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CABIN REPORT

By Kathy Disney

I hope this issue of "The Loader" finds you all well. It's been a rough couple of months for some PLA members and airlifters. Loved ones passing away, and fellow airlifters lost before their time. They will all forever be in our thoughts. As many of you are aware, we lost several airlifters recently to

suicide. We may never understand what drives people to take their own lives, and most of us are not trained for prevention, but we can be there for support, one way or another. We live in a digital era where personal connections appear to be diminishing. More people prefer electronic communication rather than face-to-face communication. This lack of personal interaction poses many challenges on both a personal and a professional level. For those who grew up during a time in which electronic communication was a rotary phone, the digital era may appear to separate rather than bond people. On a professional level, it poses similar challenges for organizations as well. Challenges that require organizations to "retool their offerings" in an effort to reach new and existing members. I will use an organization we all know, Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) as an example. There was a time when offering a place for veterans to hang out and share their similar experiences was sufficient. The beer light came on and veterans flocked to it. The marketing strategy was to provide a place for veterans to socialize with others who shared similar experiences, and that would be enough. They counted on their name alone to attract new members. They believed if it worked for the previous generations, it would work for the new generations. I can tell you the Millennials today do not agree it is enough." Today young veterans, Millennials, do not need a place to hang out in order to socialize. They have the internet. Their preferred method of communication is social media, such as Facebook (FB) and Twitter (#Loadmaster). Social media offers various interest group pages such as "Basic Loadmaster Course", "Aircraft Loadmaster", and "Loadmaster Memes" for our young veterans, Loadmasters, and PLA members to connect and socialize. Hopefully those who use social media also know about the "Professional Loadmaster Association" FB page as well as the many PLA Chapter FB pages. These pages offer the same type of connection and socializing opportunities for the Millennials that VSO offered previous generations. For generations, in between, who may not use social media or frequent VSO, may rather prefer email and webpages for communication. For those members, thanks to Ryan Lockhart, we have an updated webpage. He has done a fantastic job at developing our website found at www.loadmasters.com. The website offers a place for each chapter to showcase their chapter, including information regarding their executive committee, chapter member activity, and the local area. SHOUT OUT TO ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS - Please get information and pictures to Ryan about your chapter for the website. If you need

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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: Keith Roscoe (then Aloha Chapter President) on the left, with Danny Hollister's father in the middle (Dr and Rev. Robert Hollister) and on the right is Channel Davenport. She was awarded the Aloha Chapter \$500.00 scholarship in Danny Hollister's name. She is a former Loadmaster. She is now out of the AF and is finishing up her Masters degree.

an example, look at the Aloha Chapter. This is a good way to get meeting information out, or any upcoming events. If your chapter is already showcased, please ensure it stays updated. Our other form of communication is “The Loader.” Whether you receive it electronically or the hard copy, it does provide updates for people who may not use the internet or just enjoy picking up an “old-school” method of communication. (I still miss my paper pubs!) Thank you to everyone who contribute and a special thanks to Bill Weeper for putting it all together for us. He should not have to struggle to get inputs from the membership. I’m honored that I can provide information and updates for the membership and I hope others do as well. Please use “The Loader” and other forms of communication to share your stories and experiences. Other Loadmasters really do enjoy them! We need to use all available means of communication to reach our diverse audience. We are unique in the sense that we bring together four generations, or more, under one professional organizational umbrella. However, as we age we need to attract and retain our replacements. If we cannot reach younger generations, where will this organization be? I think we all know that answer. It would be a shame to see this organization fail because we did not “retool our offerings.” One offering is communication for ALL generations, ALL Loadmasters, the young and the not-so-young, past and present. Lastly, I’d like to thank all of you who submitted award packages for the William “Bill” Cannon Loadmaster of the Year award. In the future, the close out will be the end of February. And if you haven’t heard, The Rock chapter is hosting the PLA 20th Anniversary Gathering of Loads, 6-10 September, 2017. Hope to see you there! Load Clear!

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. 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 re-instatement letters. Thank you to the, **116 stateside** and **5 overseas** members, who have agreed to accept “The Loader” electronically. If you are willing to receive “The Loader” electronically please send the secretary a note with your email address.

LOSTLOAD CANDIDATES: If your “The Loader” newsletter is returned to the association by the Post Office, for whatever reason, the PLA pays \$2.84 for the return. The cost went up from \$1.52. When trying to contact you for new information and we find your phone is no longer in service and you also have a bad email address, **YOU WILL BE PLACED ON THE LOST LOAD LISTING.** Address rejections for the November 2016 “The Loader” have added TWO new LOST LOADS.

THANK YOU: A gigantic thank you to **Lifetime member Joel Montgomery** for information on the sister of Donna M. Dobbins, (9/3/07), Condolence Letter and Scholarship Permission Letter sent and returned.

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 email to buildsmall2@mac.com or thru www.loadmasters.com at **CONTACT US** 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. With the November issue returns, the PLA paid the Post Office \$33.00 plus for the 24 returned and forwarded “The Loader” newsletters.

