14, refreshments at 1700, dinner at 1800. Chapter officers; President; Victor Fredlund - 1841 Trosper RD SW#8, Tumwater, WA 98512-6964, Te.# 360-705-3755, E-mail victorfredlund@msn.com. Vice-President; Harold Edvalds - 1702 So 90th St., Tacoma, WA 98444-3122 - Tel.# 253-537-8996. Sec./Treas., Vacant; Victor Fredlund temporarily filling that position with the help of past Secretary Bill Birney.

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Memorial Monument dedication for Bill Cannon



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**Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter**

Mark E. Raymond, Chapter President - Our Chapter's annual SMSgt Irv Mahler Scholarship award of \$1,000.00 has been presented to Michael Osgood, grandson of Bob and Brenda Cosgrove. We presented it to him at a dinner social with his mom and girlfriend in attendance. Michael is not only working full-time on his degree in Communications and Broadcasting, but works full time as a Lease Portfolio Manager for MINI. We wish him many successes in all his future endeavors. Our chapter's participation in the annual American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, held in Vacaville California, raised over \$21,000.00 in donations. Al Horwedel's dedication and hard work are always at the forefront of personally raising the most money. Joe Brown as our team Captain with Al Horwedel assisting did an outstanding job, as always. This year's funding raising efforts to support certain events in our chapter continue to be supported by volunteers at the Sonoma Raceway. This is our main source of fundraising efforts, and we do appreciate all those that continue to volunteer to support our chapter. We are having another social dinner at Pietro's # 2 in Vacaville in early October. These socials have always been a great time and have had a great turnout. Our annual Christmas Party will again be held at the Travis Heritage Center (Travis Museum) on Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM. This will be catered by the conference center

and will cost \$10.00 per person with children 10 and under free. The chapter pays for the majority of the costs. You do not have to be a member of the PLA. All Loadmasters and their families are invited. I also attended the Gathering of Loads this year in St Louis and the Gateway Chapter did an outstanding job of hosting the event. We welcome our new National President, Kathy Disney, and look forward to working with her to move our association to bigger and better things. We also would like to thank outgoing President Ron Pierce for his leadership and support over the past few years. 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 questions, please contact Mark E. Raymond at [mark.raymond@att.net](mailto:mark.raymond@att.net) or [mark.raymond@kc10ats.com](mailto:mark.raymond@kc10ats.com).



Mark Raymond presents scholarship to Michael Osgood

**The Rock Chapter**

Marc Calcaterra, Interim Chapter President - Greetings from the Rock Chapter. As you know, the Rock Chapter has been absent for some time now. With the retirement of the C-130E's, we've been transitioning to the new C-130J's. And yes, we still have the C-130H's. Add to that the high Ops tempo for our Air Mobility Command (AMC) Loadmasters and all the training Air Education and Training Command (AETC) is doing, we have been quite busy. We would like to welcome 2 new squadrons to Little Rock AFB. The 41<sup>st</sup> AS is now assigned here and we now have the 327<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron (AS) from the Air Force Reserves. The 327<sup>th</sup> AS has 10 C-130H's assigned to them and they are combined with the 50<sup>th</sup> AS to fly them. You might say it's a (reverse) Reserve/Associate Air Force Squadron. On the AETC side of the house, the 48<sup>th</sup> AS is conducting all the training for the C-130J model training, and the 62<sup>nd</sup> AS is working with the 154<sup>th</sup> AS (from the 189<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing/ANG) to conduct all training for Loadmasters going through the C-130H model program. It is with deep regret we announce that the 53<sup>rd</sup> AS was deactivated on September 30, 2014. Hopefully, they will be reactivated in the future. We held a chapter meeting on October 9, 2014 to get the chapter going again, and we had pretty good turnout (including 10 life members). We will be having

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elections in November and will announce the new chapter officers in the next issue of "The Loader." Members at the meeting discussed inactive status and the lack of elected and serving chapter officers. I was selected as interim President, and SRA Zeringue as interim Secretary. A motion was made to have all future chapter meetings at the VFW in Jacksonville, with a separate meeting to be held every other month on base to serve as a new membership drive and for anybody who can't make the meetings at the VFW. It was also noted that all issues that will affect the chapter will only be brought up for an official vote during the meetings held at the VFW. If you have any questions, please email me, or call me at (501) 606-3133. Until then, fly safe and always remember, PTL (Praise The Load). Load Clear

**Trailblazers Chapter**

Trailblazers Chapter Officers: President, Luke Kaufman; Vice President, Danny South; Secretary, Trinidad Gutierrez; Treasurer, Laura Bourdlais; Ways & Means, Norman Metz.

