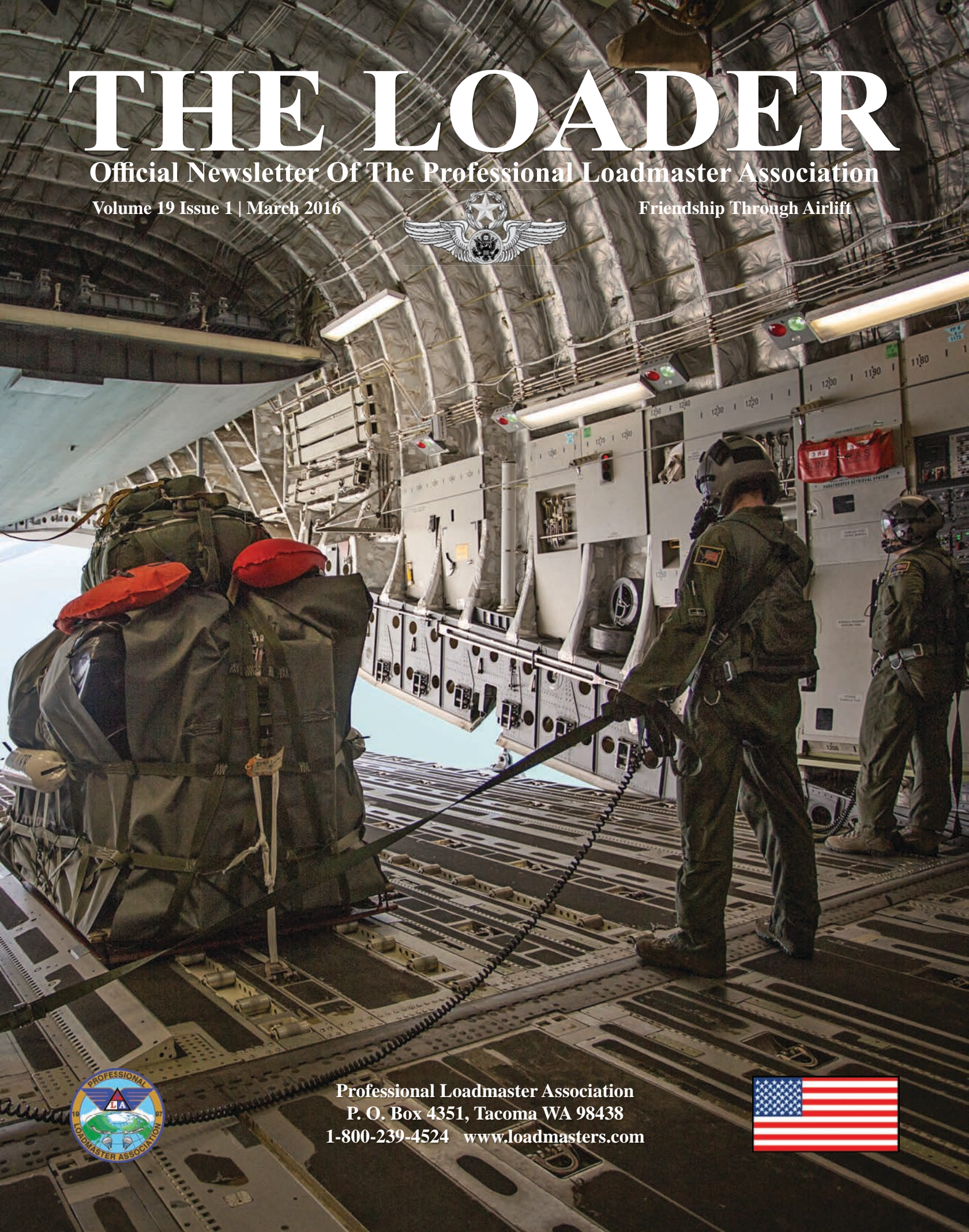


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CABIN REPORT

For this issue of “The Loader,” I chose to use the space to honor General Duane H. Cassidy, Commander In Chief of Military Airlift Command (CINCMAC) and Commander in Chief of Transportation Command (CINCTRANSCOM). I reached out to a couple individuals, asking them to share some thoughts of General Cassidy, who passed away February 8, 2016 at the age of 82. He will be missed by many. I encourage any of you who may not know who General Duane Cassidy is, or the role he played in airlift, to do some research. His leadership in the world of heavy airlift has had an impact on us all. Thank you CMSgt (Ret) Mark Smith and CMSgt (Ret) Mike Welch for providing some thoughts on this highly accomplished USAF leader.



General Duane H. Cassidy (USAF Photo)

Mike Welch offered these memories of General Cassidy: “When you talked with him, he always made you feel important in what you did, accomplished, or what you were planning to do with your future. He always listened intently, then offered his advice which I always took as gospel. He is one of the few 4-star Generals who is known as an Enlisted Men’s General. Why, because he treated all enlisted like they were the important one. He loved spending time with Loadmasters in any social environment as he would always let us take the lead on all subjects. When I made Chief, he personally called me to congratulate me - that meant the whole world to me. When I was getting ready to retire, someone asked me what I wanted for my retirement event - I said to be retired by General Cassidy. He took time out of his busy schedule at Scott AFB to come to

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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: Denali Chapter President (Lloyd Llanaeza) and Treasurer (Doug Mathes) preparing to airdrop a Rigging Alternate Method Zodiac (RAMZ) off the coast of Orlando FL during a simulated astronaut rescue mission. The 249th AS worked with NASA, the 920th Rescue Wing, the 45th Space Wing and Detachment 3 of the 45th Operations Group to develop tactics, training and procedures to quickly and safely recover astronauts in the event they would need to abort their spacecraft. (USAF photo by SRA Zac Heinen)

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Wright Patterson AFB and share the moment with my family and me. All generals stationed at Wright Patterson (11) came to my retirement, but they were really there for the 4-Star. I will miss him personally as he always took time to chat at A/TA every year over a beer or wine to catch up on the past year. He was a patriot, warrior and one of the best persons I worked for in the Air Force and after the AF when he was a consultant.”