PLA MEMBERSHIP

PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF: February 1, 2017

960 ACTIVE MEMBERS

23 INACTIVE since November issue

86 NON-RENEWALS in 2016

HAVE YOU LOST CONTACT WITH A FRIEND?

This will be a new feature in “The Loader.” If you’re looking for a friend you have lost contact with, that is or was a Professional Loadmaster Association member, please provide any identifying information (name of the person you are looking for, unit assigned, year assigned, base, etc.,) to the PLA Secretary at buildsmall2@mac.com. If anyone else has any information on the missing individual, please contact me.

JOHN FRAME – John left for Altus AFB OK to perform Instructor Loadmaster duties. His former Instructor, Albert A. (PJ) Pjosek, Ret, 1969–73, 6th MAS, McGuire AFB, NJ, has been searching for him.

DECEASED LOADMASTERS: If you suspect or know that a PLA member or a non-member Loadmaster has passed, please contact the Secretary, buildsmall2@mac.com and the necessary action will be taken.

(16) NEW MEMBERS listed since the November 2016 issue (*Denotes Life Member)

October

John Beal	Abilene, TX
Keith Chastain	Milton, FL
William Mantzke	Tacoma, WA
*Joshua A. Moracco	Millilani, HI
Stephen T. Romero	Douglas, WY
Cassandra LaVoie	Magnolia, DE
Dominique Hawkins	Honolulu, HI

November

Dustin Franklin Browns Mills, NJ
 *Harlasun Kang Mililani, HI
 Ryan Stefanowicz JBLM, WA
 Adam Walenski Spring Lake, SC

December

Michael Anderson North Little Rock, AR
 Matthew Farrugie Montgomery, NY

January

Kyle Bennett Cabot, AR
 Steven Schultz Elmwood, IL
 Carl Van Winkle Searcy, AR

(24) INACTIVE MEMBERS listed since November 2016 issue. 87 MEMBERS DID NOT RENEW IN 2016.

Ackers, Spencer	Raymondville, TX	December
Anderson, David K.	Camirillo, CA (Golden West)	December
Asher, Billy J.	St Helens, OR	December
Baker, Thomas	Abilene, TX (Big Country)	September
Bugar, Paul	Redlands, CA (Golden West)	November
Cuff, Glenn E	Philadelphia, PA	December
Fasano, Vincent	Nyack, NY	December
Gutierrez, Paul	JBER, AK (Denali)	October
Ide, Sean	Tacoma, WA (Northwest)	December
Keane, Kevin M.	Warrington, PA (Liberty)	September
Lovrencic, Paul M.	Northbrook, IL (Gateway)	December
Lucas, James	Scott AFB, IL (Gateway)	November
Martini, Kenneth J.	Newburg, NY	December
McBride, John R.	Covington, TN (SE)	September
McCorkle, Donnie	Altus, OK (Trailblazers)	October
Montoya, Mario	Abilene, TX (Big Country)	December
Radziewicz, Brett	Spanaway, WA (Northwest)	Northwest
Rancourt, Luc	Pleasant Valley NY	September
Reddy, Michael	Palmdale, CA	October
Riches, Warren	DuPont, WA (NW)	October
Shewmaker, Joe	Summerville, SC (SE)	September
Walter, Stephan	Neustadt, Germany	December
Zuniga, Gerald J.	San Antonio, TX (Alamo)	September

LOST LOADS (13): 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.

*Branski, John L.	Tacoma, WA	Nov 2011
*Burnett, Robert B.	Dulles, VA	Jul 2011
*Clay, Christopher S.	Arlington, VA	Nov 2011
*Downey, Daniel	Abilene, TX	Jul 2012
*Gray, Chris L.	Monticello, AR	Nov 2016
*Haak, Scott	Belleville, IL	Nov 2016
*Knight, Josh	Fort Mill, SC	Nov 2016
*Kubik, Donald B.	Warner Robins, GA	Mar 2016
*Langenstein, Jack L.	Summerville, SC	Jul 2014
*Lewis, James	Palmdale, CA	Jul 2016
*Piasecki, Michael L.	Lake City, FL	Jul 2016

*Strader, Tony E.	APO AE	Nov 2011
*Terrell, David L.	APO AE	Nov 2015

FAMILY CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED: The PLA Secretary is seeking information on the following deceased members. **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). CHARLES E. BUCHER (Big Country), *RODNEYE. CLAPPER (Alabama), *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), VURLEY D. OWENS (Melbourne, FL), ROBERT C. RODEMEYER (Golden West). If anyone has any contact information, please contact the secretary at buildsmall2@mac.com.

East Coast Vice President

Kent Brown, East Coast Vice President - March 2017 is our 20th Anniversary. This year we celebrate a milestone for the PLA. We have been organized and doing great things for 20 years. We are going to celebrate this event in September at the next Gathering of Loads in Little Rock. To help The Rock Chapter with expenses we have designed and are in the process of acquiring a new challenge coin (see design below). I should have these available for \$10 each + shipping by the end of March. I can ship them individually for about \$4 or in multiples of up to about 14 for \$7.15, so consider getting an order together to save on shipping. If you would like some, send me an email to heyload@comsast.net and I will add you to the list and notify you when they are available. If you do not have an email address call me at (609) 893-1833 and I will get back to you with instructions. On another note, we have a member, Everett Smith at Charleston AFB, who wants to get the Southeast Chapter up and running again. Unfortunately, he doesn't have much local information on the old chapter. Please reach out to him if you have the books last held for the chapter or know who does. His contact info is sid.smith224@gmail.com or he can also be reached by phone at 219-902-1135 (cell) or 843-943-2648 (office).