**Choosing A Second Career - Aircraft Dispatcher**

As a lot of you have been, I was faced with the realization that my retirement from the Air Force was set in stone in my future but a future career wasn't. Having years of operational experience as a crewmember led me to find a career in which I could capitalize on my experiences. I chose to pursue an Aircraft Dispatcher's license and in doing so, was fortunate to end up attending the Institute of Flight Operations and Dispatch (IFOD), in Irving, TX. An Aircraft Dispatcher is an airline's hands-on manager of their primary income resources: aircraft, crews, passengers and of course, fuel. A dispatcher is 50% legally responsible for the safety of a flight's passengers and aircraft. The other 50% responsibility falls on the pilot in command. In military terms, a dispatcher would be similar to a Flight Planner; but the primary difference is in the civilian world, an individual must pass a written exam in order to progress to the point of getting a "checkride" by an FAA Examiner, who holds an Aircraft Dispatch license, in order to work in that capacity. The primary method of attaining a dispatcher's license is by attending a training program, like IFOD, in order to learn the basics of flight planning, weather theory, aircraft performance, limitations and aerodynamic factors, airport compatibility and restrictions and reading approach plates. Basically, all of those pilot things you've watched them do for years, you're now licensed to do in order to ensure the safe transport of passengers and aircraft. Most of the training courses across the country are five weeks in duration and the IFOD schedule is broken down into the written exam prep and then the prep for the flight planning evaluation with the FAA evaluator. The IFOD instructors are all well experienced in dispatch operations with years of experience and continue to consult many different airlines around the world. Though I felt it helped, prior flight crew or airline experiences were not necessary and my classmates were from varied backgrounds. Still, having flown for many years didn't help me know how to read a Horizontal Situation Indicator (HSI) but this too can be learned! With the availability of the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post 9-11 GI Bill, the financial portion of this equation could be solved for you. I utilized my Post 9-11 GI Bill. It paid for the course in full as well as my lodging. The IFOD cadre are available to you and interested in your

advancement; this doesn't end at the end of the course. My class contained a large number of international students and the instructors were very adept at helping them overcome the language barriers. Of the students who were job searching, the networking done on our behalf was very successful. During our course, IFOD arranged for a regional airline and another company to visit us and conduct job interviews resulting in six out of ten students having job offers prior to their graduation from the course. I was very impressed with their persistence in sending out our resumes and coordinating interviews on our behalf. When considering your post military job options, you may want to consider becoming an Aircraft Dispatcher. It is very similar to the conversations and topics you are already familiar with just by being an Air Force crewmember.

**C-122 Loadmaster**

Dexter Neyman, August 25, 2014 – The C-122 aircraft was produced by Chase Aircraft during the years of 1948 and 1949. After service with the U. S. Air Force some of the aircraft were sold to private companies. The interior of the aircraft was reinforced with pipes to help support the aircraft during landings on unprepared (dirt) landing strips. I was placed on flying status in January 1954 at Sewart Air Force Base TN as a dropmaster/loadmaster. My first experience with the C-122 was during the spring/summer of 1954 when the 314th Troop Carrier Wing organized a Troop Carrier demonstration team. There were three C-119's assigned to demonstrate the airdrop capabilities of the aircraft for both paratroops and equipment. A C-122 was also assigned to demonstrate how troops and vehicles could be airlanded in a forward combat area. I along with my good friend Hollis Tessmer was assigned to provide support for the C-122. We made assault landings as we traveled all over the country giving demonstrations to Air Force Reserve units and civilian audiences. We used only rolling stock (jeep and trailer). After landing and offloading, the aircraft made a short field takeoff to demonstrate to the audience the capability of the C-122 aircraft. Many of the things we did were primitive by later standards, using procedures we developed for preflight/loading/in-flight duties/duties during landing/offloading, etc. A few years later when I was assigned to the C-123 aircraft, I found that the majority of those procedures we had used had been incorporated into the checklist used with that aircraft.