CMSgt Mark A. Smith, USAF (Ret), Former A/TA President, writes: “A Loadmaster with Pilot Wings - General Duane H. Cassidy was my hero, mentor and friend. No other Air Force leader shaped my life and career more than General Cassidy and I’m sure I’m standing in a long line of others who share the same exact experience. We first met in pitch darkness standing on the cargo ramp of a C-141B Starlifter at North Field, SC. Our initial cadre SOLL II crew had just performed several blacked-out landings and airfield seizure operations, practicing for a real-world mission. General Cassidy was cordial, appreciative, professional, jovial, and fun – a true gentleman, thanking each of us for our efforts to train and ultimately perform this extremely important mission. Our relationship continued as General Cassidy became the first dual-hatted U.S. Transportation Command/Military Airlift Command Commander and I was the C-17 System Program Office (SPO) Project Loadmaster. Few know his dedication to building the best cargo transport aircraft in the world and his contributions to the ‘business end’ of the aircraft. Sometimes I think he was really a Loadmaster, wearing the wings of a pilot. To the amazement of everyone including me, he often called MSgt Smith at the SPO, sharing information about a design challenge he was just briefed on by his staff, asking how this decision might affect the one Loadmaster requirement or the operational utility of the aircraft. General Cassidy continued to allow me and my friend, McDonnell Douglas Loadmaster Ted Venturini to share notes using his home address and a ‘phone a friend’ relationship to build the tactical-end of C-17 aircraft. This relationship continued through the preliminary and critical design reviews, molding the C-17 aircraft into the world’s best direct-delivery combat airlifter. I had the honor of serving under General Cassidy’s leadership again when he led the Airlift/Tanker Association as Chairman and I was serving as his President. I’ve never learned so much about leadership and the importance of ‘moving the flagpole’ – he challenged all of us on the Board of Officers to be creative, perform our very best and have lots of fun along the way. General Duane Cassidy genuinely cared about people and the mission, in that order. He was an air mobility statesman, legend, and extremely dedicated husband and father. For the past 12 years, I was blessed to live near him and Rosalie in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, experiencing community events together as Duane’s grandson Thomas and my daughter Molly attended high school together, often starring in the same theatrical performances. My son James will never forget Duane asking him to attend a University of North Carolina (UNC) Tar Heel basketball game, sitting in Duane’s season seats together. James (now a UNC Senior) shared that he was very nervous at first, attending the game with

a retired 4-Star General, but was quickly made to feel at ease, as Duane could make anyone feel like his equal in a matter of seconds. Not a day goes by that I don’t think about General Duane and wonder how he would handle most any situation or challenge in life. Many leaders have been shaped by his gentle, courteous, diplomatic, powerful mentorship and training. Like so many of you, I miss General Duane H. Cassidy everyday but know God called an amazing warrior with a gentleman’s touch of class, humility, and honor to serve in His force, promoting the mission of everlasting life. Thanks for leading by example General Cassidy, teaching and reminding us to treat others as we would like to be treated. *Cabin report - secure, sir.”*

East Coast Vice President

Kent Brown, East Coast Vice-President, **HEYLOAD** - The AMC museum at Dover AFB is going to have a display dedicated to Loadmasters. I asked for donations in the past and just want to say thanks to those that sent items, but we could use more. So I am calling on everyone to go to that closet, shed or storage space where you have all those treasures you have collected over the years and look for things that directly relate to the Loadmaster field. The museum will give us a much space as we need, so the more we collect the bigger the display, and we can tell the Loadmaster story. Keep in mind we are looking for anything that relates to being a Loadmaster on any cargo aircraft. We are looking for load adjusters, special checklist (special loads like missiles, space stuff, or any test load checklist), older model tie down rings or devices, unique things the loadmaster used in doing the job. We have already received all the TO’s we can use so please don’t send those. Maybe your aircraft had specialized equipment to make your job easier. For those of you who were stationed at Edwards or other bases where you did lots of testing you must have some unique stuff to donate. I am sure there are many things I missed that you have to donate. As the people in our field age we want to pass on what we did in the past to our future. If your spouse has told you they don’t know what they’re going to do with all your stuff when you’re gone, now’s the time to get it out of the house and to someone who will appreciate it. If you have any questions on what might be acceptable, please e-mail me at: heyload@comcast.net. If you wish to donate articles please send them to me at Kent Brown, 28 Pineview Dr., Browns Mills, NJ 08015-6850. On each item that you donate, please put a tag on it with information about the item (nomenclature, etc.), what it was used for, if not obvious, any special things about it and your name and rank. The display will be a “Telling and Touching History” for all to enjoy at the museum with everyone contributing. I want to thank you all for your donations; I know you will come thru. On another note, I know you are busy, but the local chapters sure could use your help. To keep our organization going strong it takes a group of volunteers to run the chapters, do fundraisers and service projects. At the Liberty Chapter we are always thinking ahead and trying to raise money for this or that. We have many projects during the year we donate to or participate in. We can’t do these things without volunteers. All I ask is, if you are asked to help out please at least step up for one of the projects and please attend the monthly meetings when you can. We don’t ask you to be

there for everything but if everyone volunteered once a year and came to meetings on occasion it would be much easier to run this organization. Thanks, Cabin Secure. *I am always more interested in what I am about to do, than in what I have already done.*

PLA Secretary

RENEWAL NOTICE: PLEASE RESPOND TO YOUR ELECTRONIC OR MAILED LETTER 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. When paying by PayPal, print and save your receipt to confirm your payment if a question should arise.

ELECTRONIC CONTACT: If a member has an email address all contact between the secretary and the member will be conducted electronically. The association has saved on postage due to sending out renewal, grace period, and reinstatement letters. A big thank you to those, 105 stateside and 8 overseas members, who have agreed to accept "The Loader" electronically. If you are willing to receive "The Loader" electronically, please send me a note with your email address.

LOST LOAD CANDIDATES: If your "The Loader" newsletter is returned to the association by the Post Office, for whatever reason, the PLA pays \$2.47 for that return. When trying to contact you for new information, and finding your phone has been disconnected and you also have a bad email address, YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE LOST LOAD LISTING.