20th Anniversary Challenge Coin Design

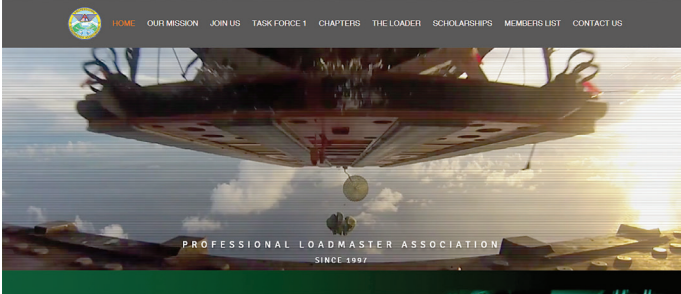
Treasurer Report

Chris Dockery, Treasurer - As of January 31, 2017 The Professional Loadmaster Association has a total of \$2,178.64 in checking and \$41,058.79 in savings. Total Assets \$43,237.43.

Webmaster

Ryan Lockhart, Webmaster - The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) website is evolving. Continuing changes to the website have been done to make it not only good looking but to be informative and useful to all our members. I have recently revised the opening screen with some interesting

civilian and military video and photos. A link was provided on the PLA’s home page to connect you to the “William (Bill) Cannon Loadmaster of the Year Award.” Clicking on the link will take you to an explanation of the award and guidance to help you with nominating a Loadmaster for the awards. The awards are for all Loadmasters, civilian or military. At the end of the link is a download button that will allow you to download the award criteria. I have created a link to “Task Force 1” in the main title that explains the purpose, vision, accomplished tasks, updates on their progress, how to join Task Force 1, list of members for the FAA Loadmaster Certification working group and contact information for Doug Gardiner. I have redesigned “The Loader” link so you can view the publication and comment on each issue. Under the “Membership List” link is a sub link named “BLM” and it is a new feature that I am sure you will enjoy. 781 Basic Loadmaster Course (BLM) graduation photographs were scanned by Bill Weeper, ranging from 1974 to 2007, and all of them have been put on the website. For each of the chapters, please update your chapter page, it’s a good way to highlight what you have been doing for your chapter and the PLA. There are still some chapter pages that need some work such as a description, officer listings, meeting place location, photographs and current chapter information. Most of all, please be patient with the website as it is being changed. If you have any suggestions for improving the website, please contact me at: ryanslockhart@yahoo.com.



Updated PLA Webpage Design by Ryan Lockhart

“The Loader” Editor

Bill Weeper, “The Loader” Editor - Thank you to all the chapters who submitted articles and photographs for “The Loader.” The big news is “The Rock” Chapter is having the 20th Anniversary Gathering of Loads (GOL) convention at the Little Rock Marriott, 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock AR, 72201, September 6, 2017 - September 10, 2017. Please look at “The Rock” Chapter news in this issue by Dave Hoffer for GOL details. “The Rock” Chapter is using Eventbrite website again for this GOL as their primary registration site, but if you don’t have a computer or access to one you can use the paper registration form in this issue. Kathy Disney also provided an updated TDY/PTDY justification letter included in this issue. For the active military, please start asking your squadron leadership who they want to send to the GOL and if they are funding any individuals to go. Kent Brown will have 20th Anniversary Challenge Coins and Kathy Disney and your local chapters will have the 20th Anniversary T-Shirts. We also have continuing articles by Doug Gardiner, about the FAA Loadmaster Certification Working

Group and the PLA Task Force 1. Continuing the civilian Loadmaster theme, Karl Hinkamp and Dave Bell wrote another nice article about “The Airline Professional Loadmaster: Unit Load Devices (ULD’s).” We would like to thank our long-time sponsor Larry Crain for advertising the “Loadmaster Toolkit” in “The Loader.” For those of you who know anyone who would like to advertise in “The Loader” please have them get in touch with me at weeperjr@satx.rr.com. Advertisements will help defer the cost of printing “The Loader.” A full page advertisement is \$500.00, a 1/2 page is \$250.00, a 1/4 page is \$125.00 and a Business Card size is \$100.00. As a last note please take a look at <http://www.cafepress.com/loadmasters> for new PLA merchandise. The amount of merchandise is just a start on what can be put on the website and Kathy Disney would like to hear any recommendations for additional merchandise.

Bill Cannon Bench Update



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

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 have provided CAD drawings of what the design will look like to Kathy Disney and the PLA Executive Committee. Those CAD drawings were shown to PLA members during the 2016 Gathering of Loads in Oklahoma City and everyone thought the design looked good. Marion Cannon was sent the latest drawings and asked for her thoughts on the design. After the final proof has been made and I hear back from Marion Cannon, I will request that Dodd's Monument begin the engraving process. After Dodd’s Monument completes the work, the PLA will then pay the remaining balance. When the engraving is complete they will transport the bench to the museum and attach it to the concrete pad. The last step will be to dedicate the bench at a date and time to be determined. If anyone would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the bench, please send a check made out to the the PROFESSIONAL LOADMASTER ASSOCIATION at P.O. Box 4351, Tacoma, WA 98438-0351.



