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CABIN REPORT

By Kathy Disney

Hey Load! This edition of "The Loader," the space is used for another PTSD article written by Jill Coles. Thank you Jill, and I hope you all enjoy the article.

PTSD Treatment using Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP)

Why horses? Why not dogs? While both animals are effective for some

veterans with a PTSD diagnosis, horses have a unique advantage over dogs or other types of service animals. Horses have been domesticated for approximately 5000-6000 years, beginning as a food source and later used for various types of work. This relationship aided humanity in furthering trade, agriculture and war. Horses transitioned from work to leisure with the introduction of mass-produced automobiles and farming equipment in the 1920s throughout the United States and Europe. Horses are still used for work in certain areas such as ranching, law enforcement, border patrol, parks and other areas with delicate ecosystems, hunting, etc. Largely, horses are now used for leisure and commercial purposes such as racing, breeding, showing, etc. Given our long relationship with the animal, evolving only recently to "pet" status, how are they effective in treating PTSD symptomology?

Horses are prey animals and highly sensitive to their surroundings for their own safety. Most prey animals have eyes set on the side of their heads and heightened senses of vision, hearing and tactile (touch). Humans are predators with our eyes set together and on the front of our faces. So, our relationship with the horse, despite the years of domestication, is a precarious one. Humans are perceived as predators to a horse—our appearance, movements, even our smell (we smell like carnivores). It is their natural instincts as a prey animal that become incredibly important when used with the veteran PTSD population. Horses are essentially a mirror for humans. Since they are primarily flight animals (only fighting when necessary) and attuned to our feelings, movements, tone of voice, etc., they will begin to assess humans from a distance.

PTSD symptoms can occur immediately after the traumatic event or have a delayed onset. The earlier a diagnosis is made with subsequent treatment, the better the outcome. The brokenness, isolation, grief, loss, anger and despair felt by the veteran with PTSD are mostly invisible to the outside world. Most people believe they can mask their feelings/thoughts/emotions from family, friends and coworkers. In veterans with PTSD, the masking has been necessary. Self-preservation, with regard to relationships and continued employment, further encourages this destructive behavior. There is an inward battle raging and the veteran feels compelled to 'lie' outwardly, a perfected poker face. However, horses quickly identify these masked 'tells' and respond accordingly. All horses are different and possess different

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Cover Photograph: Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association 2021 Reunion in San Antonio Texas. L-R: Frank Salerno, Mike Wright, Charlie Armistead, Bill Baker, Craig Johnson, Ralph Bemis, Howard Berg, Benny Kerlin. All these Loadmasters were stationed at CCK and made airdrops over An Loc. All were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Charlie Armistead and Ralph Bemis were also awarded the Silver Star. Photograph by Bill Weeper

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personalities. Just like people, horses can be introverted or extroverted, curious or loners, grumpy or delightful. With EAP, there is a serenity in the stable that encourages calmness. Building trust with a compassionate, sentient, large horse is based upon non-verbal interaction; thus, the horse becomes a non-verbal therapist.

The therapeutic value of horses has been widely accepted for decades, however, a specific model of EAP has been used for about 25 years. The Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA), founded in 1999, developed a model that uses a licensed therapist, a certified horse handler and a PTSD patient (also groups of patients). There are two very distinct differences with EAGALA and other forms of equine therapy: The presence of a licensed mental health practitioner and all work is accomplished on the ground (no riding). With the EAGALA model, horses can be carefully paired with veterans; sometimes the horses choose their patient and sometimes the therapist makes the pairing knowing the horse's personality and the veteran's symptomology. While riding therapy is very useful for PTSD patients, it does not allow the immediate feedback from the horse to be recognized by the therapist and horse handler. For example, a very irritated and angry patient may arrive for a session. During haltering and grooming, the horse will exhibit signs of recognizing the patient's emotions. This could be moving away from the patient repeatedly during haltering, refusal to walk with the patient, acting flinchy or sidestepping away when the patient attempts to brush the horse. Most therapy horses are well trained and would normally not act in this manner. The therapist can identify the horse's actions (confirmed by the horse handler) and begin asking the patient questions regarding their current state of mind. There is evidence-based research on veteran improvement with this model. Horses can help identify underlying, masked issues while the therapist confirms the basis of the horse-human contact. Together, the horse and the therapist can make progress working toward the veteran's path to a better quality of life.

