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## **CABIN REPORT**

By Kathy Disney

Hey Load!! I hope this "The Loader" finds you all well and safe. First, I want to announce we have added a new chapter! The Arizona (Rescue West) Chapter, Davis Monthan AFB... WELCOME!! The chapter currently has 23 members. I look forward to meeting them all next spring. Second, just like the last "The Loader" edition,

I'm using this space for Part Two of the PTSD article. As a Veteran, if you have not personally experienced PTSD, it is likely you know someone who has, or has had PTSD. Even if they suffer silently, the VA estimates between 11% and 30% of Veterans have PTSD based on the service era (va.gov). Again, I want to thank Jill Coles (spouse of lifetime member John Coles) who wrote the article as part of her doctorate degree and is willing to share with us. Kathy

Hey Loads, Article II, PTSD Treatment Options:

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) treatments vary; if you or someone you know decide to seek help, I suggest reviewing the therapies as they don't all produce positive results for everyone. Another area I will cover is the common, dual diagnoses of PTSD and chronic pain (CP). Let's face it, as a Load, your body took a beating - it is not uncommon for LMs to have musculoskeletal or soft tissue damage, which can result in CP (defined as lasting longer than 3 months). The connection between PTSD and CP is not well understood, it's the chicken/egg question. Do brain changes from PTSD exacerbate the memory/sensation of CP? Or does enduring CP affect PTSD? Research has yet to prove either except they are commonly diagnosed together (comorbid).

The VA uses the following psychotherapy treatments for PTSD: Prolonged Exposure Therapy (PE); Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT); and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). These three trauma focused psychotherapies have the most successful research data in treatment. According to the VA, PE "Teaches you how to gain control by facing your negative feelings. It involves talking about your trauma with a provider and doing some of the things you have avoided since the trauma." Avoiding activities that remind you of the event(s) can cause a decreased quality of life. Next, the VA describes CPT as, "(It) teaches you to reframe negative thoughts about the trauma. It involves talking with your provider about your negative thoughts and doing short writing assignments." Essentially, you are rewriting your opinion of the traumatic event(s) by rewiring your brain. This is not to diminish the actual event(s), rather to minimize your response(s). Finally, the VA states EMDR, "Helps you process and make sense of your trauma. It involves calling the trauma to mind while paying attention to a back-and-forth movement or sound (like a

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finger waving side to side, a light, or a tone). Interestingly, EMDR mimics eye movements during REM sleep, which is the period of sleep where thought processing/reprocessing occurs.

In addition to psychotherapy, some veterans with PTSD could benefit from medication. My perspective on drug therapy is that if a veteran is in a downward spiral, antidepressants could provide a 'floor' to prevent descent into the abyss. A commonly prescribed class of antidepressants are selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). The label 'antidepressant' is usually a deterrent when people seek help; these drugs not only help with depression, but also sleep, nightmares, irritability, anxiety, and panic attacks. There are many drug options and you need to speak with your doctor. Please note that any antidepressant can take up to 6 weeks for results. This causes many people to discontinue usage, and, unfortunately, sudden stoppage can cause a worsening of symptoms.

Finally, exercise can help decrease symptoms of both PTSD and CP. I'm not telling you to do PT like on active duty! Find an exercise you enjoy (even somewhat) that doesn't increase your pain levels. Exercise causes your body to naturally release serotonin (just like in antidepressants), which helps your mood, sleep and overall physical well-being. Clear skies, Jill Coles. Reference: VA: https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand tx/tx basics.asp

Cover Photograph - 2nd Row, L-R: 204th AS Airmen, MSgt Brandon Sarceda (Aloha Chapter President), SMSgt Kale Barney, Maj Kalei Ho'opai, and Capt Justin Sato. 1st Row, L-R: TSgt Sean Chang, and 535th AS, 1Lt Andrew Lightsinn, celebrate their arrival at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 31, 2020 after completing a 41-hour aeromedical-evacuation mission. The crew transported prematurely born twins from Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, to Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by SrA John Linzmeier)

#### **East Coast Vice President**

Kent Brown, East Coast VP, Welcome to November - The year is almost over and it has really been a roller coaster year. It started off with a plan to get things done, the organization would grow and we would raise some money. That ended abruptly 3 months in, Covid-19, put a stop to everything. The Golden West chapter had started planning for the Gathering of Loads (GOL) convention in San Diego next year and Covid has put a damper on that. As of now, it's a go and they are going to need help from all of our chapters and individuals of the PLA. In these unprecedented times fundraising is not happening, but the need for money still goes on. For past GOL's the host chapter has reached out to all the other chapters and asked for a donation from each. The GOL is in July 2021 and that doesn't give us much time to help them out. Hopefully the means to fundraise will be available the first of the year, but who knows. If that doesn't happen, maybe just a straight up donation to your chapter or the Golden West chapter (nicole.mcbrearty@us.af.mil) to help with expenses for the GOL. Even if you can't attend please consider giving. You have read my past comments on the subject of money for the GOL. I feel that it has gotten out of hand with what was intended in 2003 when we started hosting GOL's in the "city." That shouldn't deter the Golden West from holding a great GOL. A good subject at the general membership meeting will be

to discuss this further. This is Kent Brown's opinion and I will be glad to discuss it with anyone. I have attended 7 of the last 9 GOL's and hosted 2 of those. They have all been great and Anne & I have had a good time, getting to see old friends and making new ones. I always come back with new knowledge and learn new history about our organization, the USAF, and the military. Before you even read this, I am going to encourage the Liberty & First State Chapters to give something toward the GOL, collect individual donations or give one from the chapter. I will pledge \$100 each from both Anne & I for this. Please consider helping keep this organization great. You can contact me at: heyload@comcast.net

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. United States Military members don't have that problem."

#### **Secretary**

New Secretary e-mail address: buildsmall2jm@icloud.com

Two major donations have been made to the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA). Life Member **RICHARD E. RUSSELL** has made a perpetual \$500.00 donation for a Scholarship in the name of AFRES Senior Enlisted Advisors. An anonymous Life Member made a \$500.00 donation to help defray costs for "The Loader."

NEW MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULE: At the Tacoma Gathering of Loads the membership voted to bring back the One Year membership. New rates: One Year \$25.00, Three Years \$50.00, Ten Years \$150.00, and Lifetime \$250.00.

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. If you renew by mail PLEASE DO NOT send your renewal to the Secretary home address in Iowa; it will be delayed. I have to forward it to the PLA P.O. Box so it can be deposited in the PLA account. You may also pay online thru the PLA website. When paying, print and save your receipt to confirm your payment in case a question should arise.