DECEASED LOADMASTERS: 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 "The Loader" newsletter to you or make contact if we don't know where you are. Send an e-mail to Secretary@Loadmasters.com or 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. We have had a problem with the 800 number but the company believes it has been solved. Thank you!

Lately we have had a problem with members thinking we are mind readers and should know that they have moved. One individual didn't feel the need to tell us until he received his electronic renewal notice, that he had not received any "The Loader" newsletters for a year, none of which were returned by the Post Office.

PLA MEMBERSHIP

PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF: February 15, 2016

TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS: 972 (11 Lost Loads)

(18) NEW MEMBERS listed since the November 2015 issue (*Denotes Life Member)

October

Raul Gutierrez – JBER, AK
Dillon Howell – Firth, ID
Michael Reddy – Palmdale, CA

November

Paul Bugar	Redlands, CA
Cassy Jones	Swindon Wiltshire, England
James Lucas	Scott AFB, IL
Charles Patterson	Roy, WA

December

Spencer Ackers	Raymondville, TX
Vincent Fasano	Nyack, NY
Sean Ide	Tacoma, WA
John Livingston	San Antonio, TX
Kenneth J. Martini	Newburgh, NY

January 2016

Jayne Alexander	Altus, OK
Stephen R. Gildea	Sumner, WA
Michael Oxley	Oakhurst, NJ
James Sidebottom	Tacoma, WA
Courtney "Curt" Snyder	Yigo, GA
*John Soto	Abilene, TX

(24) INACTIVE MEMBERS listed since November 2015 issue

Stephen Banks	Calchoun GA	November
Dale Bost	Fayetteville NC (MA)	December
Eric Bratton	Wenonah NJ (L)	December
William Broderick	Albany NY (L)	October
Ken Common	Altus OK (Trail)	September
Matthew Conn	Altus OK (Trail)	September
Frank Costa	Suisun City CA (P-A-P)	November
Joseph DiLorenzo	Kearny NJ (L)	September
Shahid Din	Reno NV	October
Dan Eastman	O'Fallon IL (Gate)	September
Jamie Garcia-Cruz	Sherwood AR (Rock)	December
Trinidad Gutierrez	Altus OK (Trail)	September
Mike Huelsenbeck	Burlington NJ (L)	November
Russell Hyson	Vacaville CA (PAP)	December
Wally Johnson	Olympia WA (NW)	September
Timothy Ledford	Honolulu HI (Aloha)	December
James McElwee	Scott AFB IL (Gate)	December
David Molinar	San Antonio TX (Alamo)	October
Michael Molzhon	Cabot AR (Trail)	November
Andy Poullisse	Altus OK (Trail)	September

Timothy Raymon	Puyallup WA	(NW)	December
Jerry Ryder	Arcanum OH		November
Andrew Sich	Whitstone NY	(L)	November
Matthew Thrune	Altus OK	(Trail)	September

LOST LOADS (11): If you know any of the Lost Loads please contact us or have them contact us with their current contact information. ***Denotes Life Member** - Last address, month and year when they became lost

*John L Branski	Tacoma WA		Nov 2011
*Robert B. Burnett	Dulles VA		Jul 2011
*Christopher S. Clay	Arlington VA		Nov 2011
*Daniel Downey	Abilene TX		Jul 2012
*William Ghent	Merkel TX		Nov 2016
*Jack L. Langenstein	Summerville SC		Jul 2014
David J. Methvin	McGuire AFB NJ		Nov 2015
*Dewhitt Sizemore	Bonita Springs FL		Nov 2012
*Tony E. Strader	APO AE		Nov 2011
*David L. Terrell	APO AE		Nov 2015
*Lucas J. White	Warner Robins GA		Nov 2014

Treasurer Report

Chris Dockery, Treasurer - The Professional Loadmaster Association has a total of \$10,884.00 in checking and \$41,017.00 in savings.

"The Loader" Editor

Bill Weeper, "The Loader" Editor - Thank you to all the chapters who submitted articles for "The Loader." Please look under the Trailblazer Chapter for an update on the 2016 Gathering of Loads by Danny South. Many thanks to Ryan Lockhart who has been working on the new and improved PLA website. It is now online. Please be patient as Ryan makes changes and the website matures. I am sure you will be happy with the results. If you have any Loadmaster related website "Links," I would like to publish them for all our membership to view. "The Loader" has a new sponsor. We would like to welcome the Norton AFB Museum. Thank you Bob Edwards. We would also like to mention our continuing sponsor, Loadmaster Toolkit. Thank you Larry Crain. If you know of any company that would like to advertise in "The Loader" please send their contact information to any of the Executive Committee (see page 2) or to me. Advertisements will help defer the cost of printing "The Loader." A full page advertisement is \$500.00, a 1/4 page advertisement is \$125.00 and a Business Card size advertisement is \$100.00. I have moved the scholarship information to the back of "The Loader." I did this so the scholarship application form is on the other side of the PLA membership application form. This way if you need either form you only have to separate the last page of "The Loader." Some chapters have been reconstituted 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, photographs, etc.). If you don't have a chapter, send me your Loadmaster related information directly to: weeperjr@satx.rr.com.

Alamo Chapter

Bill Weeper, Alamo Chapter - Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter. The Alamo Chapter has recently changed to quarterly meetings but this hasn't worked out so well and we are considering going back to monthly meetings. For the next Alamo Chapter meeting, David Molinar (Chapter Secretary) will confirm the meeting date/location via text message, US mail and/or email. Andy Vaquera (Chapter President) is still looking for a permanent place to meet. The Alamo Chapter continues to sponsor a Basic Loadmaster Course (BLM) classroom at the Career Enlisted Aviator/Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) on Lackland AFB Texas. 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.