If you would like more information, go to: <https://www.eagala.org>. If you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts, please call or text the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 or text to 838255. Load clear, Jill Coles

East Coast Vice President Report

Kent Brown, East Coast Vice President - New Chapters Starting. As a member of the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) we all need to stand up and involve ourselves in the organization. For the ones that live near a military base where we have one of our 14 chapters it is easy to stay involved. Good news, our chapter numbers will soon increase to 17. With the Arizona Chapter - Rescue West already up, 2 more on the east coast are starting. One will be in Florida near Hurlburt & Duke Fields & Eglin AFB,

the other is in upstate New York near Stewart ANG base. They will be introducing themselves in this "The Loader," so if you are in those areas, please contact the POC's. One more thing, have you looked at your chapter page on Facebook lately. Maybe go in and just post what's going on, even if it's just to welcome new members. Let's get some updated info on there. *"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. US Military members don't have that problem."*

Secretary Report

Chris Cummings, Secretary - Happy November! Major thank you to our National President for consolidating member data over the last few months. While you are reading this, please take a moment and log into the PLA website to verify that your record is accurate. This will ensure that you are receiving all email and snail mail that we are sending. To do this, simply scan the QR code or go to this website: <https://pla.wildapricot.org/Sys/Profile>



Unable to login? Send me an email: cchris1686@gmail.com or shoot me a text to (845) 475-8457 with your name and email address and I'll get you where you need to be. Prefer to fax? Well, give me a call and I'll get you where you need to be for that too!

PLA Membership - 841 total members

It is my intent to have **every** member take a few minutes to review their membership record. The database logs your last login and last profile update, so please help me get through the list of members without racking up a big long distance phone bill!

Treasurer Report

Chris Dockery, Treasurer - As of October 15, 2021 the Professional Loadmaster Association has a total of \$6,779.42 in checking, and \$21,775.97 in savings. Total Assets \$28,555.39.

"The Loader" Editor

Bill Weeper, "The Loader" Editor - In this issue of "The Loader" you will find some Executive Committee member reports and chapter reports. Anyone who would like to contribute Loadmaster stories please send them to me at weeperjr@satx.rr.com. If you have any photographs of Loadmasters working on a cargo aircraft, loading/unloading an aircraft or performing other duties please send them to me. I would like to thank MASSIF (Robert Smolen), Loadmaster Tool Kit (Larry Crain), and Meathead Ed's Food Truck (Kyle and Kathy Disney) for being sponsors of "The Loader." If any of you 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.

Webmaster

Andrew Lloyd, Webmaster – Our Wild Apricot website platform now has the ability to specify certain people as website administrators for specified web pages. This means we can set Chapter Presidents (or an appointed chapter representative) as administrators for their chapter's web page on the PLA website, allowing them to update their chapter's web page without needing to go through the Webmaster. This would help chapters get their pages updated more easily! Chapter Presidents, please reach out if you want to administrate your chapter's web page. Besides that, I am occasionally moving the remaining content from Wix to Wild Apricot with the eventual goal of removing Wix and having all content on Wild Apricot. If you have any questions, you can contact me at: andrew85.lloyd@gmail.com.

New Chapter News

Matthew Farrugia, Hudson Valley Haulers Chapter President - A group of Loads at Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York has started the process to start a new chapter. Our chapter name is the Hudson Valley Haulers, and I was elected president. You can reach me at: matthew.farrugia55@yahoo.com.

Anthony Zalucki - We are currently finishing the process of standing up the Gulf Coast Commandos chapter in the Northwest Florida area near Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field. We are excited to offer another chapter of the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) and provide an additional avenue for networking, Loadmaster camaraderie and to continue to grow the PLA. With our proximity to Hurlburt Field, many of our members are current or former Loadmasters from Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). While we are predominantly from AFSOC, we are excited to welcome any Loadmasters/new members in the local area, the surrounding Gulf Coast states, and across the country! If you would like to join our chapter and help us continue to grow our network, please contact me at (586) 764-3033 or azalucki328@gmail.com. Our new chapter officers are: Vice President Virgil Poulsen, shadowload@yahoo.com, (850) 902-0767; Secretary Mark Kolb, mwk227@yahoo.com, (850) 240-0258; and Treasurer Zach Trudell, trudellzach@yahoo.com, (401) 636-3443.