**ELECTRONIC "The Loader:" Thank you** to the **137 stateside** and **7 overseas** members, who have agreed to accept "The Loader" electronically. You have saved the association postage costs.

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 buildsmall2jm@icloud.com, or thru www.loadmasters. com at CONTACT US, or (319) 936-2154. Remember to speak slowly and distinctly so we can copy your information down.

**DECEASED LOADMASTERS:** If you suspect or know that a PLA member or a non-member Loadmaster has

passed, please contact the secretary at buildsmall2jm@icloud.com, and the necessary action will be taken.

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 to locate the next of kin (mailing address, telephone number, email address, etc). CHARLES E. BUCHER (Big Country), \*RODNEY E. CLAPPER (Alabama), \*DONALD J. FLAVIN (Big Country), CLAUDE "FRENCHY" FERRAND (Big Country), \*ELMORE JACKSON (Southeast), \*ROBERT C. JOHNSON (Indiana), \*EDWARD R. MEZA (Alamo), ROBERT C. RODEMEYER (Golden West). If anyone has any contact information please contact the secretary at buildsmall2jm@icloud.com.

PLA MEMBERSHIP AS OF: 1 November 2020

#### TOTAL ACTIVE MEMBERS: 992 (11 Lost Loadmasters)

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*Branski, John L.	Tacoma, WA	Nov	2011
*Clay, Christopher S.	Arlington, VA	Nov	2011
*Downey, Daniel	Abilene, TX	Jul	2012
*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
*Taff, Brendan G.	Rio Ranch, NM	Mar	2019
*Terrell, David L.	APO AE	Nov	2015

## **Treasurer Report**

Chris Dockery, Treasurer - As of October 15, 2020 the Professional Loadmaster Association has a total of \$5,380.98 in checking and \$21,766.61 in savings. Total Assets \$27,152.59.

## "The Loader" Editor

Bill Weeper, "The Loader" Editor - With the COVID-19 pandemic still around, there have been very few chapter meetings. The good news is the Aloha Chapter has met and installed new chapter officers. A new chapter was formed called the Arizona Chapter (Rescue West) thanks to the efforts of Curt Snyder, Mark Raymond and others. And The Rock Chapter has had meetings and enabled their chapter members to view the meetings on a Facebook live stream. Congratulations to the 2019 PLA Loadmaster of

the Year Award winners. Please take a look at the Loadmaster Silver Star project starting on page 10. I would like to thank MASSIF (Mike Walters), Capewell (Jared Burns), Loadmaster Tool Kit (Larry Crain) and Meathead Ed's Food Truck (Kyle and Kathy Disney) for being sponsors of the PLA. For those of you who know anyone who would like to be a sponsor of the PLA and/or "The Loader" please have them get in touch with me at weeperjr@satx.rr.com. I will be happy to send them a Media/ Press Kit. We can acknowledge the sponsor's company in "The Loader" with their name, company logo, and contact information. A full page acknowledgement 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.

#### 2019 Loadmaster of the Year Awards

Kathy Disney, Professional Loadmaster Association National President - It is my honor to present the Loadmasters who have been selected as the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) 2019 Loadmaster of the Year Award winners. The award is named after Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) William Cannon who was a Loadmaster for 30 years, instrumental in the design of the C-17 and the founder of our organization. CMSgt Cannon was posthumously inducted into the Airlift/Tanker Association Hall of Fame, one of six "Pathfinder Loadmasters" recognized for their contributions to the C-17A design. This annual award identifies and recognizes the outstanding contributions of a Loadmaster for sustained excellence to include superior contributions supporting and promoting the Loadmaster profession. These Loadmasters were selected as being the best of the best Loadmasters from 6 MAJCOMs and all represented by our organization's 14 chapters; a prestigious award for exemplary accomplishments! The PLA is a non-profit organization which supports and promotes civilian and military Loadmasters. We recognize Loadmaster accomplishments with award recognitions, support Loadmasters and their family members with annual scholarships, and promote the career with our biennial "Gathering of Loads" convention. The work that these Loadmasters have done certainly stood out above and beyond all the other submissions from our 14 chapters nationwide, and overseas locations. The winners of these awards are:

**Airman category** - SrA Christopher R. Carmody, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB Germany

**NCO category** - TSgt Joshua R. Daigle, 37th Airlift Squadron, Ramstein AB Germany

**SNCO category** - MSgt Paul O. Garcia, 821st Contingency Response Group, Travis AFB, CA

**Civilian category** - Mr. Mario E. Barrios, 618 Air Operations Center, Scott AFB, IL

#### Aloha Chapter

Aloha Chapter President, Brandon Sarceda - Here's some input from the Aloha Chapter, as myself (204th AS, LM, Traditional Guardsman, President) and Josh Moracco (204th AS, LM, GS Technician, Secretary) and Christopher Massey (535th AS, LM, Active Duty, Treasurer) have recently taken over the reigns as of October 1, 2020 from Chris Baker and his team. Community Service: Although we are a very small team, we have already accomplished a task that is near and dear to all of us: supporting

families affected by COVID-19. As the 154th Hawaii Air National Guard (HIANG) had recently extended the 'Pono Pantry' (a grab and go pantry filled with a variety of perishable foods and essential items) to our Active Duty, Hawaii Army National Guard and Civil Service Ohana, we quickly identified an immediate need of our HIANG Chaplains and donated 'solar powered motion lighting. This immediate effort we thought, would provide those families and individuals an 'at-will' option to take advantage of the panty and the many donated goods, versus during working and daylight hours. Since the install, our Chaplain has mentioned that goods have been flying off the shelves! Fundraiser: SAVE THE DATE: We have secured a date and location for a 'Golf Tournament Fundraiser' on February 19, 2021, to be held at Kbay's Klipper Course, Honolulu, HI. I've reached out to the PLA President, Chief Kathy Disney, and she mentioned that 'she just may make out here to join us!' This event will be a joint effort with our Aloha Chapter and also our HIANG 1st Sgt Council, as everyone will be more than welcome to participate: AD, HIANG, Retirees, UPS/ FEDEX loaders, other Chapter Members, etc!!!! More information to come as we will begin planning efforts by end of this month. As always, this event will be TBD due to any impacts by COVID! Other Unit Highlights: As a Total Force Integration association, the 204th AS and 535th AS have recently accomplished quite a bit of HIGH VIZ missions during these COVID-19 times. Aloha!