Denali Chapter

Doug Mathes, Denali Chapter - It's been a busy few months for Loadmasters up in the 49th state. The 517th AS has been hacking the mission like they always do. Almost every time I set foot in their building another crew is gearing up to head out, either to a sunny downrange location, or an equally sunny (but much more pleasant) tropical paradise. Such is life for active duty Loadmasters in PACAF. While they've been taking care of operations around the world, the 249th has been heavily involved in exercises and developing procedures for long-range rescue operations. Most recently the whole squadron packed up and headed down to Gulfport, MS for two weeks of annual training. Loadmasters got to get their hands dirty with medevac training in Oklahoma City, airdropping cargo and paratroopers at Pope, and helicopter loading and unloading training. Along with all that, two crews were able to team up with pararescue jumpers from Patrick AFB and members of Detachment 3, 45th Space Wing to conduct the first simulated astronaut rescue mission from a C-17. Now, less than a month later, Guard Loadmasters are once again in exercise mode. This time, they are in Hawaii further developing our rescue capabilities along with the PJs from the 212th Rescue Squadron. All in all, not a bad way to spend the winter, especially since the lower 48 stole all our snow.

Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark, Golden West Chapter President - Greetings from sunny southern California and the Golden West Chapter. We hope all PLA members had a very nice Thanksgiving and Christmas season. We participated in a food and toy donation for the Victorville Homeless Shelter, putting smiles on needy faces. Also our annual Christmas luncheon at Pinnacle Peaks Steakhouse filled us with beer and big steaks. On behalf of the chapter we'd like to welcome our newest member Karl Tolp. For those of you that know him, he previously served in the 14th MAS at Norton AFB in the early 1970's. Kudos to TSgt Nicole Corace attending Loadmaster Instructor Upgrade Qualification at Altus AFB OK. She is a welcome addition to the 730th Airlift Squadron March ARB. Members in the local area will be at the March ARB airshow on 16th and 17th of April, featuring a variety of military and civil aircraft. Golden West members will be there to encourage Loads from the area to contact us. We are

trying to increase membership for PLA and our chapter. We are also planning on a fundraiser for the chapter and to get more artifacts donated to display at the Norton AFB Museum. We meet the second Saturday of each month at 1000 hrs. Come join us at the Pepper Steak Diner, 26589 Highland Ave, Highland CA. Steve Clark is President and Steve Collins is VP. Contact the chapter at steve.clark38@yahoo.com. Have a great 2016 and see ya at the PLA "Gathering of Loads.....Load Clear!"



Golden West Chapter annual Christmas luncheon at Pinnacle Peaks Steakhouse, (l-r) Ernie Vasquez, Steve Clark, Cecil Clark, Wilbur Wilson, Paul Pfeifer, Steve Collins, Karl Tolp and Kevin Perdue

Liberty Chapter

Michael Kent, Liberty Chapter President - Hello from Exit 7. Greetings from the Liberty Chapter! My name is Mike Kent and I am the Chapter President. Shem Miller is Secretary and Kent Brown is our Treasurer and the East Coast Vice President. We have all held numerous posts within the chapter over the years. The Liberty Chapter is centered around Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JB MDL), 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. Our annual holiday party was hosted by JP & Barb Salisbury in December. Several chapter officers provided the main courses and desserts. Chapter members brought a side dish each. We played several games including a Yankee Swap.



Liberty Chapter annual holiday party hosted by JP & Barb Salisbury - Shem & Diane Miller, Steve Long, Colleen Holehan, Kent & Anne Brown and Elizabeth Kent

All members brought an unwrapped gift to donate to Operation Santa Claus. Due to the late date of the party, Operation Santa Claus was closed for donations, so we donated the gifts to Toys for Tots. As usual, we had an excellent turn out for this event. Charity continues to be a big part of what our chapter does. We donated \$100 to the Bill Cannon memorial bench that is to be placed by the Loadmaster Memorial at Wright Patterson AFB. We are also going to donate money to have the chapter name put on a bench at the AMC Museum at Dover AFB. We have been getting many requests for donations this past year. Chapter members have decided to establish chapter business rules on how to select charities we want to make donations too. Our chapter members continue to do great things and we want to make sure we identify them for all their hard work. We completed three packages for the "PLA Loadmaster Of The Year Award" and sent them to National. I think this is a great idea and I hope that all chapters have submitted packages. I know we had a few hiccups in this process, but our chapter is writing guidelines to help streamline the process. I am sure that in future years this will be a smoother process for us. We will be returning to the C-141 Memorial at JB MDL in April for a spring clean-up. Instead of a meeting, we will meet on the 9th of April at 1000 at the Memorial. We will do some general clean up and maintenance. The chapter is also responsible for the ordering and placement of the memorial bricks. We have moved some bricks recently due to standing water. We will be scheduling several clean-ups from spring to fall. We will be participating in the JB MDL Airshow May 14-15, 2016. This is a great fundraising opportunity for the chapter. We usually get 4-8 volunteers per day and are usually manning a food booth. A few members have asked if we can request to work in a souvenir stand this year. This is so much easier than working a food booth. I would love it if we could, but the booth assignments are random. We are really hoping for a good turnout! In addition to the airshow, we will also be volunteering with the New Jersey Honor Flight again this year. This is a group that takes Military Veterans on tours of the war memorials in Washington DC. We have been working with this group for a couple of years now. Last year we had two chapter members act as guardians and escort several Veterans. We also had some chapter members assist in the morning, checking Veterans in and loading buses. In the evening we had several members serve the Vets food upon their return. All members involved got a lot of personal satisfaction supporting these great Americans. The chapter plans on partnering with this group for many years to come. We look forward to another great year of comradery and friendship.

Northwest Chapter

Charles Patterson, Northwest Chapter President - Greetings from the Northwest Chapter! Hope all is well for the rest of the Chapters. We are off to a fast pace start to the New Year. Back in December we had our annual Christmas party at Ron Pierce's place with a good turnout. Great food, drinks and company enjoyed by all! Also in December we had elections with a handful of new folks involved. The focus for this year is recruiting, retention (the other R&R), and expanding new fellowship while maintaining older traditions. Dan Watson

from the Chapter is running with getting a street named on McChord Field in honor of CMSgt Bill Cannon. More to follow on this. President, Charles Patterson, 28919 13th Ave Ct E, Roy WA 98580, Tel. 609-845-4300, wagonpatt@yahoo.com; Vice President, Victor Fredlund, 1841 Trospen Rd SW #8, Tumwater WA 98512-6964, Tel. 360-705-3755, victorfredlund@msn.com; Treasurer, Sean Ide, 1724 S. 42nd St, Tacoma WA 98418, Tel. 253-686-4625, seanide@msn.com; Secretary, Brett Radziewicz, 20020 20th Ave Ct East, Spanaway WA 98387, Tel. 808-838-9306, brett.radziewicz@gmail.com.

winning numbers and delivered the prizes to all the lucky winners. We continue to request and invite all the active duty and reserve Loadmasters to our Christmas and social events in the local area but have not been very successful - their loss.