Alamo Chapter

Bill Weeper, Alamo Chapter Member - Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter. The chapter monthly meetings are now rotating between the Texas Air Museum, the Basic Loadmaster School and the 68th Airlift Squadron in an effort make it easier for Loadmasters to attend our meetings. The chapter recently had a business meeting on January 27, 2017. Andy Vaquera, Hector Leyva, MSgt James Grove and Bill Weeper met at the Gateway NCO Club at Lackland AFB TX to plan the upcoming Basic Loadmaster Course (BLM) fundraiser scheduled for March 10, 2017. The fundraiser will feature a bratwurst plate lunch. An iPad Pro Air 2 will be raffled along with other items. On February 17, 2017, Bill Weeper met MSgt James Grove at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence (CEA/CoE) and was introduced to the current 344th Squadron Commander LTC Kristin Hipps and CEA/CoE Commandant CMSgt James Hessick. Bill Weeper described the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) and the Alamo Chapter to them and that the chapter has sponsored a CEA/CoE breakroom and a BLM classroom since 2012 when CMSgt Sharon Holloway was the Commandant. Also discussed were the upcoming BLM fundraiser and Memorandum of Agreement for Alamo Chapter property in the CEA/CoE breakroom and BLM classroom. The Alamo Chapter would like to send good wishes to Hector Leyva (chapter Co-founder) after he recently moved to El Paso Texas. Thanks for all the help you have provided to the chapter. Andy Vaquera is our President/Treasurer, Jerry Zuniga is Vice President and David Molinar is our Secretary. Andy Vaquera or David Molinar will send out notice for the upcoming meetings or events by email, text or telephone call. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andy Vaquera at (210) 559-7487, andyvaquera@sbcglobal.net or David Molinar at (210) 415-3735 damolinar@aol.com.



Andy Vaquera, Bill Weeper, MSgt James Grove and Hector Leyva at BLM Fundraiser planning meeting at Lackland AFB NCO Club

Aloha Chapter

Keith Roscoe, Aloha Chapter President - Aloha, thank you to everyone who supported, played in and ran our initial Aloha Chapter Professional Loadmaster Golf Tournament. Our tournament raised \$3,558.00 and we had a large showing of support from Active, Guard and Retired Loadmasters. We were

also blessed to have SSgt Danny Hollister's father and friends participate and help make the event a success. Robert Hollister gave the blessing and handed out our educational scholarship in his son's name. This event wouldn't have been possible without Danny's family, Chris Fullmer and Jesse Richardson's help. We have recently had elections for all board member positions and would like to thank all who ran. Chris Fullmer was elected as President, Chad Thompson as Vice President, Dom Hawkins as Secretary, Lee Vearrier as Treasurer, and Kory Williams as Sgt of Arms. Congrats to all those elected! It has been a true pleasure and blessing to be President of Aloha Chapter and it's with great joy I welcome the next board members. Until we meet again to share a story over a beverage, please fly safe.



Aloha Chapter Golf Tournament

Big Country Chapter

Michael Lutzko, Big Country Chapter – Please go to our local website for information about our chapter. Go to www.alpost57.org and select the “PLA” tab on the left column of the main webpage. It has a listing of useful links, upcoming chapter events and chapter photographs.

Gateway Chapter

Harley Ricketts, Gateway Chapter President - Prior to being assigned to the 618th Air Operations Center (AOC), when I heard “TACC is calling,” I knew there were only two reasons TACC called. They were either going to turn our 36 hours at Hickam into a min-turn or set us up on a bravo alert. While these guesses were not completely unfounded, I have learned there may be much more to the story. The 618th AOC (a.k.a TACC) is made up of nearly 800 Total Force members, 23 of whom are your fellow Loadmasters. These Loadmasters work day in and day out to maximize AMC's rapid global mobility capabilities while doing their best at minimizing the unfavorable side-effects on crews. Min-turns and bravo alerts are an unfavorable, but often necessary, measures we have to use to meet AMC's obligations to our customers. Daily, there are maintenance issues, last minute high-priority airlift, natural disasters, DIP clearance, MOG changes and a whole gamut of other unforeseeable variables we have to work into our original plan. Your Loadmaster partners in the 618th AOC are continually responding to unexpected situations, with the crew

force in mind, as they uphold the Global Mobility mission. As each house of cards fall, they are working miracles to ensure the pain is minimized even if they min-turn you in Hickam. After a long week of pushing missions at TACC, pushing policy at A-Staff or pushing a walker in retirement the Loadmasters of the Gateway chapter enjoy any chance they can to get out and break bread with fellow loadmasters and their families. We recently had that opportunity on February 10, 2017 when we held our annual Gateway Chapter Winter Social. This year's event was held at the Main Street Brewing Company and Loadmasters of all generations and airframes were in attendance. Of course, there were plenty of stories told, some taller than others. The next event on the horizon is our Loadmaster Family Float Trip to Lesterville, MO on the Black River and it will occur Saturday July 29, 2017. If it is anything like our Winter Social it will leave us with memories to share with the best friends ever, **LOADMASTERS!**



Gateway Chapter Winter Social

Golden West Chapter

Steve Clark, Golden West Chapter President - Greetings and Happy New Year 2017 from all So Cal Loads. Kudos to the PLA for twenty years as an organization and upholding our Loadmaster legacy. We are looking toward more community service activities and involvement, and to get new members in the So Cal area for the PLA.