## **Alamo Chapter**

Bill Weeper, Alamo Chapter Member - Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter. On October 12, 2019 we had an executive meeting with Andy Vaquera, Bill Weeper, Ralph Bemis and Doug Rasur. The discussion revolved around the future of the Alamo Chapter. It was decided to keep the chapter going. Since then Covid 19 pandemic hit and we have not had any chapter meetings nor do we expect to have any for the foreseeable future, maybe next year. The Alamo Chapter has sponsored a Loadmaster classroom (along with sponsoring a breakroom for all enlisted aviators) at the Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence/Basic Loadmaster Course (CEA/CoE/BLM) and we had been working on a Silver Star Loadmaster project. There are 5 living Silver Star Loadmaster recipients (that we know of) and we are honoring them by having their photographs, Silver Star award certificate, Silver Star citation and biographies printed and framed. These will eventually be placed on a wall in the Alamo Chapter sponsored classroom for all to see. Since the Alamo Chapter has not been out to the CEA/CoE/BLM since the Covid 19 pandemic we thought it would be great to duplicate the Silver Star Loadmaster project in this issue of "The Loader." Please see my comments below and then turn to page 10 to see a mini version of our project. Andy Vaquera will send out notice for the upcoming meetings or events by email, text or telephone call. Andy Vaquera is our President/Treasurer. If you have any questions, feel free to contact him at (210) 559-7487, andyvaquera@sbcglobal.net.

I have been thinking about our Loadmaster heroes lately. Since his heroic actions over Long Binh Army Post, Vietnam in February 1969, as an AC-47 Loadmaster, Medal of Honor recipient John Levitow has become an icon of the United States Air Force (USAF) enlisted corps. He was a Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) member and the Association has a \$1,000.00 scholarship named for him. A C-17, *The Spirit of John Levitow* was named after him and the USAF has numerous Professional Military Education and other awards named in his honor.

But you may not be aware that as of October 29, 2020, as far as we know, there are 5 living Loadmasters who have received the Silver Star medal. It is the third highest award that can be awarded to a member of the United States Armed Forces for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States. At previous Gathering of Loads (GoL) conventions, we have been privileged to meet these and other Loadmaster heroes as we listened to their stories to learn how they survived a combat or other grave situation or how they earned some of our country's highest military awards. If you go to a future GoL, introduce yourself to them, thank them for their service, and for sharing their stories with you. Please spread the word to other Loadmasters about these Loadmaster heroes so we can make them as well-known as John Levitow. They deserve this honor, and the Loadmaster community, as a whole, needs to know more about them and their exploits. They are truly great Loadmasters. The five living Silver Star recipients are: Charlie Armistead, Ralph Bemis, Parnell Fisher, David McCleese and Ron Sharp. You will find, photographs taken of each of them about the time they were awarded the Silver Star as well as a more recent photograph. I have also included their award certificates and citations, along with their biographies, if available.

#### **Arizona Chapter (Rescue West)**

Curt Snyder, Arizona Chapter (Rescue West) President - Hello! It is a pleasure to introduce the Professional Loadmaster Association's newest chapter, The Arizona Chapter (Rescue West). I am the chapter president, MSgt Curt Snyder. We welcome Loadmasters from any background; however, we mainly consist of active duty Loads from Davis-Monthan AFB, assigned to the 79th Rescue Squadron (RQS) and the Air Force's largest rescue group, the 563rd Rescue Group. Here at the 79th we operate the HC-130J Combat King II aircraft, of which we have 7 total aircraft assigned to us. We have a very small number of Loadmasters within the unit, but we still project a very large footprint as we continually deploy our members throughout the world in support of the combat search and rescue mission. The 79th RQS has currently spent 14 of the last 20 months deployed in some capacity, not to include participating in the many large force exercises around the world. Along with our steady deployment and training schedule, the 79th RQS has also been involved in several civil search and rescue missions over the past year. Most recently, a shipping vessel over 500 miles offshore of California requested medical help for a crewmember with life threatening injuries. Because of the great distance involved, the 79th was called upon for support. A rescue team was quickly assembled and an HC-130J, two HH-60's and a small PJ team were soon airborne heading west. The HC-130J crew spotted the vessel first, and airdropped the PJs and flight doc into the ship with the patient in need of urgent care. The HH-60s picked up the patient and medical team and headed

back to a capable medical facility on the mainland. The HC-130J provided the HH-60's with fuel via multiple helicopter airto-air refueling opportunities to ensure the crews made it back to mainland safely. Another life saved! This is the kind of missions that make being a Combat Search and Rescue Loadmaster all worth it! These things we do that others may live! Our Chapter officers are President: Curt Snyder, corasn83@gmail.com, 505-900-1521; VP: Dane Kirkendall, 360-790-7827; Secretary: Austin Storrs, jetlagged4247@gmail.com, 707-688-0892; Treasurer: Dillon Howell, dillonhowell1967@gmail.com, and Trustee: Dave Henson, 520-904-9358. For more information on our chapter please visit https://www.facebook.com/ArizonaChapterRescueWest/. Let me know if you have any questions? - Curt

## **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. Mike Oxley is our Secretary and Kent Brown is our Treasurer and the East Coast Vice President. The Liberty Chapter is centered around Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. We normally hold our meetings the 2nd Saturday of each month. Due to Covid-19 we have not had a meeting in a while. Our normal meeting place, the Garden State Diner, has completely shut down. I hope we can get back to normal soon. We had a small get-together on August 30, 2020. It was so nice to get together with some good friends. We kept it small and simple. We had burgers, hotdogs, a few sides and icecream for dessert. This was hosted by J.P. and Barb Salisbury. We are so lucky to have them associated with our chapter. For those of you who don't know, J.P. is planning on retiring early next year. They plan on moving to their place in N.Y. permanently. This will be a big loss for our chapter. We wish them well as they start a new chapter in their lives. We were finally able to get our C-141 Starlifter Memorial Bench placed at the memorial park at McGuire. I would like to thank Kent Brown for all his work in making this happen. I would also like to thank Matt O'Hare and Phil Julie for their help with pouring the concrete pad. The bench was donated by the 57<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Association. I believe their goal is to have a bench at all C-141 Starlifter Memorials. Special thanks to Woodie Hall from the 57<sup>TH</sup> Alumni Association for his efforts in making this happen. The bench looks great. It sits next to some other benches at the memorial that were made out of 141 loading ramps. As a chapter we have been struggling in these strange times. We have a lot of older chapter members and the pandemic has had a huge effect on their lives. We have some members with underlying medical conditions and they have had to spend a great deal of time at home. We had a member recently pass and I watched the family struggle to make arrangements while trying to adhere to all the social distancing rules. I tried to help them make arrangements for a small gathering of family and friends after the service. Due to all the restrictions we were not able to make it happen. I am sure that other chapters are experiencing the same thing. I am looking forward to an end to all this and getting back to normal. I was recently looking back at some of our old chapter records. I came across our first meeting minutes and the roster from that meeting. It took place on August 26, 1999 at the McGuire Enlisted Club. J.P. Salisbury was the President. Shem Miller was the Vice President. We had Robert Morris the East Coast Vice President in attendance. In all we had 17 Loadmasters. I have watched things change over the years. In the beginning we had lots of members participating and we did many events together. I have seen an ebb and flow of participation over the years. I feel things are different now. We have no participation from our younger Loadmasters. I am worried about what will happen to this chapter when the last few of its founding members retire and leave this area. I would really love to see this chapter and this organization thrive. I am not really sure how to make that happen. I will do all I can until I retire. I am asking that our younger members pick up the torch and help this organization grow. We plan on resuming our chapter meetings soon. We will be using Zoom for this.