Group photo of Northwest Chapter members at Ron Pierce's Christmas Party



P-A-P Chapter Christmas party - Frank & Susan Murphy, Don & Lynn Laurie



P-A-P Chapter Christmas party - Mike & Red Druding, Joe & Linda Brown



Northwest Chapter members enjoying some great food at Ron Pierce's Christmas Party



P-A-P Chapter Christmas party - Dena Suvantne, JC & Anges Wiley, Jim Rost

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond, Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter President - Our chapter's annual Christmas party was again held at the Travis Heritage Center and was a huge success. We had it catered by the Delta Breeze (Travis Club contractor) and the food was outstanding. We had a raffle, each in attendance provided prizes. Mark Raymond's grandkids helped pull the

We have made some changes in our American Cancer "Relay for Life" Team. Joe Brown, who has been so gracious and has done an outstanding job as our Team Captain, is stepping down. His efforts over the last few years has ensured we continued to be one of the top fund raisers for the Vacaville "Relay for Life." Of course we would never be at that level without Al

Hordewell. Our special thanks to Gabe Escamilla for stepping up, and a very special thanks for all the hard work Joe has done over the years. We have already started our efforts for this year's "Relay for Life" which will be held June 25 – 26, 2016. We have several sign-ups for this year's team. We are having our first fund raising social event the end of February. We look forward to another outstanding year. Joe Brown is also stepping down as our Chapter's Treasurer/Secretary. Joe and Linda are planning on moving out of town in the near future and wanted to make sure we have enough time to replace him in all the chapter positions he has been supporting. Joe has been one of the most loyal and supportive chapter members since we formed the Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter back in 1998. His support and participation in our chapter has been outstanding. We wish Joe and Linda the best as they make their big move in the near future. We would also like to thank Arne Suvantne for volunteering and being voted in as our new Treasurer. Members of our chapter executive committee are an important part of how we continue to move forward, and it is highly appreciated when members step forward to provide support and assistance. Thanks Arne. Arne will take over in March 2016. I would like to again thank all those loyal members that have continued to support our local chapter since 1998. Since we got our charter, we have cancelled less than ten (10) monthly meetings, a great tribute to those members that continue to support our chapter. We have been having our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club). If you have any questions, please contact Mark E. Raymond at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ts.com.

The Rock Chapter

Marc Calcaterra, The Rock Chapter President - Greetings from The Rock. Over the last year, we've been working hard to revitalize our chapter. We have held several "Burger Burns" for the student Loadmasters going through "Initial Loadmaster" training and they have enjoyed it very much. We have also organized activities for our young "Active Duty" Loadmasters, but the participation has not been what we had hoped for. Despite this, we are still working hard and there are some issues we still need to be overcome. We're not finished yet and are going to try some other events to rebuild our chapter. We will soon be holding elections and we'll let all of you know who the newly elected officers are. Until the next issue, fly safe and "Load Clear."

Trailblazer Chapter

Danny South, Trailblazer Chapter President - The Trailblazer chapter has just one thing on its mind right now and that is the 2016 Gathering of Loads. Registration is locked in at \$45.00 per person which will get you into the mixer Thursday night and cover your meal at the dinner Saturday night. As I mentioned the first event will be the mixer Thursday night at Bricktown Brewery, about two or three blocks from the hotel. Friday we have lined up some panels of Loadmaster leadership for us to ask questions to and throw spears at. Panel members range from the AFPC Loadmaster to the Career Enlistee Aviator Training Manager to our guest speaker Mr. Glen Nickel, who is an Operation EAGLE CLAW veteran. We are in the process of

lining up vendors to come to the event on Saturday to showcase their new products. The hotel has blocked out some rooms for us. I have not received the code from the hotel, but don't let that stop you from booking your room. Make sure you select that you are military with a valid military I.D. and you should get a room discounted to \$98.00 a night. **To register for the event, go to www.eventbrite.com, search 2016 PLA Gathering of Loads.** If you need to pay in check or cash that is fine; we will be accepting payment at the door. Help us spread the word - word of mouth is our best means of advertising and the Trailblazer chapter is extremely excited to be hosting this event. I look forward to meeting most of you at the Gathering.



Gathering of Loads Convention 2016 - Bricktown OKC - September 22, 2016 - September 25, 2016, hosted by the Trailblazer Chapter. This event will be updated as planning continues. Trailblazer 2016 Gathering of Loads Convention (Facebook): <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/1615103915423228>



Hilton Garden Inn, 328 E Sheridan Ave, Oklahoma City OK 73104, (405) 270-0588. Conveniently located just off I-40 in the heart of Bricktown, the city's downtown entertainment district, Hilton Garden Inn Oklahoma City Bricktown is near numerous shops and restaurants and just 20 minutes from Will Rogers World Airport (OKC). <http://hilton-gardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/oklahoma/hilton-garden-inn-oklahoma-city-bricktown-OKCSAGI/index.html>.