Bill Heaton - Kevin Perdue - Steve Clark - Jim Bardaro - Steve Collins - Paul Pfeifer - Ernie Vasquez

Our heartfelt condolences to the Barnes family on the passing of SMSgt Wes Barnes a member of the 15th MAS at Norton AFB CA. In meeting with TSgt Nicole McBrearty we discussed having some meetings with Loadmasters from 729th AS and to get more involved with Loadmaster issues at March ARB. We all need to get onboard. Our meetings are open to all former crew members who wish to attend. We meet the second Saturday of each month at the Pepper Steak Diner. The address is 26589 Highland Avenue, Highland CA. Meeting time is 1000 Hrs. My contact information at any time is steve.clark38@yahoo.com or (909)717-5109. Load Clear and be safe!

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, 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. We held our annual Holiday Party in December and J.P. and Barb Salisbury hosted again this year. We were fortunate enough to have Kathy Disney PLA President in attendance. We had several main courses and members brought a side dish for dessert. Members each donated an unwrapped toy to be given to the Toys For Tots program. Members also brought a wrapped gift for a Yankee Swap. We had a great time again we really do enjoy each others company. Santa Clause made a special appearance at the party and some got to sit on his lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.



I have included a picture from the party. We donated money again to the Polar Bear Plunge. This is in support of the Delaware Special Olympics. Don Sloan a retired pilot is the one we sponsor. He has been doing this for years. Don also works with the AMC museum at Dover. We got to see him at the

museum the last time we were down for a visit. Kent Brown and some other PLA members are working on a challenge coin for the upcoming 20th anniversary of the PLA. I know he has been asking for support from some of the chapters. Please help him out if you can. Kent puts a lot of time and effort into the PLA. This coin is to go along with the GOL in 2017 at Little Rock. I am looking forward to this event and hope we have a lot of participation. The Liberty Chapter will help out in any way we can. It has been a little quiet here in New Jersey. We always seem to slow down in the winter time. We do have a few upcoming events. We will be back at the C-141 Memorial for a spring clean up in April. I had mentioned the plans to paint the airplane. This has been pushed back several times and now looks like it will be this spring. As always, the chapter will be there to keep this area looking good for all to enjoy. We will also be helping out again with the New Jersey Honor flight event June. And we are looking for a fundraising event in the spring or summer.

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond, Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter President - We again hosted our chapter's annual Christmas Party at the Travis Heritage Center (Museum) December 3, 2016. It was catered by the Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club) and fun was had by all. We have been fortunate to have outstanding members that participate in our social events throughout the year. JC Wiley and Mark Raymond took some time to visit the active duty squadrons, 21st Airlift Squadron and the 22nd Airlift Squadron to promote our local chapter and ask for nominees for the PLA Loadmaster of the Year award. CMSgt Jim McElwee from the 21st squadron and CMSgt Chris Carson from the 22nd squadron were very receptive to our visit and both provided nominees for the PLA Loadmaster of the Year award. They were also very interested in our chapter and have been advocating to their troops to check out our chapter. We do understand the overwhelming commitment the flying squadrons have these days and can appreciate and understand the need to have family time when they are home. Nevertheless, we are a consistent and dedicated chapter and our support is always there if needed. I received a request from an active duty Loadmaster to provide "...additional information about the benefits that the PLA offers for active duty Loadmasters." I guess some look at us to provide benefits to them, however our chapter promotes the Loadmaster career field, provides support to our Loadmaster's families, participates in local charity events, and establishes a very special comradery among our peers. As we start the New Year we are again moving forward to support the American Cancer, Relay for Life, in Vacaville California. We have been participating since 2003 and raised nearly \$300,000. We have either been first or second highest fund raisers for several years. We already had one social fundraiser and plan on having another in March or April. The Relay for Life will be held on June 23 – 25, 2017. We are looking forward to another summer to volunteer at Sonoma Raceway, for NASCAR, NHRA, and the INDYCAR races. This is our chapters' opportunity to raise money for our annual scholarship and Christmas party. We had the best support from our members in 2016 and raised the most we ever had to support our events. Thanks again to a very special group of supporters, Bill Bostock,

Arne Suvatne, Jim Rost, JC Wiley, Al Horwedel, Jim French, and Max Gaine for volunteering at the raceway. As I always do in this newsletter I want to thank all those loyal members who have continued to support our local chapter since 1998. It's a great tribute to those members who 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 question, please contact Mark E. Raymond at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ts.com.