The C-141 Starlifter Memorial Bench donated by the 57th Alumni Association in front of the C-141 at the McGuire Memorial Park

## The First State Chapter

Benjamin Fay, First State Secretary - The First State Chapter has been busy flying the mission! COVID flying is not fun, it seems like the crew bus is the only time we are allowed to hang out together.



On the crew bus L-R: barely visible is A1CZachary Johnson - LM, MSgt Benjamin Fay - LM, SSgt Adrain Soto - FE, SrAJaidlee Adams - FCC and A1C Taylor Robinson - LM

On a different note, MSgt Rayman will be headed to OTS soon as an RPA pilot and MSgt Khamone will be headed to Scott AFB to take over C-5 Loadmaster training. We have about \$350 left in our account but we have a fundraiser planned to raise money to fund a professional development event once the State of Delaware lets large groups gather again.

## Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark Raymond, Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter President - We continue to NOT have any chapter meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have prided our chapter in the excellent commitment to having our chapter meetings just about every month since 1998. This has been tough on our chapter and especially me. I continue to try and keep in contact with all are local members, the best I can. Hopefully, we will be able to get together soon. As mentioned in the last "The Loader," our annual American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" which we support was cancelled. Fortunately, Gabe Escamilla, team captain, continues to participate with the local organizers to keep us up to date as best as he can. In addition, the Sonoma Raceway NASCAR and NHRA events were cancelled. These were a great source of revenue for our chapter to support our annual scholarship and Christmas Party. Nevertheless, we are still planning our Christmas Party in December and hope this pandemic is over or contained by then. As I always do in this newsletter I want to thank all those loyal members that have continued to support our local chapter since 1998. A great tribute to those members who continue to support our chapter. On the downside, we lost a very loyal chapter member, Mitchel "Mitch" Marquez on September 28, 2020. A great man and a professional Loadmaster, he will be missed. Funeral services are planned on October 13,

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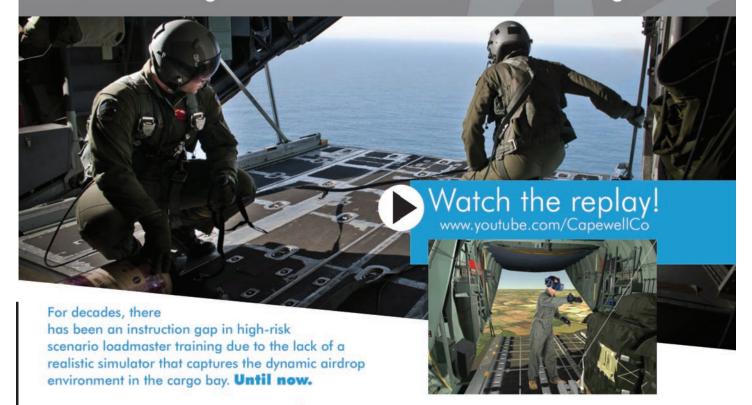
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Jared Burns Director of Operations, Capewell Aerial Systems



Stuart Hooker Business Development Executive, Pennant International Group plc



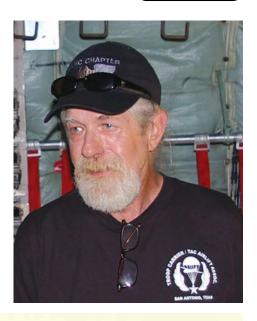
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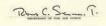
SERGEANT WILLIAM C. ARMISTRAD

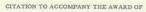
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THE SILVER STAR

TO

WILLIAM C. ARMISTEAD

Sergeant William C. Armistead distinguished himself by gallasitry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a C-130E Leademaster for the 345th Tactical Airfulf Squadron at An Loc, Republic of Victoriam, on 18 April 1972. On that date, Sergeant Armistead flew a tactical emergency low level resupply mission of critically needed ammention to a besieged concentration of allied forces located in a heavily defended hostile area. While delivering his cargo Sergeant Armistead aircraft was so severely damaged from hostile anti-aircraft fire that a crash landing was required. During the entire operation, Sergeant Armistead's professionalism and performance significantly contributed to the first successful crash landing of a C-130E without the loss of life in a combat environment. By his gallantry and devotion to daty, Sergeant Armistead has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