Bill Cannon Street Renaming

Dan Watson - Bill Cannon Street Renaming. It started after the Chief passed away, I asked SMSgt Dewey L. Green II, the 62nd AW/SE (now retired), if he could help with the posthumous memorialization of CMSgt William M. Cannon by renaming 5th Street NE to CMSgt William M. Cannon Street on Joint Base Lewis McChord (JB LM) WA. After a couple of failed attempts to get it through the 62nd Airlift Wing due to deployments, retirements and changes of command, I contacted SMSgt Green last year to check on the status one last time. I was lucky enough to catch him while he was on terminal leave and he hand carried the paperwork to the Wing for the third time. I told him to let me know who the POCs were and I would run with it from there. Additionally, in the package I wanted to add letters of endorsement to help strengthen the package because it now has to go through Ft Lewis as well as McChord for approval. My goal was to get letters from general officers, professional military organizations and elected officials. So far I have been fortunate to receive letters of endorsement for this project from a Medal of Honor recipient, three retired general officers, three WA state representatives, the 62nd AW/CC, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, the Royal Air Force Air Loadmaster Association, and members of the Professional Loadmaster Association. Also since the Chief was being inducted into the AT/A hall of fame as one of five C-17 Pathfinder Loadmasters, I flew to Orlando on my own accord to help talk up the street renaming. The Chief and I were both blue suiters and we became very close friends over the years. It just happened we met while I was working for his son. We worked on many different projects over the years to include McChord Memorial Grove, the AT/A Hall of Fame projects, Air Force Balls, POW/MIA luncheons and helping escort Colonel Joe M. Jackson. I even helped work the very first "Gathering of Loads" at Holiday Park on McChord AFB WA. One of the reasons I am so passionate about doing this for Chief Cannon is that my grandfather Johnny Greany was an Army Infantryman in WWII and died during the D-Day invasion of Normandy. For years we contacted military units and historians but unfortunately, no one had any records of him. Years later after knowing and working with Chief Cannon, I asked him if he could try to find out any information about my grandfather. I gave him the information I had and he said he would see what he could do. Six months later I received a package from the American Battle Monuments Commission containing letters, pictures and a lithograph of the American National Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer Normandy, France. As soon as I could, I booked flights for my mom and me to France. As you can probably imagine it was a very emotional moment when we finally got to see my grandfather's final resting place with almost ten thousand other souls who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. As of right now Chief Cannon's package is at the wing legal office. Once it is signed by the 62nd AW/CC it goes to the base historian and the directorate of public works. Then it continues the same process on Ft Lewis. There is nothing more we can really do except to keep talking it up and keep the faith that it will get approved. While it will take some time to get through the

different offices at JB LM, there is still some time for any of you in the Professional Loadmaster Association who want to send in some additional letters of endorsement. If you would like to send a letter of endorsement, you can contact me at Daniel J. Watson, Director of Facilities, 406 Porter Way, Milton WA 98354, Office: (253) 922-2787, DWatson@cannonconstructioninc.com. I believe this is a chance to do something good for Bill Cannon and for all the Loadmasters who will pass by the street, knowing it is named after one of their own, a Loadmaster.



This photograph was taken at the corner of G Street and 5th Street NE on Joint Base Lewis McChord - McChord Field WA. 5th Street NE goes in front of the C-124 and C-141 static display aircraft for approximately .11 miles, turns, and continues for approximately .10 miles going past another 13 static display aircraft and then connects with Main Street. This collection of aircraft is part of the McChord Air Museum and is located at the Heritage Hill Airpark.

Bill Cannon Bench Update

Erin Manely - Bill Cannon Bench Update. The Bill Cannon bench will be placed next to the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) monument at the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force. The bench is already at Dodd's Monument of Dayton OH. They will be providing a CAD drawing of what the design will look like. The PLA Executive Committee will review the design and add, move, remove whatever they like and send it back to Todd's Monument for another CAD drawing until there is a final design. After a final design is chosen, the information will be sent to Kathy Disney for her to share and make a final decision.



New cement pads on each side of the PLA monument at the National Museum of the U. S. Air Force. The Bill Cannon bench will be placed on one of these pads

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE

The Professional Loadmaster Association is having an election for the following positions: National Secretary, Treasurer and Public Affairs Director. The official paper ballot and voting instructions are included in this issue of "The Loader." The paper ballot and voting instructions are detachable from "The Loader," it can be filled out, then sealed and mailed to Mark Raymond (PLA Election Chairman). Please sign the ballot to ensure that your vote is counted. This ballot must be readable to be accepted. For those members who receive "The Loader" electronically John Moore our National Secretary will be sending you an email with an electronic ballot. All ballots are due back to Mark Raymond by **May 1, 2016**. The nominees are:

National Secretary

John Moore
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National Treasurer

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Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships



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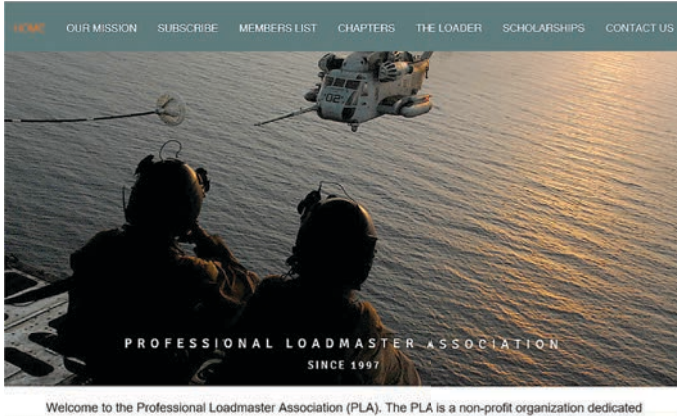
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Webmaster

Ryan Lockhart, PLA Webmaster - The new Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) website is up and running. The new website is: <http://www.loadmasters.com/>. If you have a smart phone, there is a mobile friendly version. If any of the PLA Chapter Presidents or the general membership have suggestions to improve the website, please contact Ryan Lockhart at ryanslockhart@yahoo.com.