Chase C-122 Avitric - USAF Photograph

## Loadmaster leaves big shoes to fill at Operation Deep Freeze

Posted 10/16/2014 by MSgt Todd Wivell 62nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs – Christchurch, New Zealand - “He has been the hub of all things for Operation Deep Freeze (ODF) at McChord for nearly 15 years. If anyone asked him a question about something ODF related, he usually knew the answer and if he didn’t, he knew who to ask,” said Lt. Col. Tim Davis, 304th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron (AS) director of operations and 728th Airlift Squadron chief pilot. “Having that instantaneous feedback is priceless. He’s leaving big shoes to fill.” The person that Davis is referring to is Air Force Reservist Chief Master Sgt. Jim Masura, 304th EAS operations superintendent and 97th AS chief loadmaster and resource manager. After a record 87 missions in support of ODF, the rotation of Sept. 23 - Oct. 12 that he just completed could very well be his last one. Masura’s first mission was in 1999 as a line loadmaster on the C-141. “I have been part of every ODF since 1999 other than the one year when I was in C-17 training,” said Masura. “I would have to estimate that I have been to Christchurch, New Zealand in support of the mission more than 35 times.” “I’ve known Chief Masura since 1993,” said Davis. “We have worked together planning and scheduling C-17 flights to McMurdo Station, Antarctica from Christchurch. We also trained and certified crews in the safe operations of ODF flights. “He is probably the most knowledgeable person with regard to C-17 operations in Antarctica and he is a pleasure to work with and makes all of our jobs significantly easier there,” said Davis. That knowledge has been called on time and time again, from air dropping critical supplies to providing medical evacuations out of McMurdo Station to training on night vision goggles and using them in a nighttime mission there. In January of 2008, Masura participated in the successful airdrop of parts to aid a fishing trawler that had suffered an engine failure. “We happened to be very lucky when this event occurred because we happened to have a ‘highly’ experienced crew in town for the annual airdrop trainer,” said Masura. The pilots had a complex task of determining how to drop to a target that kept moving, while the loadmasters were tasked to get the ‘care bundle’ together and had to figure out how to get them to the ship safely and without damage.” “We packed each part in more than five layers of plastic to ensure they were not damaged if the cargo spent time in the salt water. We were also tasked to figure out how to make the bundle float in case it did end up in the water. “We came up with a buoy idea, which ended up not being needed because we dropped it exactly where we were aiming on an iceberg.” The fishing trawler received the much needed supplies and was able to successfully make it out of the ice. In November 2008, Masura was part of a successful airdrop of fuel to the Gamburtsev Mountain Province in Antarctica. “This was a huge success for the McChord C-17 community,” said Masura. “We provided the fuel for a project that was split into two camps; the LC-130s provided for the U.S. program close to the South Pole and we provided for the British program farther away. “Without our ability to airdrop, it would have taken months to stock pile the fuel needed for the twin otters to operate. It took weeks of planning, but in the end we exceeded expectations,” Masura explains. Not only did Masura and the rest of the crew succeed on that mission, they did it so well that excess fuel delivered as part of the airdrop to the camp was used to provide support to a Chinese program the