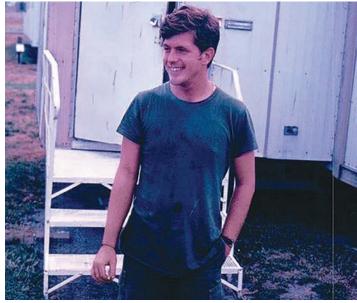




William C. "Charlie" Armistead was born on October 19, 1951 in Atlanta GA. He is the son of William Roan & Sara Ann Armistead. In his teens he worked at a gas station. He graduated from Gordon High School in Decatur GA on June 7, 1969. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on June 27, 1969 and went to basic training at Lackland AFB TX. He chose Aircraft Loadmaster from a list of five choices and Loadmaster being the last choice. He went to the Basic Loadmaster Course at Sheppard AFB TX and graduated October 21, 1969. Charlie's first assignment was at 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Pope AFB NC, where he went to Langley AFB VA and flew on local trainers supporting the 82nd Airborne. He also qualified there in Heavy Equipment and Container Delivery System (CDS) airdrop. He went to Survival School at Fairchild AFB WA and water survival school at Homestead AFB FL. Then in May 1971 he assigned to the 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Ching Chuan Kang Air Base (CCK) Taiwan, on the C-130E. He went to jungle survival school at Clark AB PI. His first time in Vietnam was to Tan Son Nhut Air Base for 15 days. He airdropped at An Loc on April 15 and 16, 1972. He was shot down on April 18, 1972 on an airdrop mission to An Loc. While getting ready to airdrop CDS containers containing ammo, the aircraft he was flying on was shot up. Ralph Bemis was the other Loadmaster. With ammo going off inside the aircraft Charlie and Ralph jettisoned the CDS containers. The aircraft eventually crash landed but all crewmembers survived. That day was the anniversary of the Doolittle Raid on Japan in World War II. Charlie sustained a bullet round above the elbow and lacerations to his head. For his actions during the mission he was awarded the Silver Star. While at CCK, he was sent to Det 6, 6th Aerial Port Squadron (APS), Aerial Delivery, where he was Joint Airborne Inspector (JAI) qualified. This was done by having Ft. Lee VA instructors sent to the 6th Aerial Port Squadron to have a JAI class. He flew missions to Pleiku Air Base Vietnam air landing 2 ½ ton trucks and trailers. On October 31, 1972 he left for the 2<sup>nd</sup> APS at Little Rock AFB AR. On October 1, 1973 he went back to CCK Det 6, 6th APS as a SSgt. He moved from CCK to Clark AB PI with Det 6, 6th APS in November 1973. He participated in Easter Bunny Aidrops (Project Scootce) 1974 and 1975 to resupply Cambodia by airdrops and airland. This was a major airlift of supplies to the besieged city of Phnom Penh Cambodia. When C-130's came under Military Airlift Command in 1975 he was assigned to the 374<sup>th</sup> APS Combat Mobility Branch (CMB). He was on a mobility team working C-130's when Saigon fell and he was helicoptered out to a naval ship. In January 1979 he got out of the Air Force but stayed at Clark AB PI (Angeles City). He reenlisted in the Air Force Reserves and was assigned to the 707th Military Airlift Squadron (MAS), 315th Military Airlift Wing (MAW) at Charleston AFB SC from 1980 - October 1981 as a C-141A/B Loadmaster. He returned to active duty as a TSgt at Pope AFB NC, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Aerial Port Squadron (MAPS). He had an assignment to the USAF Airlift Center (ALCENT), Operational Test & Evaluation at Pope AFB from 1981 to 1983. In 1983 he went back to the 3rd MAPS to serve as Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) of Joint Airborne Inspector (JAI) Branch, NCOIC of 3<sup>rd</sup> MAPS Loadmasters, and as Assistant Superintendent of Operations in 3<sup>rd</sup> MAPS as a MSgt. During his Air Force career he also participated in Bladder missions, and airdropped one BLU-82. He was qualified as a Basic, Instructor and Flight Examiner Loadmaster. He was also Rigger and Joint Airborne Inspector qualified. On August 1, 1992 he retired from the Air Force. In civilian life Charlie worked at Kirtland AFB AZ for 2 years in courseware development in the Special Operation Squadron/Aircrew Training System for the MC-130H Talon 2. He then went on to work at Universal Studios on the Lost World movies working on the helicopter slings designing the lift points and doing weight and balance for 3 months. He also worked as a Sound Engineer for some rock bands. In 2003 he went into the pest control business owning "My Bug Guyz." His son Robert works for him concentrating on state contracts and bids. Charlie is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Professional Loadmaster Association, Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association and American Legion. His hobbies include motorcycles and old cars. He was married to Iena Carrington and has 2 children; Sara born in 1981, and Robert born in 1985. Charlie currently lives in Albuquerque NM.

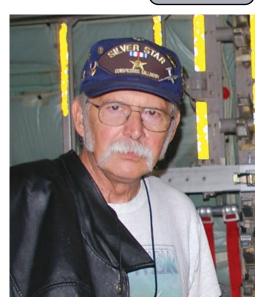


A VALIANT TEAM—Sgt. David S. McAleece, front row, center, recently received the Silver Star, the mation's third highest honor, from Col. Andrew P. lovae, 374th TAW commander, in a presentation ceremony, SSgt. Charles L. Shaub, standing, fourth from left, was awarded a Victnamese Cross for Galantry and a Purple Heart, while TSgt. Ralph W. Kent, Jr. standing, far right, also received a Purple Heart. These men, as well as all others pictured, also received the Distinguished Flying Cross. Pictured, from left, are: front row—Sgt. Luther B. Williams, Sgt. Jeffery K. Vohs, Sgt. McAleece, Sgt. Theordore J. Coleman and TSgt. Samuel F. McGoldrick: standing—Sgt. William C. Baker, TSgt. Beng. R. Kerlin, SSgt. Hector Leyva, SSgt. Shaub, Sgt. Michael L. Wright, SSgt. Stephen A. Zireka, SSgt. Robert D. Frey, MSgt. Gerald W. Burgert, Sgt. William C. Baker, TSgt. Beng. Christ. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Jim Bellamy).











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STAFF SERGEANT RALPH T. BEMIS, II

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

8 April 1972

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THIS 31st DAY OF August 1972







THE STIVER STAR

RALPH T. BEMIS II

Staff Sergeant Halph T. Bends II distinguished bisself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opcosing area force as a C-1308 Leadmanter for the 50th Tantical Mirlitt Segarden at An Loc, Republic of Victume, on 15 April 1972. On that date, Dergeant Bends files a tactical escrepcy 10 Areal receptly missed or critically needed smunntinen to a besinged concentration of allied forces located bends' sirrerit was no severely damaged from boutle and—afterwart fire bands' sirrerit was no severely damaged from boutle min-sirrerit fire that a crash landing was required. During the entire operation, Sergean Bends performed all tanks, both normal and essegment, with profession—alies and precision thereby significantly contributing to the first sections of life. By this gallantry and devotion to city, Sergeant Bands has reflected great credit upon hisself and the United States Air Force.