LINKS

USAF Loadmaster:

<https://www.airforce.com/careers/detail/aircraft-loadmaster/>

Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association:

<http://www.troopcarrier.org/>

Air Commando Association:

<http://www.specialoperations.net/Spooky.htm>

Airlift Tanker Association:

<http://www2.atalink.org/>

FACEBOOK LINKS

Professional Loadmaster Association:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/158506894161061/>

Alamo:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alamo-chapter-of-the-Professional-Loadmaster-Association-PLA/1523886031175487>

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Big Country:

<https://www.facebook.com/BigCountryPLA>

Denali:

<https://www.facebook.com/Denali.Pla>

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REUNIONS

May 5-8, 2016: Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Reunion at the Wyndham in North Little Rock, AR

The ROYAL AIR FORCE AIR LOADMASTER ASSOCIATION (ALMA) is honoring fallen comrades at St. Clement Danes - the Central Church of the Royal Air Force - with a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance. Located in the heart of London, the ceremony will take place on Sunday May 08, 2016 at 1100hrs. Members of the Professional Loadmaster Association are cordially invited to join the ALMA in this day of reflection and celebration. Saint Clement Danes Church has a shrine and Book of Remembrance to the 16,000 USAF service personnel who died on active service during WWII. There is excellent en-suite accommodation available at the Victory Services Club <http://www.vsc.co.uk/> or the Union Jack Club <http://www.ujclub.co.uk/>. Both clubs cater for non-commissioned members of the Armed Forces and are aware of the forthcoming event, but there is a need to book early in order to avoid disappointment. For more information please contact kathydisney1@yahoo.com or Dr. Josh Stewart at dr.j.stewart1881@gmail.com (RAFALMA Goodwill Ambassador).

The Professional Loadmaster Association offers condolences to the families and friends of the following Loadmasters whose death has been reported to our association. Underlined name denotes a PLA Member, * Denotes PLA Life Member

***RONALD A. CAMPEAU, SR.** TSgt (Retired) was born in Lake City near American Lake in Washington State on March 26, 1936 to Arthur and Mae Campeau. He attended Clover Park High School and later married Jerry L. Gallagher (The Love of His Life). They stayed married for 60 years. In 1953 he joined the active duty Air Force and was stationed at Sheppard AFB, TX, Chanute AFB IL, Edwards AFB CA, and Yokota AB Japan, separating in 1961 moving back to the local area. He worked for Boeing while attending college, then in 1967 left Boeing to become a Journeymen carpenter moving the family to Yelm WA. In early 1973 he joined the Air Force Reserves as a Loadmaster in the 97th Military Airlift Squadron flying on the C-141 Starlifter as an Instructor. Tech Sergeant Ronald Campeau Sr. had over 4,400 hundred hours flying and remained in the 97th MAS until his retirement in 1986. During his tenure in the Air Force Reserves he went back to work for Boeing, moving back into Tacoma then out to Spanaway, retiring from Boeing in late 1996. He enjoyed gardening, genealogy research and cutting firewood after his retirement. He was a life member of the VFW, AFSA and Professional Loadmaster Association. He was preceded in death by his wife Jerry and his youngest son Randy. He has five other children: Denise Schultz, Ron Campeau Jr., Renee Campeau, Lynnette Campeau and Yvette Campeau-Gillis. He has fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren. Tech Sergeant Ronald A. Campeau Sr. passed away on November 30, 2015 from a cardiac arrest and complication from pneumonia at Good Samaritan hospital in Puyallup WA. Memorial services will be at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington WA. on the 10th of December at 1130.

RICHARD THOMAS SHEFFER, U.S.A.F. Ret., born August 15, 1931 and died January 29, 2016 at age 84. Survived by wife Chong, sister Mary Wolf, brothers Joseph and James, also nieces and nephews. Viewing Saturday, February 6, 2016, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Service Monday, February 8 at 11:30 am also at Hill Funeral Home, 217E. Pioneer Ave., Puyallup, 253-845-1172.

Inactive

WALLACE "WALLY" JOHNSON, 91 years old, died January 24, 2016, in Olympia, WA. Wally was born July 6, 1924 in Hooks, TX, the son of Louis M. and Lou Etta (Morris) Johnson. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1943, and in 1948 he left the U.S. Navy and joined the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed at Air Force bases in multiple U.S. locations, and he served 4 years in Tachikawa, Japan. Wally married Catherine Peters in San Francisco, CA in 1946. Wally assisted the FBI on the D.B. Cooper case. You will find photographs of Wally in many of the historical records from the D.B. Cooper case. He retired from the Air Force in 1972. Wally and Catherine made their home in Washington State. During his service to his country Wally was awarded numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Wally is survived by his wife Catherine, five daughters, Patti, Peggy, Pam, Paula, and Penny, a son, Dick, and a sister, Cordelia. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Earl and Ilia, sister Gertie Lou, and daughter Phyllis. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 1:00 pm at the Mills and Mills Funeral Home in Tumwater, WA.

OLDER OBITUARIES: Editors Note: In this section, older obituaries have been listed by the PLA Secretary John Moore because they were not available when the member passed away. John has made a tremendous effort to find and list these PLA member's obituaries so that you will know that these members have passed but are not forgotten.

JOSEPH W. BOSTON, SR. left peacefully, September 18, 1999, on his journey to Heaven. Through his battle with sickness, he put up a brave fight. Joseph W. Boston was born, July 20, 1934, and raised in Plymouth, North Carolina. He joined the United States Air Force in 1947. During his duty he served courageously in both Korean and Vietnam War. He was assigned to McChord Air Force Base, WA. Joe was a member of many organizations while living here. He was loved by so many, there is only one word to describe him - "the best." Joe was a devoted father. He leaves to cherish his memories, Joseph W. Boston, Jr.; Patricia Ann Williams, daughter (son-in-law Aaron Z. Williams); Sharon D. Gergen, daughter; Billy R. Smith, son; Donald E. Smith, son; sisters Elise Moore, Aletha Bratton, Beulah Smith; nephew Wesley Boston; 9 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter; a very dear and close friend, Lynn Gardner; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from coast-to-coast. Viewing will be 1:00 - 8:00pm, Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Upper Room Funeral Home, with Masonic Lodge Ceremony at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be held 11:00am Friday, September 24, 1999 at St. John's Baptist Church. Interment New Tacoma Cemetery.