Alamo Chapter

Bill Weeper, Alamo Chapter Member - Buenos Dias from San Antonio and the Alamo Chapter.



Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association 2021 Reunion Loadmaster Photo L-R: Benny Kerlin, Doug Rasar, Tom Wark, Roger Greuel, John Burkhardt, Mike Wright, Rich Klindt, Charlie Amistead, Craig Johnston, Bill Baker, Andy Vaquera, Frank Salerno, Curt Greca, Howard Berg, Ralph Bemis, David Padilla, Arne Suvantne, John Mayson, Brian Chewing. Photograph by Bill Weeper

Andy Vaquera (Norma and son Michael), Christian Marrietta and Ralph Bemis worked hard on the recent Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association (TC/TAA) reunion. It was held in San Antonio and was a huge success. Over 20 Loadmasters were in attendance. At their banquet dinner the TC/TAA donated \$500.00 to the Professional Loadmaster Association scholarship fund in Mike Welch's name. Andy's next effort is having an Alamo Chapter meeting and he will send out notice 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.

Aloha Chapter

Josh Moracco, Aloha VP/Treasurer - ALOHA MAI KAKOU! (Hello from us to all of you). We just want to send a huge MAHALO to all the Loads and crews who supported any stage of the recent evacuations. The Aloha Chapter is having elections for new board members, so let me know if you are interested. But as for current events Mr. Ron Pierce was catching some waves through the island and rode in and hung out for a bit. He hooked our chapter up with a deal on some pretty sweet 9/11 Anniversary coins to help the Chapter Fundraise. Also speaking of Fundraising we hosted a PLA/HI ANG Golf Tournament at Leilehua Golf Course in October. It was a great turn out and thanks to all of you who helped out. Also our Loads have been busy. A few of our 535th Loads have been going into Kabul and picking up some high value assets and service members returning them to US soil. The 204th Loads have been training for the Oct/Nov SpaceX Rescue Alert. You can contact me at: moracco@gmail.com. From all of us to all of you. A HUI HOU (Until we meet again)!



204th Loads at the NASA Research Park for training for the October/November SpaceX Rescue Alert. Photograph by Josh Moracco

Arizona Chapter (Rescue West)

Curt Snyder, Arizona (Rescue West) Chapter President - Greetings from Arizona! For this newsletter, I would like to introduce two Loadmasters from our chapter. They were gracious enough to answer my questions after I cornered them in between flights and sims. Thanks Dave and Dillon!!

Name: David Henson

Rank: MSgt

Home town: Tucson, AZ

PLA Member and Trustee for the Arizona Chapter/Rescue West



Q) What is your current job/unit? A) Chief Loadmaster 418th TES, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona

Q) How long have you served in the USAF? A) 17.75 years

Q) Why did you join the AF? A) Had a friend who joined and liked it, and I was undecided about school.

Q) Since enlisting, have you always been a Loadmaster? A) No

Q) What other jobs have you had in the AF? A) I initially was an Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) mechanic for 7 years. My first duty station was at Cannon AFB for 2 years, my second was Andersen AFB for 3 years and my third was Minot AFB for 2 years. I'm now on my fourth and hopefully final assignment here at DMAFB.

Q) What are the best parts of being a Loadmaster? A) Flying and traveling around the world

Q) How long were you in AMC? A) 4 years at the 30th AS Cheyenne WY

Q) How long have you been a Rescue Loadmaster? A) 6+ years

Q) What is the mission of your current unit? A) I am currently in the newly created 418th (was the 88th) test unit. We test, review and develop TTPs for new procedures/hardware/software for all C-130Js Air Force wide.