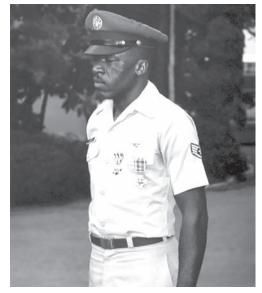
Ralph T. Bemis II was born August 30, 1947 in Terra Haute IN to Ralph and Doris Bemis. Ralph attended Otter Creek Grade School and Garfield High School in Terra Haute IN, graduating May 1965. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on August 19, 1965. He went to basic training at Lackland AFB TX in August and September of 1965. Because of the need for Loadmasters he did not finish basic training and the Air Force decided to send him to technical school early. He went to Sheppard AFB TX for Basic Loadmaster School and graduated as Airman Basic. In November 1965 he was assigned to the 347th Troop Carrier Squadron, Dyess AFB TX (Abilene TX) arriving as an Airman Basic, and then promoted to Airman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. He qualified in the C-130 as basic, airdrop and PNAF qualified Loadmaster in April 1966. It was in this squadron he had his first trip to Vietnam as a student Loadmaster. In 1968 he was assigned to the 29th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Clark AB PI on C-130B. He checked out during 1968 Tet Offensive. During this time he was promoted to SSgt. He had 40 combat airdrops at Khe Sanh Combat Base, Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, during the Battle of Khe Sanh (January 21 – July 9, 1968). Airdrops consisted of Container Delivery System (CDS) and Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System (LAPES). CDS loads contained food and ammo. Five LAPES were accomplished dropping barrier material. One airland mission was also accomplished dropping off ammo. Ralph moved to F-Troop within the 29th Tactical Airlift Squadron where he was the 7th Loadmaster checked out airdropping M121's, a 10,000 pound TNT bomb and later BLU82s. He accomplished LAPES drops at Katum Special Forces Camp in northern Tây Ninh Province, South Vietnam. He participated in Crispy Critter (Operations Inferno and Banish Beach) jungle burning operations which was done by CDS airdrop but with no parachutes. Four fifty-five gallon drums were filled with old oil, hydraulic oil, and JP4 mixed together. The mixture was ignited by smoke grenades attached to static lines. When the CDS loads exited the aircraft, the smoke grenade pins were pulled. Sixteen CDS containers were dropped by each aircraft and there were about 5 or 6 aircraft in the formation. He supported Old McDonald missions where he would bring in cows, vegetables, and other livestock to be rigged for airdrop by C-7's in support of special forces camps. Some cows were shot at greenlight and free fell to the ground. He left Clark AB in 1969 as a SSgt and went to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron, Sewart AFB TN, on C-130E's. In July 1969 he upgraded to Instructor Loadmaster. In March 1970 while in the 62<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron he participated in moving the whole wing to Little Rock AFB AR and closing Sewart AFB TN. He then went to Survival School at Fairchild AFB WA and Jungle Survival School at Clark AB PI in May and June 1971. His next assignment was to the 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Ching Chuan Kang Air Base (CCK), Taiwan in June 1971, where he was an Instructor Loadmaster for 3 to 4 months. He then upgraded to Wing Standardization Evaluation Loadmaster and BLU-82 Evaluator in 1971 and 1972. On April 18, 1972 on the third day of airdrops at An Loc, while getting ready to airdrop CDS containers containing ammo, the aircraft he was flying on was shot up. Charlie Armistead was the other Loadmaster. With ammo going off inside the aircraft Ralph and Charlie jettisoned the CDS containers. The aircraft eventually crash landed but all crewmembers survived. That day was the anniversary of the Doolittle Raid on Japan in World War II. Ralph spent five weeks in a field hospital at Tan Son Nhut Air Base and three months at Scott AFB IL hospital for a broken elbow which needed traction. For his actions during the mission he was awarded the Silver Star. After his release from the hospital he was assigned to the 62<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron Little Rock AFB AR where he was an Instructor Loadmaster. He then moved to the Replacement Training Unit (RTU) as a Standardization Evaluation Loadmaster flying C-130E and evaluated mostly Saudi Arabian students. He was then assigned to the 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB AR, December 1974 as an Instructor Loadmaster and then as an Squadron Standardization Evaluator Loadmaster. The squadron closed at CCK then built up at Little Rock AFB AR. The squadron which he helped to build up then became the best squadron in the 1975 Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). He was LAPES qualified along with 3 other Loadmasters. He was sent to Clark AB PI for the Saigon evacuation. He was standby for Mayaguez rescue, then the Vietnam War was over. He went from Clark AB PI to Anderson AFB Guam shuttling refugees, then back to Little Rock AFB AR. In 1976 as a TSgt he moved to 62<sup>nd</sup> Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB AR, as an Instructor Loadmaster and then went to the RTU as a Flight Examiner Loadmaster. He also was a squadron scheduler and admin upgraded to Wing Standardization Evaluation Loadmaster. He moved to the 61st Tactical Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB AR, in 1983 and was an Instructor Loadmaster and also augmented Wing Standardization and Evaluation. He was an Assistant Non Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC), Chief Scheduler, and also filled in as 1st Sergeant while in Honduras. On March 1, 1986 he retired as MSgt after spending over 20 years on the Lockheed C-130B, E, and H Hercules. He attended college at Southern Technical College through the Veterans Administration (VA) Disability Program as a Design Drafter and graduated May 1988. On April 1, 1988 he began working for numerous metal building companies for about 5 years designing blueprints for buildings to go to the shop to be fabricated. He worked his way up from basic drafter to checker to second in charge of the drafting department until 2012, when he turned 65, retired, and began to draw social security. Associations include: Professional Loadmaster Association, Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association, Distinguished Flying Cross Society, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and gardening. He has three children, Crystal, Starla, and a stepson David. He currently lives in Kerrville Texas.



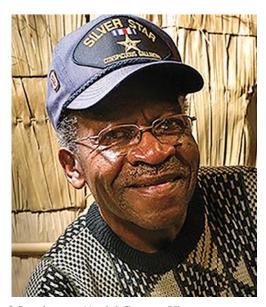












MSgt (Ret) Parnell Fisher is a decorated war veteran, who served 22 years in the United States Air Force. Currently of Jacksonville Arkansas, Fisher was born in Wilmar, Arkansas, and grew up in Bauxite and Benton, Arkansas. After his junior year at Dunbar High School in Little Rock in 1950, he enlisted in the Air Force. He was initially assigned to an Air Police Squadron after completing basic training, but throughout his career he brought his expertise to eight different Air Force specialties.

After fulfilling his commitment to the Air Force, he returned home to get his GED and used his GI Bill benefits to go to college and earn a Bachelor's degree in Education from Arkansas Baptist College. He reenlisted in the Air Force and met his wife, Vermond, in 1960 while stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

It was as an AC-47 Loadmaster that he earned the Silver Star, the military's third-highest award. Fisher saved the life of the crew and the aircraft by managing to toss out a prematurely exploded flare from the aircraft.

After 22 years of service, Fisher retired as a master sergeant in 1977.