ARTHUR JAMES DODGINS, CMSgt USAF Ret., 75, died January 16, 2002 at a local hospital. Born January 22, 1927 in Pheobus, VA he was the son of William Leo and Corinne Dodgins. He served in the US Navy and US Air Force Reserve and retired as a Loadmaster with civil service. Mr. Dodgins was an avid fan of the Stingrays Hockey team. He is survived by his wife Nancy P. Dodgins, Goose Creek; son, Dennis Dale Dodgins, Summerville; three daughters: Donna Noles and Michelle Wilson, both of Summerville and Sharon Hill, Ridgeland; brother, Jack Powell, Richmond, VA; sister, Billie Mason, Newport News, VA; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a Baptist. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, 100 S. Goose Creek Blvd., Goose Creek, Sunday, January 20, 2002, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens with Military Honors.

JAMES RONALD LOGAN, age 58, of Tacoma, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1999. Ron was born on February 25, 1941, in Miami, Oklahoma. He was the first child of two children born to James G. Logan Jr. and Maxine Logan. He was raised in Oklahoma City where he started his career in the U.S. Air Force. On May 12, 1962, he married his sweetheart, Daphne, in Fort Knox, KY. Ron became a father in 1964 when he and Daphne were blessed with their only child, Victor. He proudly served in the Vietnam War and in 1970 became a Loadmaster. After 22 years he retired in 1980. Ron became the Director of Communications during a 16 year career at Lakewood Fire Comm. Being a wonderful grandparent was one of his favorite pastimes. He was preceded in death by his father, James G. Logan Jr. Ron's love will live on in those who survive him including his loving wife of 37 years, Daphne Logan; his mother, Maxine, of Oklahoma City; son, James V. Logan, his wife Debbie; and granddaughter, Danielle, of Tacoma; brother Rick Logan, of Dallas; and all other loving relatives and friends. Memorial services will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at Fir Lane Funeral Home.

LESLIE MORGAN JR. CMSgt, Ret, age 70 of Belington, WV formerly of Marydel, DE, died of leukemia Saturday, January 6, 2001, in his home. CMSgt Morgan was born February 22, 1930, in Elmira, NY the son of Gladys Carl Wright, of McKeesport, PA, and the late Harrison Leslie Morgan. CMSgt Morgan entered the Military at age 16. He retired after 42 years of active and reserve service in the grade of Chief Master Sergeant. He served in Germany during World War II and received the World War Victory Medal. In 1968, he was transferred to Dover AFB from Willow Grove NAS in Pennsylvania. He was assigned to the 436th Air Mobility Branch. In 1971 he was assigned to the 326th Military Airlift Squadron and was the first Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commander of the 512th Military Airlift Wing. During his career he was presented with 27 military awards and decorations and was honored by the Commander In Chief, Military Airlift Command for attaining 10,000 accident free flying hours. He was a member of many organizations to include: Air Force Sergeants Association, Professional Loadmasters Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Retired Enlisted Association, American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion, Dover, The A.A.C.S. Alumni Association, Veterans of Underage Military Service, Loyal Order of Moose, Camden, 20th MAS Alumni Association and the Bald Eagle Squadron. At the time of his death, he was Grand Commander of the Military Order of the Cooties for West Virginia and advocate with the Laurel Mountain VFW Post 410 at Belington. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Francis Dorn and Phyllis Wetzler. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 50 years, June Ondish Morgan; two sons, Herbert Morgan and George Morgan, both of Belington; three daughters, Cathleen Hutchison and her husband, James Hutchison, of Dover, Marie Moessner, of Conowingo, MD, and Janet Morgan of Belington; three brothers-in-law, Rance Dorn, of Ardara, PA, Glenn Wetzler, of North Versailles, PA, and Harold Lloyd Ondish and his wife, Lorraine, of Volga, WV; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

BURLEDEAN TAYLOR, 70, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant, died Tuesday, November 6, 1999 at his residence. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Carolina Memorial Funeral Home in North Charleston. Burial will be private. Mr. Taylor was born in Manning, Ark., a son of Jefferson D. Taylor and Lois Tate Taylor Simpson. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and a Baptist. He was a member of the American Legion and Air Force Sergeants Association. Surviving are his wife, Anna Schreiber Taylor, a son, Walter K. Taylor of Germany, and a sister, Barbara T. Owens of Georgetown. The family of Burl Dean Taylor will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday November 18, 1999 at Carolina Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 215 E. Bay Street, Suite 204, Charleston, SC 29401, or the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 13745, Charleston, SC 29422.

NON MEMBERS

Dudley M. Lewis, age 83 of Ogden, UT passed away November 23, 2015. www.leavittsmortuary.com/obituaries#obituary/dudley-manning-lewis/

Wade L. Meyers, age 51 of Abilene, TX passed away September 28, 2015. www.northsfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/2254293/Meyers-Wade/service-details.php

Donald D. Stewart Harnett, Ceremony Will See Local Vietnam Veteran Finally Laid To Rest. <http://www.harnett.org/publicinfo/?b=3125>

The PLA Secretary is seeking information on deceased members, **CHARLES E. BUCHER** (Big Country), ***RODNEY E. CLAPPER** (Alabama), ***DONNA M. DOBBINS** (Liberty), ***DONALD J. FLAVIN** (Big Country), **CLAUDE "FRENCHY" FERRAND** (Big Country), **JOHN EDWARD GROOMS, SR.** (Smyrna, TN), ***ELMORE JACKSON** (Southeast), ***ROBERT C. JOHNSON** (Indiana), ***EDWARD R. MEZA** (Alamo), **ROBERT C. RODEMEYER** (Golden West). We need permission to name a scholarship after them, but don't have any information on next of kin (mailing address, telephone number, email address, etc). If anyone has **any contact information**, please contact John H. Moore at buildsmall2@mac.com.

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Additional Scholarship Name Selection: Selection of names to be honored for upcoming additional scholarships shall be provided by December of the year before scholarship announcement.

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 (on the PLA National website or page 15) 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."

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Scholarship Application Form

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

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

All Students:
Proposed Field of Study: _____
Why did you choose this field of study? _____

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

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

What is your connection with the Professional Loadmaster Association? Please provide the name of the PLA member and his/her relationship to you. _____
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Have you ever received a PLA scholarship in the past? If so, you are not eligible for additional PLA scholarships.

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

Please attach the following items:

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

Student signature

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