Q) What makes rescue different than AMC? A) Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR), air-to-air refueling, the various different air drops such as Loadmaster directed drops, and of course being a member of the Rescue Triad. Q) Triad? A) Yes, we don't deploy without the team. Guardian Angel, HH-60's and the HC-130J's make up the Rescue "Triad".

Q) What makes rescue more fun or rewarding than AMC? A) Both have their ups and downs. AMC deployments seem to go by faster with day to day "trash" hauling. Rescue is a double-edged sword; the highs are exhilarating and the lows can be just plain boring.

Q) Anything else you want to share? A) The Tamara Rescue was pretty cool and rewarding mission. Knowing we played a huge part in saving 3 lives meant a lot. The mission was also so different than what we are normally used to. It was a civil SAR and not the run of the mill CSAR mission. We were notified that there were three Mexican fishermen who had an accident on their boat, and it would be days before they could get to proper medical care. I

was in the hallway and was asked if I wanted to go since they needed experienced Loadmasters on the mission. Once we found the boat about 1300 miles off the west coast of the Baja peninsula, we were able to airdrop seven PJs near the boat. Once they were able to address the injured fisherman, they wanted to get the flight Doc and more supplies dropped to them. I then built a bundle using a pelican case filled with blood, water, and medical supplies. We climbed up and dropped the flight Doc tandem to a PJ. The fisherman was saved and our crew, PJs and flight Doc received the 2019 Jolly Green Rescue Mission OTY award which was a major highlight in my career! TOML! (That Others May Live)

Name: Dillon Howell

Rank: TSgt

Home town: Firth, Idaho

PLA Member and Treasurer for the Arizona Chapter/Rescue West



Q) What is your current job/unit? A) Evaluator Loadmaster & Readiness Flight Chief, 79 RQS

Q) How long have you served in the USAF? A) 9 years at the end of November

Q) Why did you join the AF? A) I didn't just join I chose to serve. I reached a point in my life that I wanted to serve something bigger and give back to my family and friends that served before me.

Q) Since enlisting, have you always been a Loadmaster? A) Yes

Q) What other jobs have you had in the AF? A) I've been a UDM, and UTM, GPC Holder, Supply NCOIC (procurement), and Readiness Flight Chief

Q) What are the best parts of being a Loadmaster? A) Flying! Teaching the younger Loadmasters and watching the light bulb come on when they truly grasp what I've been talking about.

Q) How long were you a Loadmaster in AMC? A) 4 years with the 36 AS in Yokota

Q) How long have you been a Rescue Loadmaster? A) 3 Years at the end of November

Q) What is the mission/goal or purpose of your current unit? A) That Others May Live (TOML!)

Q) What makes rescue different than AMC? A) There is a different atmosphere in both places. Rescue is specialized in Combat

Search and Rescue, where AMC is very specialized in the cargo/troop movement aspect of being a Loadmaster.

Q) What makes rescue more fun or rewarding than AMC? A) I wouldn't say one is more rewarding over the other. Both have a special place in my heart. After my assignment in Japan, I wanted to stay in C-130s, and Rescue gave me that opportunity. I now have a better understanding of the ACC mission; we are there and ready to go in the event someone has the worst day of their life. We are here to save lives and I feel there is no more noble mission in the AF.

Q) Anything else you want to share? Favorite moment or memory as a Load? A) Being in Nepal in 2015 when the 7.1 magnitude earthquake happened, we were landing when it happened and the personnel we had on board were there to train the Nepalese Army. When we finally got into parking, they went from a training mission to Search and Rescue efforts. Little did I know that set me up for a future career in Rescue. Most recently, I was able to be part of a rescue in Zion National Park where a 79 year old man was separated from his party during a hiking trip. Now active duty Rescue doesn't normally get to assist in civilian search and rescue being lost at sea or a stranded hiker, but he had been missing for 5 days and civil authorities were becoming desperate. Of course we are always willing to help, and we eventually got the call. The total flight time was 10 hours, we assisted the HH-60's, PJ's and civilian rescue team as a Command and Control hub where we fed out the information to all other parties. This is crucial as the ground parties weren't able to talk to each other or able to talk to the HH-60's. The 60's were luckily able to find him in a slot canyon 500 ft in elevation above the ranger station. He looked as though he had fallen there and was unable to get out. From locating him to extraction took 3 hours. He was then flown to the nearest hospital and made a full recovery. TOML (That Others May Live).