The First State Chapter

Elliott McClanahan, First State Chapter – Calling any 3rd AS alumni!! We have a big anniversary coming up! The 3rd AS turns 75 this year! The Squadron will be celebrating the anniversary with "3 days of the 3rd" on May 11th-14th. They have a Facebook page that will give you some more information and future updates on the festivities. Search on Facebook "3d Airlift Squadron 75th Anniversary." They are doing some fundraising for the event and have a really cool coin for the anniversary. I'm currently deployed and have not seen this volume of cargo that's coming through here in a long time! Lots of heavy outsized cargo, every Loads dream right! The crews out here are a mix from all the single squadron C-17 bases. It's been fun to get to know and work with Loads from these squadrons. We are planning on holding some chapter meetings soon. We are looking for any First State Chapter members in the area. Please contact me at tem06@yahoo.com. Hope to hear from you!

Northwest Chapter

Caleb Patterson, Northwest Chapter President – Greetings from the Great Pacific Northwest! Our late winter here has been interesting as we saw almost a foot of snow in some areas around the base. We have not had any changes on our executive counsel. Our meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at Habanero's Grill at the McChord AFB golf course. If you are in town, stop on by at 0900 for breakfast and 1000 promptly for the meeting. The chapter is sticking with the recruiting and retention focus for the foreseeable future and we have seen more active duty loadmasters involved in the organization. We are planning to have our second annual chili cook-off in February, hosted by the 4th Airlift Squadron, and we are hoping to get more members involved in the organization.



Northwest Chapter members at Ron Pierce's holiday party

In December, we had our annual holiday party, hosted for the 4th consecutive year at Ron Pierce's home. The event was very successful, and we will continue to have the annual holiday party. We are planning our annual summer picnic in August, at Heritage Hill (Overlook Park). In January, Mr. Dan Watson gave us an update on the status of the CMSgt William Cannon road name change. CMSgt William Cannon's road name change package is sitting at the Pentagon and hopefully will get approved in the near future. Once again, if you are in the area please feel free to stop by for our monthly meetings.

The Rock Chapter



2017 Gathering of Loads "20th Anniversary" Convention - Little Rock, Arkansas - September 6, 2017 - September 10, 2017, hosted by The Rock Chapter. This event will be updated as planning continues.

Location: Little Rock Marriott, 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock AR, 72201, (844) 225-0052. Conveniently located just off I-30 in downtown Little Rock, within the city's downtown River Walk area. The Marriott is near numerous shops, and restaurants, and is just 7 miles from Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport. To register at the Marriott at the PLA Group Rate, please visit: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkIdData=The%20Professional%20Loadmaster%20%604%609/6/17%609/10/17%608/21/17&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes.



Dave Hoffer, The Rock Chapter President - The Rock Chapter is hard at work preparing for the 2017 Gathering of Loads "20th Anniversary" Convention is planned for September 6 - 10, 2017. Registration is locked in at \$50 (plus \$3.74 handling) per person which will get you into the Ice Breaker Thursday night, cover the hospitality suite every night, and banquet dinner on Saturday. We are in the process of lining up guests speakers and vendors for the event, so more information will be distributed in the July 2017 "The Loader." The Little Rock Marriott has blocked off 100 rooms for us and they assure us they can provide more rooms

if needed. The hotel has drastically reduced their normal room costs to match the Little Rock Government Rate which is \$94.00 per night. They have also given us access to their penthouse lounge for our Ice Breaker, two hospitality suites, a banquet hall for our Saturday dinner, and a stadium style auditorium for our daily seminars. To register for the event, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-pla-gathering-of-the-loads-20th-anniversary-tickets-31770915664>. If you need to pay by check, please fill out the Paper Registration Form on Page 11 and send it and a check to: Rock Chapter PLA, P.O. Box 1113, Jacksonville, AR, 72078. You can also use PayPal and receive an invoice if you call (501) 533-5873. Cash payments will also be accepted at the door. Please come join us for fellowship and to enjoy the company of Loadmasters from around the world. In addition to the Gathering of Loads planning, we are also working on several fundraising opportunities. The first is a golf tournament on April 21, 2017 at the Cypress Creek Golf Club in Cabot, AR. If interested in helping with the event or just participating, please contact Tim Blair at timothy.blair.3@us.af.mil. In addition, we are planning a chapter campout in early May at either Greers Ferry Lake or Lake De Gray. Lastly, we are planning on hosting a burger burn at the base lake sometime this spring. The Rock Chapter meets every first Friday of the month at the Toneyville VFW. Social hour starts at 1600 and the membership meeting starts at 1700. Executive council: President Dave Hoffer, c-130lm@hotmail.com, (501) 247-9324; VP Adam Monroy (deployed); Secretary Jason Kunkel, jason.kunkel75@me.com, (661) 860-6399; Treasurer Tim Blair, timblair12@yahoo.com, (501) 533-5873.