following year. Another mission Masura was part of was in September 2011 when a McChord crew completed a mid-winter nighttime airdrop of medical supplies at the South Pole. “It took years for Team McChord to prove to the National Science Foundation (NSF) and U.S. Antarctic Program that we had the ability to drop what was needed to precise points on the continent and this was our chance,” said Masura. “This was the first time we were allowed to drop on the ‘ski-way’ drop zone which is only hundreds of yards from McMurdo station. “We dropped it right at the point of impact as promised, further validating the C-17 requirement of support to ODF,” he said. As if that was not enough, Masura also participated in a critical Antarctica nighttime medevac in April of 2013. “The biggest success of this particular mission is that it was validation of years of establishing procedures and process for just that moment. We spent years getting the C-17 basic operations in Antarctica documented, then we added the NVG piece and that gave us the ability to support the station year round. “We presented that capability to the NSF and they took the information and considered it. There were earlier medevac’s when we had the same capability, but the NSF had chosen to go another route. “We continued to train, prove and improve our concepts, then finally we got the call. I think we hit a grand slam on this and every medevac that we have done,” said Masura. While Masura participated in these unique events and left his mark within the ODF community, he has also had a lasting impression on the Christchurch community. Through the efforts of Masura and those before him, more than \$75,000 in New Zealand currency has been donated to local charities in the mission’s staging area of Christchurch. “This is not done for publicity, it is done to support the community which supports us when we are here,” said Masura. “Each charity has a story behind it that somehow touches our group.” “I am very proud to have taken on this project which was started by collecting everybody’s extra coins at the end of the rotation, to the program that it is now. It is a lot of work for me, but it is also very rewarding and I hope that it only expands,” he said. “He has cultivated a vast array of working relationships within every facet of the operation to include active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, New Zealand military personnel and the New Zealand communities,” said Davis. “One of his best characteristics is his willingness to get the job done right no matter what it takes. He has high expectations for himself and those around him. You know that when he is working on a project, regardless of what it is, it will be done right the first time.” “This [ODF mission] is not a job that just anybody can do; there is no other operation in the world that deals with so many different groups with so little manpower and so much success, as that of the 304th EAS,” said Masura. “This is because we have developed a solid base to build on and have a vision for the future.” That future does not include Masura, as he has moved on in his Air Force Reserve career, but he has paved the way for those to follow. (Editors note: CMSgt Masura is a Loadmaster and a member of the Professional Loadmaster Association).

## Orrie Returns To Basic Training

Posted 3/7/2014 by Pascual Flores Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Public Affairs - As Chief Master Sgt. Louis D. Orrie, Command Chief for the 305th Air Mobility Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., exited the ramp of the C-17 Globemaster III, he was greeted by a shower of water and champagne from family and friends after his symbolic "fini-flight" marking the end of his aviation career February 25, 2014. "You know that one day you have to stop flying, that one day every aviator has to stop and hang up their helmet and flight-suit for one final time," said Orrie. "You never think about it and before you know it, there it is confronting you, staring you in the face and you can't avoid it." For Orrie, leaving the direct connection to his aviation career comes with both joy and sorrow as he prepares for his new position as command chief of the 37th Training Wing at Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. "It's tough ... when I got here in the command chief role, my primary job obviously was not to fly anymore and I was put in an inactive status, so I moved from the world of an active flier at that time," said Orrie. "When I entered the Air Force, I did six years as a maintainer and transitioned into the operational world with a little more than 20 years as an aviator. I know now that I will never be a crewmember again." Orrie makes up for the lack of flying by serving as the principal senior enlisted advisor to the 305th AMW commander and senior staff. He is responsible for attending to all matters of health, welfare and morale, in addition to advising on the effective utilization, training and professional development of the total enlisted personnel assigned to the wing. "I've had the opportunity to work with Chief Orrie on many projects affecting our enlisted members such as dorm improvements, Honor Guard manning, recognition programs and Airman Leadership School mentoring to name a few," said Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Robinson, 87th Air Base Wing command chief. "He is a passionate leader who cares about our Airmen." Leaving the 305th AMW after an 18-month assignment, Orrie assumes the same duty title of command chief for the much larger 37th TRW, the Air Force's largest training wing. The 37th TRW is comprised of six air groups, 21 squadrons, nearly 20 geographically separated unit schools in nine locations throughout the U.S. with 4,000 permanent-party service members, graduating more than 80,000 students annually, including Basic Military Training. "It's going to be a rewarding task," said Orrie. "About 27 years ago, I walked out of basic training as Airman 1st Class Orrie, and here I am getting ready to go back as the senior enlisted leader." One of the issues Orrie wants to address there is the need for more personal communication. "If there is one thing I wish to happen is for more face-to-face communication," said Orrie. "People should sit down with their rater, supervisor, friends, peers or others and talk, not text, not Facebook, not anything like that and make that connection with someone on a more personal level and not the technological level." One of the main tasks Orrie wants to tackle stems from the recent BMT scandal. "I want that institution to regain its place where the American populous knows they can send their sons, daughters, grandchildren and there will be no doubt that we will look after them as well, if not better than they do." Also on Orrie's agenda as the 37th TRW command chief is the implementation of the new transition week that follows immediately