#### **EDUCTAION**

1958 Bachelor of Science, Education, Arkansas Baptist College

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

1950 Air Police Sq, BW1 AB, Greenland

1951 Fire Department, BW1 AB, Greenland

1952 Vehicle Operator, Olmstead AB, PA

1953 Aircraft Repair, Sheppard AFB, TX

1953 B-29 Aerial Gunner, Korea

1954 KC-97 Inflight Refueling Specialist, Mc Dill AFB, FL Break In Service

1959 KB-50 Inflight Refueling Specialist, Langley AFB, VA

1963 C-130E Aircraft Loadmaster, Dyess AFB, TX

1966 AC-47 Aircraft Loadmaster/Aerial Gunner, Vietnam 1967 C-130A Aircraft Loadmaster, Tachikawa, Japan 1970 C-141A/B Aircraft Loadmaster, McGuire AFB, NJ 1971 C-130B Aircraft Loadmaster, Forbes AFB, KS 1972 Vehicle Maintenance Training NCO, Kunsan AB, Korea 1973 Vehicle Maintenance, Wiesbaden/Lindsey AB, Germany 1976 Vehicle Maintenance, Ramstein AB, Germany 1977 Vehicle Maintenance, Little Rock AFB, AR

#### FLIGHT INFORMATION

Flight hours: More than 5,200

Aircraft flown: B-29, KC-97, KB-50, C-130A/B/E, AC-47,

C-141A/B

Chief Enlisted Aircrew Badge

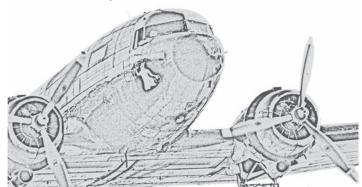
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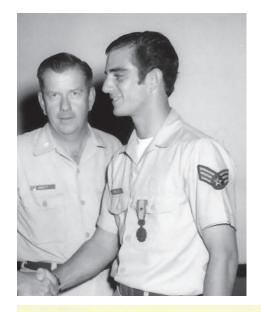
Silver Star

Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster

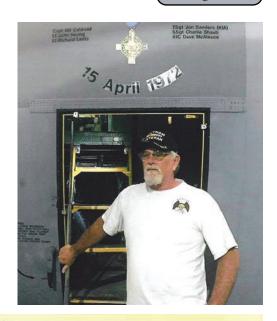
**ALSO SEE - 80-year-old Silver Star recipient still serves on the Rock**. By Staff Sgt. Jacob Barreiro, 19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs / Published March 14, 2013:

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ROBALD W. SHARE

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Senior Master Sergeant Ronald W. Sharp retired as the 314th Wing Chief Loadmaster and Functional Manager at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, July 1, 1998. SMSGT Sharp was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. SMSgt Sharp entered Air Force Basic Training on May 18, 1966. From there he went to the Loadmaster Technical School at Sheppard AFB, Texas, then to Pope AFB, North Carolina, as a Loadmaster on C-130E aircraft. He was then assigned to the 345 ALS at CCK Taiwan as a two-striper. His crew was a lead crew, LAPES-qualified and nuclear-material-qualified. He was also an Instructor, and at that time the squadrons were flying hard crews, flying with the same people most of the time. He received the Silver Star, a Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, and flew over 209 combat missions in Vietnam. After his departure from CCK he went to the 436th Aerial Port Squadron (MAC), Dover Air Force Base DE, flying on C-133 and C-141s. He was working at Lockheed on the C-5 when he got out of the Air Force January 19, 1970, and went back to college on a football scholarship. He got married and reentered the Air Force June 21, 1971 with an assignment to the 75 MAS at Travis AFB, California, flying on C-5's again as initial cadre. He got out of the Air Force again on June 28, 1975 and became a licensed contractor with 26 men working for him until June 6, 1980. He reentered the Air Force and was assigned to the 75 MAS again.

He had a TS-SCI/SBI security clearance and was assigned to the 60th ALCE flying classified missions all over the world from June 15, 1982, until March 15, 1984. Then he was assigned to the 435 ALCS at Rhein Main AB, Germany, as the Superintendent from September 25, 1990 to September 30, 1991. During operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, deploying to six different countries, he became the Military Airlift Command expert on the Russian AN-124. From Germany he went to 314 ALCS at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas as the Superintendent until March 15, 1994. He was hand-picked for the 53 MAS C-130 Training Squadron at the Schoolhouse as Superintendent. SMSgt Sharp became the Chief Loadmaster of the 314 Wing in April 1995, in charge of two operational squadrons and two training squadrons until the Wing split to AMC and AETC and he took over the AETC Wing at Little Rock, then retired July 1, 1998. SMSgt Sharp is a graduate of the Airman Leadership School, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He also attended the Academic Instructor and Foreign Officer School. He has four degrees: one Academic Instructor Degree, a degree in Logistics Management from the Community College of the Air Force, a degree in Business, and a degree from Pitt State in Building Design and Construction. SMSgt Sharp is also a licensed home inspector, FEMA inspector and a general contractor. During his career SMSgt Sharp has flown on the C-130, C-133, C-141, and the C-5 and has over 7800 hours of flight time. His decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 OLC, Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 OLC, Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 OLC, Air Force Medal with 4 OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLC, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal with 1 OLC, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 5 OLC, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Combat Readiness Medal, Good Conduct Medal with 6 OLC, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Military Education Ribbon with 2 OLC, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 1 OLC, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 OLC, Air Force Short Tour Ribbon, and Air Force Long Tour Ribbon.

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2020 with burial at the Sacramento Valley Memorial Cemetery. We have been having our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club) and hope to continue those meetings soon. If you have any question, please contact me at mark.raymond@att.net or mark.raymond@kc10ts.com.

## 57th Alumni Reunion LMs October 16, 2020



57th Alumni Loadmaster Photograph, L-R: Chuck Avery, Grady Woosley, Cary Martin, Wim Wetzel, Curt Greca, Mike Welch, Tom Saucier, and Larry Giles

## 2020 TC/TAA Reunion LM's October 24, 2020



FrontRow: Bill Baker, Mike Wright, Rich Klindt, Mike Welch, Larry Giles, Doug Rasar Next Rows: Andy Vaquera, Ralph Bemis, Brent Richburg, Al Capone, Howard Holden

## **MACVSO Invitation - E2020**

Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers (MACVSO) President Greg Peterson (Alamo Chapter member) shares a video invitation to participate in the first-ever E2020 event for Minnesota Veterans and Military. http://bit.ly/MACVSOE2020 Also check out his MACVSO Mental Health Fitness Buddy Check video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=174QfL8Rxag

## 2020 -2021 PLA Membership Roster



The following PLA members whose names are in RED are missing an E-MAIL ADDRESS and/or PHONE NUMBER in the National Secretary's database. Contact John H. Moore at: buildsmall2jm@icloud.com to update your information. \*\* Lifetime Membership Roster current as of November 1, 2020.