Trailblazer Chapter

Trinidad Gutierrez, Trailblazer Chapter President - We have been meeting monthly at the Taqueria Hernandez in Downtown Altus OK. We have discussed upcoming events we plan on working. We will be selling smoked pit beef sandwiches at the upcoming Altus Rock n Rumble car show and the Mangum Rattlesnake Roundup. Those proceeds will help with our local community donation efforts and upcoming Trailblazer events. In the past, we have sponsored a local children's baseball team by paying for their uniforms and donated to the Sheridan's Sunshine Foundation. The Sheridan's Foundation was started in 2011 by James (retired Boom Operator) and Melinda Bautista after their daughter Sheridan passed away from cancer. We plan on sponsoring another children's sports team and will continue working with the Sheridan's Foundation. Back in December we helped an LIQ Loadmaster student. She had a family emergency and the Trailblazer Chapter donated \$200 so she could buy a plane ticket and attend to the emergency. We also donated \$100 towards the Glenn Carter fund. Alfonso Flores, a fellow PLA member, along with his wife Rose invited us to their place in Cache, OK. They have land where we can bring tents and trailers to camp out. Rose offered to serve us food with her homemade cooking and tortillas made from scratch. Sometime in the next month or two we will be getting in contact with them and have a Trailblazer camping trip at the Flores residence. If you have any questions concerning the Trailblazer Chapter please call me at: (253) 961-9903 or email me at: trinidadgutierrez@icloud.com.

Task Force 1 Update - Nov 2016 to Feb 2017

Doug Gardiner, PLA Task Force 1 Update for Nov 2016 to Feb 2017 - There have been three FAA Loadmaster Working Group meetings and Erik Kaupa has attended all of them. The first one held in November, which was an onsite in Huntsville, Alabama, covered the following items: certification process options, definitions, and accidents. The second one in January covered the following items: Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee presentation, methodologies, continuation of discussion of definitions and certification processes. And the last one was in February, which covered the following items: continuation of discussion of certification options, review open items. These meetings are closed meetings and not for public involvement. However, Erik Kaupa is the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) representative sitting on the committee and he is allowed to share some of these meeting notes with us so that we can help him provide information to the committee to make informed decisions. The information we have is posted to <http://education.ascendingsol.com/>. The reason that this website exists is to facilitate transparency. The PLA's aim in this Task Force is to achieve total transparency to all members and to this end has engaged Loadmasters in numerous small group discussions, one on one conversations, emails, collaboration websites, messaging platforms, Facebook (2 different groups) and an updated web space on the PLA website. The team focuses on inclusivity for all. While the thrust of the conversation is between commercial Loadmasters who have experienced the trials and tribulations of loading special cargo in the commercial world, Loadmasters around the world have participated in the conversation. The Task Force is striving for a transparency for every member of the PLA to know what is happening with certification recommendations for people who load special cargo. If you do not feel you are included, we want you to be included. Call Doug Gardiner at (580) 471-8938 or email him at dgardiner@cableone.net to ask how to get involved. The PLA website now includes a Task Force 1 page and we intend to keep it up to date as much as possible, but we currently have no one that has volunteered to keep it up, so it might not have the most current information right now. If you would like to step up and volunteer as the page updater, please let Doug Gardiner know. Until next time... Load Off Headset.

Task Force 1 Update - Three Month Look Ahead

Doug Gardiner, PLA Task Force 1 Three Month Look Ahead - Task Force 1 will be very busy in the near future writing FAA regulations for the following parts to recommend as suggested regulation changes the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee will receive in the future. We will be adding or changing the following Parts: 63, 64, 65, 121, 125, 135. We are recommending the changes to these regulations to insert wording based on recommended certification requirements. Our plan is to have several groups write these plans over the next several months. The plan is to have approximately 14 different groups of people partnering to make these changes. Currently there are only 6 groups established, so there is plenty of room for more people to join the effort. If we do not get more people, the task

will take longer or some regulations may not be changed to our benefit because we did not have the time or people to make the changes. Meetings to discuss these changes will occur every two weeks on Sunday night at 9:00pm EST, 8:00pm CST, 7:00pm MST, and 6:00pm PST. To be invited to these meetings, contact Erik Kaupa at loadmasterc17@msn.com. We will discuss any old business and new tasks that arise. Group meetings will take place as necessary to get business completed. This project is challenging and takes a lot of effort from many different people. If you would like to be involved, contact Doug Gardiner, dgardiner@cableone.net. Until next time... Load Off Headset.

The Airline Professional Loadmaster: Terminology



Dave Bell & Karl Hinkamp - The Airline Professional Loadmaster: Unit Load Devices. On commercial aircraft, cargo is carried in or on Unit Load Devices (ULDs). There are three types of ULDs, 1) PALLET, 2) a one-piece pallet cargo NET, and 3) a CONTAINER (sometimes called an "igloo" because of its shape). ULDs are used on both the main and lower decks of commercial aircraft, including the bellies of passenger planes. Unlike the one size fits all 463L military pallet, commercial ULDs are manufactured in a multitude of sizes and contours in order to maximize cargo carrying capability applicable to a wide variety of commercial aircraft. Additionally, all ULDs have an international alphanumeric coding system to identify the type of ULD and its base dimensions. For example, the ULD code "P6P" tells us this ULD is a [P]allet and that its [6] dimensions are 96" x 125." A PRA is a [P]allet [R] 96" x 196" (16 ft), and a PGA is a [P]allet [G] 96" x 238.5" (20 ft). Most commercial pallets are much thinner than a 463L pallet - the slang term for them is "cookie sheet" - and instead of pallet rings to attach the net, most commercial pallets use a seat track type arrangement [see photo] for the net to attach to. Another difference from a military pallet is that many commercial pallets have an allowable warp limit. A "warp" is an unnatural bend in the metal which can eventually cause the pallet to fail. However, just like a 463L pallet, the tiedown tracks and attaching points on a commercial pallet have various weight limitations. Again, the military and the airlines are the same but different.