after graduating for trainees. While the basic military training curriculum remains the same, it will just occur in seven and a half weeks rather than the current eight and a half weeks with the eighth week focusing on Core Values and preparation that will help set them up for success in their life and military career. "As our senior enlisted member, our command chief, it is a huge honor for him to be out and fly with our folks and this is a little bit of a bitter sweet day because this means personally for him the end of an era," said Col. Richard Williamson, 305th Air Mobility Wing commander. "It's bitter sweet because he is really going to miss this, but the great thing is he is someone of experience, someone with the operational credibility going to the crucible of basic military training down at Lackland." For the next two years, Orrie's new assignment to the 37th TRW will be substantially busier and different as he assumes the role as senior enlisted leader of all Airmen in tech training schools and BMT. For Orrie, this is the perfect closing to his Air Force career. "It is bitter sweet leaving, but if this is my last assignment, I think it is very fitting to end where I had started many years ago," said Orrie. (Editors note: CMSgt Orrie is a Loadmaster and member of the Professional Loadmaster Association).



Chief Master Sgt. Louis Orrie, 305th Air Mobility Wing command chief, after his symbolic fini-flight, at JBMDL (U.S. Air Force photo by Russ Meseroll)



CMSgt. Louis Orrie, presented fini flight photo (USAF photo by Russ Meseroll)







Gathering of Loads 2014 Review - The Gateway Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) hosted the "Gathering Of Loads (GOL)" convention September 10 – 13, 2014 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 200 N. 4th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, 63102. The convention theme was "Hey Load." The GOL was a huge success and the Gateway Chapter received positive feedback from everyone. The convention included briefings that focused on the development of Loadmasters, an executive committee meeting, general membership meeting, banquet, announcement of the new National President, optional tours and a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game.

The audience was United States Air Force active duty, Guard, Reserve, retired, and civilian Loadmasters. The GOL started off with sign in by Nancy Ashby (Reunion Brats) followed by a meet and greet reception. Kevin Butler (Gateway Chapter President) started the GOL the next day with a welcome, Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Opening remarks were then made by Major General Tim Zadalis who talked about the mission of the 618th Air and Space Operations Center/Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC) and also the importance of Loadmasters in Air Mobility Command (AMC) missions. Next were briefings given by AMC Loadmaster



Functional Manager, AMC Stan Eval, AMC Requirements, Expeditionary Operations Response, AMC Aircrew Training, AMC Requirements, USTRANSCOM Validators, and TACC. Additionally a video and an emotional briefing was presented by Ray Snedegar on the Baby Lift C-5 crash in South Vietnam. We rounded out our briefings with information about “The Loadmaster Toolkit” from Larry Crain (also the PLA’s newest sponsor) and Capewell Industries. A very productive executive meeting was held and all subjects were again covered during the general membership meeting. The GOL concluded with a banquet, where a memorial

to CMSgt (Ret) Bill Cannon was presented with special remembrances from some of the Loadmasters who attended. Ron Pierce transitioned the National President’s office to Kathy Disney, who spoke about her vision for the Professional Loadmaster Association. A group photograph was taken, a great meal was served and the group partied on into the night. Thank you to all our sponsors, Boeing, Capewell Industries (another new sponsor), Anheuser-Busch, Brent Bergheger Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge, Sams Club, Loadmaster Tool Kit along with the National PLA, Alamo Chapter, Liberty Chapter, and the Northwest Chapter.



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

Esteven P. Jaramillo, born December 26, 1935, entered eternal rest on July 4, 2014 at the blessed age of 78. He will be reunited in heaven with his wife Maria Teresa Mendoza Jaramillo; son Esteven Jaramillo, Jr. and daughter Jo Ann Jaramillo. He is loved and will be greatly missed by his children Ruben "Boy" Jaramillo (Jennifer), George Jaramillo, Elvira Suarez (Ruben), Maria Pesina (Joe), Mary Ann Jaramillo; daughter-in-law Nelly Jaramillo; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers Julian and Gilbert Jaramillo, as well as other family members and friends. The family would like to give thanks and appreciation for the support and care given by the staff at San Antonio Medical Center. He will live forever in our hearts. SERVICES: Visitation will be held Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, will continue on Sunday, July 13, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM at Castillo Mission Funeral Home. Procession will depart the Funeral Home on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass at St. Timothy Catholic Church. Interment to follow at San Fernando Cemetery II. (Editors note: Esteven Jaramillo was with the 433rd Airlift Wing for over 40 years prior to his retirement. He started off as a Loadmaster on C-130's and transitioned to the C-5. He retired from the Reserves and worked in the G081/Analysis Office as a civilian until his retirement.)