Absher, Dean C. \*\* Adams, Kevin \*\*

Ahlers, Steven Akins, Charles E. \* Albright, Reynold L. \*\* Alexander, Benjamin \*\* Alexander, Jayne \*\* Allard, Henry Allen, Bill \*\* Allen, John L. \*\* Allison, Larry S. \*\* Andersen, Brian \*\* Anderson, Jason \*\* Annas, Robert \*\* Anthony, Christopher Armstrong, Scott P. \*\* Askew. Wes \*\* Aubrev, Arnold L. \*\* Aust, James H. \*\* Avery, Aaron \*\* Avery, Charles J. \*\* Baade, Walter A. \*\* Baarda, James J. \*\* Bailey, Douglas S. \*\* Bailey, Kasumi \*\* Bailey, Stu \*\* Baird, Jerry L. \*\* Baitsholts, Trevor \*\* Baker, Bodie L. \*\* Baker, Christopher M. \*\* Baker, Linette Ballard, Elisa \*\* Bann, Raymond L. \*\* Bardaro, James D. \*\* Barnes, Ted \*\* Barnes, Thomas Barnett, Ernest W. \*\* Barrett, Nicholas \*\* Barry, Cody A. \*\* Bartlemus, Jeffrey D. \*\* Bartley, Dave \*\* Barto, Larry Jr. \*\* Barton, Steve \*\* Barzee, Matthew G. Bass, Richard V. \*\* Bastiansen, Erik \*\* Baulkman, Joseph Jr. \*\* Beal, John T. Beck, Timothy J. \*\* Becker, Charles F. \*\* Beebe, Alan E. \*\* Beegle, Malcome C. \*\* Beese, Alfred \*\* Begley, Jeff \*\* Bell, Dave \*\* Belland, Mark E. \*\* Bemis, Ralph T. II

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The Professional Loadmaster Association offers condolences to the families and friends of the following Loadmasters whose deaths have been reported to our association. Name underlined denotes a PLA Member. \*Denotes a Lifetime Member.

\*George W. Young Jr., age 82, of Marlton Lakes, NJ, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2020, at home surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Joanne Young (nee Stover). Loving father of Terri Brandel (Frank), the late George Jeffrey Young (Twila - surviving), Barbara Wunsch (Frank), Sandra Young (Ken), and Brian Young (Christi). Proud grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of 6. George was born in Camden, NJ and had resided in Marlton Lakes since 1978. He proudly served in the military, first serving in the Marine Corps, then joining the Air Force in 1977. He was assigned to the 335 MAS as a Loadmaster, and bravely served in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He retired from the Air Force in 1997. George worked as a Business Systems Repairman for NJ Bell Telephone and then AT&T, retiring in December of 1991. In his retirement, he loved to travel and spend winters in Venice, FL with his wife. A visitation will be held on Tuesday July 14, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Leroy P. Wooster Funeral Home and Crematory, 441 White Horse Pike, Atco, NJ. A graveside service and military honors will be held following the visitation at Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown, NJ. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Samaritan Hospice in George's memory.

Mitchel E. Marquez, 78, of Fairfield, California, passed away on Sept. 28, 2020. Mitch was born in Aguilar, Colorado, on Dec. 26, 1941, to Joseph and Flossie Marquez. He graduated from Aguilar High School in 1959. After high school, he worked for Southern Pacific Railroad in Cheyenne, Wyoming, until he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1962. Mitch flew numerous missions to Vietnam, Japan, India and the Philippines. He was honorably discharged in 1964. He was a proud Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an active member of the Professional Loadmasters Association. After his military service Mitch worked at Mare Island Naval Shipyard where he was a pipe-fitter. He continued his education and training and became a Quality Assurance Inspector and then a Quality Assurance Instructor responsible for training inspectors who worked on Nuclear submarines. Mitch retired as a Planner and Estimator from Mare Island in 1989 after 26 years of service. He worked at OEA Aerospace for several years after retiring from Mare Island. He was a private pilot and loved flying. He especially loved taking his family and friends flying with him. Mitch's hobbies included flying, playing musical instruments and working on his property. Mitch will be greatly missed by many but especially by his family. Mitch is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary; younger brother, Joseph (Darlene); nephew, Joseph (Tanya) of Colorado; younger sister, Mae; nephews, Derek (Megan) and Michael of Colorado; four children, Jacqueline (John) Campbell, Mitchel (Jordana) Marquez, Suzanne (Leland) Jones and Christopher Marquez; nine grandchildren, Kimberly (Leon), Brian, Matthew, Gabriela, Jacob, Logan, Lucas, Antonio and Madelyn; and many other extended family and friends. Mitch was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Charlie; sister-in-law, Rose; and his parents. Private services will be held. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the VFW, American Diabetes Association or National Kidney Foundation.

Ernie Blodgett - http://www.nrtoday.com/obits/ernest-roy-ernie-blodgett/article\_0498a864-75c9-5dad-9408-25b097e092a8.html

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Fred Schmidt passed away on Sunday June 14, 2020. Fred was a C-141 Loadmaster in the 7th MAS, Travis AFB CA. No obituary

John Staab - https://obits.oregonlive.com/obituaries/oregon/obituary.aspx?pid=195155716&fbclid=IwAR25JEpaaj6jJtM\_c3EPhZCGXAc8qKPZYL8YLKw2Efs\_HZllyuOTbxFWpIM

Jack Vance - https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fayettevilleobserver/obituary.aspx?n=jack-vance&pid=196808660

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The Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) offers five scholarships annually for College and/or Vocational/Technical School after high school graduation. Current college or vocational/ technical students may apply to complete their educational endeavor. We have two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each named in honor of John L. Levitow and Bill Cannon. These are permanent scholarships. Three additional \$500.00 scholarships, each named for a different deceased Loadmaster, will be awarded each year. Candidates for the selection process must be from PLA members in good standing and their family members (sons, daughters or grandchildren), and are limited to one scholarship per applicant. If exceptional circumstances should arise, the Executive Committee will handle them accordingly. For more information on scholarships go to http://www.loadmasters.com/ scholarships. Applications, located on the PLA website, may be applied for through Jim Engelker at engelkerj@gmail.com.

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 1, 2021 – selection May 2021. All scholarship applications received after that date will be returned. Announcement of the scholarship award to the individual participant shall be

no later than the middle of May of the year before scholarship announcement. Announcement of scholarships awarded shall be published each year in the July issue of "The Loader" newsletter.

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When completing your PLA application you will need to know the PLA membership # and date. Please contact John Moore at buildsmall2jm@icloud.com to obtain this information."



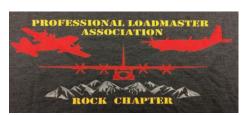
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The new coins have both Friendship Through Airlift and Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow around the circle on the back and now they are in full color! The US Flag is in color and unchanged. The box below the flag is empty so you may have whatever you wish engraved on it. The PLA coin is \$10.00 If you or your Chapter are interested in having some, please contact us. E-mail: buildsmall2jm@icloud.com.





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## **Parting Shot**



SrA Robert Hutton, 37th Airlift Squadron Loadmaster, poses for a photo during Operation Stolen Cerberus VII at Megara Bay, Greece, September 14, 2020. (USAF photo by A1C Taylor D. Slater)

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