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To All Current Active, Reserve, and Guard Loadmasters

The Rock Chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association is hosting the 2017 Gathering of Loads "20th Anniversary" Convention at the Little Rock Marriott, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 6 – 10, 2017. By attending the convention, you will have an opportunity to come together and obtain valuable information regarding your duties and functions as a Loadmaster, as well as develop an understanding of USTRANSCOM (including assets from other services such as the Marine Corps, Navy or Coast Guard), and Major Commands such as AMC. We will be inviting the current top Air Force Loadmasters from the Air Mobility Command Headquarters Staff, Air Force Personnel Center, and Major Commands. Additionally, during the 4-day convention you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one and one-on-group question and answer discussions regarding your career, assignments, promotions, and other topics. Exhibitor booths will also provide information, resources, and giveaways.

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

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

Reference: AFI 36-3003 Table 4.5, Rule 6, states that unit commanders may approve up to 10 days permissive TDY to attend meetings or seminars sponsored by non-Federal technical, scientific, professional (e.g., medical, legal, ecclesiastical, IT, and mechanical) societies and organizations, so long as the meeting or seminar has a direct relationship to the member's primary military duties and clearly enhance his or her value to the Air Force.

Please join us in Little Rock for a rewarding and exciting time with Loadmasters from around the world. If you have any questions about the convention, please contact Tim Blair at (501) 533-5873, or timblair12@yahoo.com.

Kathy Disney
President, Professional Loadmaster Association

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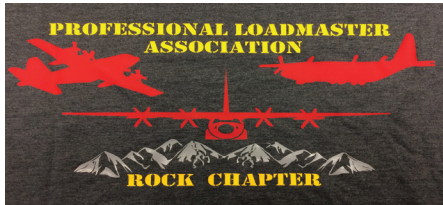
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The Professional Loadmaster Association offers condolences to the families and friends of the following Loadmasters whose death has been reported to our association. Underlined name denotes a PLA Member, * Denotes PLA Life Member

Glenn M. Carter, Glenn Carter, 50 of Tipton, passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at his home in Tipton. Glenn was born in Concord, North Carolina on November 24, 1966. He grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina and soon after graduating high school he joined the United States Air Force where served his country for 25 years and retired with an honorable discharge. Among his numerous awards and decorations, he received the Meritorious Service Medal while serving as a C-141 and C-17 Loadmaster. In March of 1999 Glenn married Kimberly Apo in Charleston, South Carolina and they enjoyed over 17 years of marriage together. They lived in many places throughout his military career and finally landed at Altus Air Force Base for the second time and where they made their home in Tipton. Glenn was a member of the Professional Loadmaster Association and the 58th Airlift Squadron and he always enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and working his hobby farm in Tipton, and spending time with his family and friends. Glenn is preceded in death by his grandparents and is survived by his wife Kimberly Carter of the home; his mother, Kay Roseman Hamilton and husband Richard of North Carolina; two sons, Asheton Biggerstaff and wife Caitlyn of North Carolina; and Caulder Alford and wife Savannah of Tipton; two daughters, Lauren Duckett of Tipton; and Molly Carter of the home; one brother, Christopher Carter of North Carolina; one sister, Jaimie Harvell of North Carolina; two grandchildren, Chloe and Bentley Biggerstaff both of North Carolina; two nieces, Emily Osbourne and Stella Carter and a nephew Gavin Carter all of North Carolina; as well as numerous other family members and many friends. Celebration of Life services will be at 2:00 pm, Friday, February 10, 2017 at Lowell-Tims Funeral Home Chapel in Altus with Pastor Paul Beam officiating. Military honors will be rendered by the Blue Knights Honors Detail, Altus Air Force Base. In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to the Brain Trauma Foundation at www.braintrauma.org/donate, or (408) 369 – 9735 in honor of Glenn Carter. Arrangements are under the direction of Lowell-Tims Funeral Home and Crematory, Altus, Oklahoma. To sign the online guest book and share memories with the family please visit www.Lowell-Tims.com.

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Wesley Barnes: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/altustimes/obituary.aspx?n=wesley-richard-barnes&pid=183687963&fhid=27841&FBNF=ShareObitAt&refsvce=facebook#.WItg9gv-vCo.facebook>

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Timeline for Scholarships: Submission of all scholarship applications is due by the close of business on April 1st Mountain Daylight Time of the year that scholarship announcement is made. Due April 2017 – selection May 2017. All scholarship applications received after that date will be returned. Announcement of the scholarship award to the

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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.

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.

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Why did you choose this field of study? _____

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

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