Isaac (Ike) Elton Williams, age 75 of Las Vegas, Nevada, passed away on September 2, 2013. Ike was born on March 24, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to his parents, Isaac Henry Williams and Anna Leona Williams (née Dix). Ike grew up mainly in Pocomoke City, Maryland and graduated from Worcester High School. He joined the Air Force on May 17, 1957, and still managed to earn both an Associates in Business Management and an Associates in Applied Science. While he was stationed in Toul Rosiere Air Base, France during a tour of duty, he met the love of his life, Marcelline Bastian and married her on December 24, 1960. Ike selflessly served his country in destinations around the world, including two tours in the Vietnam War. While serving in Vietnam as a C-130B Loadmaster, he received the Distinguished Flying Cross award for his extraordinary achievement during an extremely hazardous tactical emergency aerial flight mission in support of ground operations. He retired in Tacoma, Washington after serving 26 years in the Air Force, and went into the real estate business. While living in Tacoma, Ike enjoyed spending time outdoors camping, hunting and golfing. After living in Tacoma for 20 years, Ike relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1996, where he peacefully enjoyed retirement life, playing golf and going to jazz concerts. Committed to giving back to the military community he loved so much, he volunteered regularly with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion organizations. Ike is survived by Marcelline, his devoted wife of 52 years; children Gloria Williams, Stella Denson and Michael Williams; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren, all of whom he loved and adored.

CMSgt (Ret) Clyde Raymond Gilstrap, 83, of Pumpkintown Highway, passed away Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at his home. Born in Sunset, SC, he was the son of the late Van Grover Gilstrap and Rosa Stewart Gilstrap. Mr. Gilstrap was retired after 27 years of military service. He served 3 years in the US Army during the Korean War, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. The remainder of his service was in the US Air Force. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Chapel in Pickens, a member of the Keowee Masonic Lodge #79 A.F.M and the Summerville Masonic Lodge #234 A.F.M. He was also the Past Master of the Keowee and Summerville Lodges, the Past Grandmaster District Deputy of the 16th District in South Carolina, Scottish Rites and was a Hejaz Shriner. Surviving are his wife of the home, Doris Spearman Gilstrap; three sons, Randell Gilstrap (Jerilyen) and Roger Gilstrap (Barbara) all of Summerville, SC, and James Gilstrap (Sonya) of Colbert, GA; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and two brothers, J.W. Gilstrap of Greenville and Olus Gilstrap of Easley. In addition to his parents, Mr. Gilstrap was predeceased by a granddaughter, Jennifer Gilstrap. The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Lutheran Hospice for the compassion and exceptional care provided to Mr. Gilstrap. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of Dillard Funeral Home with burial to follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park with full military honors and masonic rites. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:30 PM until 2:45 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Chapel, 729 W. Main Street Pickens, SC 29671. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.DillardFunerals.com](http://www.DillardFunerals.com). The family will be at the home.

Cleo Franklin Mitchell was born on April 8th 1932 in Rockwall, Texas, he passed away peacefully at home on August 2nd 2014. He served 22 years in the U.S.A.F. including tours in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and also served in the Air Commando Unit. He retired at Norton A.F.B. with the 15th MAS Loadmasters and was a 14 year member of American Legion Post 421. Cleo is survived by his wife of 60 years, Chiyono, his children Rose Marie Duran, William Robert Mitchell, and Carol Jean Bump. His grandchildren Jesse, Derrick, Jonathan, Kathy and his great grandchildren Noah and Ethan. Cleo will be greatly missed. Bobbitt Memorial Chapel, 1299 E Highland Avenue, San Bernardino, CA, US, 92404, (909) 882-3761, [bobbittchapel@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbittchapel@yahoo.com). Committal Service at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA, US, 92518, (951) 653-8417.

CMSgt (Ret) Juan Jose Salinas was born on June 20, 1935 and passed away on September 30, 2014. He was formerly Chief Loadmaster at the 729th Airlift Squadron. He flew as a Loadmaster on C-141 and C-17 aircraft. He lived in Wellington NV. Arrangements are under the direction of Green Acres Memorial Park and Mortuary, Bloomington, CA.

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