Bill Cannon Chapter

Ron Pierce, Bill Cannon Chapter Interim President - Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas wishes along with a Happy New Year as we approach the holiday season. Speaking of New Year, we are hopeful for Washington State to reopen again and allow larger gatherings of people. We will have a meeting on Saturday November 13, 2021, at 10 a.m. at my home in Roy WA. Please let me know if you can attend. We are also building up a new contact list for those in the Pacific Northwest who care to be added to the contact list for meetings and events. Please reach out to me at rpierce@bohfpusystems.com.

Denali Chapter

Kent Koerner, Denali Chapter President - The Denali Chapter has been idle, much like other chapters, because of Covid. I would like to get the chapter going again before next summer when I will be leaving Alaska. I would like to have a meeting soon, discuss the future of the chapter, and have a chapter election. I need all the help I can get from Loadmasters in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson/Anchorage area. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at kentkoerner@live.com.

First State Chapter

Benjamin Fay, First State Secretary - Update from the First State! I run a program at Dover called One-Stop. It was born out of AMC's Velocity Initiative in 2008 and basically we act as personal assistants to aircrew to expedite their Sequence of Events after alert and when returning from a mission. We maintain and issue all of the flight planning computers, mission kits, weapons, global cell phones, Stratus GPS pucks and flight checklists (Crew members do not have their own checklists anymore since we went all digital!). Our 24/7/365 operation is mostly manned with Loadmasters, and we save the Air Force millions of dollars every year by preventing delays and crew member injuries through the use of our C-5 baggage loader operation. My equipment levels are based on "the maximum" number of aircrews that the squadrons can generate under the worst-case scenario. This quarter was pretty much normal ops for us, except for August! Without getting into too much detail about numbers, we went way past the max and straight to ludicrous manning and we were scrambling to make sure every crew had what they needed to safely accomplish the mission. Nobody had their leave cancelled but every squadron was a ghost town. The C-17 community totally made AMC shine with the Afghanistan Noncombatant Evacuation Operations. Some of those crews flew 30-hour days with minimum crew rest during the hottest time of the year at Al Udeid. One of my friends who has been flying since 1989 said the ops tempo was probably very similar to the Berlin Airlift and it was an event that reinforced why he is proud to wear the uniform. On the C-5M side, we were busy rescuing stranded cargo in the system until flying went back to normal.



C-5M at Rota after taking some bird hits

On my last mission we sucked in some birds during take-off and got stuck in Rota for a few days. One of the things I like about flying is having sangria on the beach.



Gateway Chapter

Joshua Denny, Gateway Chapter President - Greetings to our friends far and wide from the Gateway Chapter at Scott AFB, IL! We are currently gearing up to represent the Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) again at this year's Airlift/Tanker Association (A/TA) convention in Orlando, FL. Hopefully, we will have been able to share a cold beverage and fellowship with some of you good folks there! At our most recent meeting, we were lucky enough to have Dennee' Watson (wife of fellow PLA member MSgt Josh Watson) attend and present us with a sizeable donation to the chapter. Dennee' and Josh created a very cool Loadmaster sticker and were kind enough to share the profits from their sales with us. If you'd like to check out the sticker and some of her other creations, please visit her site at www.someday-studios.com. They have some more great Loadmaster ideas in the works and are looking forward to continuing to help our chapter grow! At a recent meeting, we hosted CMSgt Matt Thrune, Air Mobility Command's Loadmaster Functional Manager. Chief Thrune offered a great presentation on the Loadmaster assignment process with some keen insights on the current and future landscape of our career field. We will be conducting a few fundraising events in the local area this fall and winter and are looking forward to resuming more frequent in-person meetings and socials as the Covid restrictions continue to be eased. Everyone stay safe out there. We look forward to seeing all of you again soon!



Dennee' Watson presents a donation to Josh Denny President of the Gateway Chapter

Golden West Chapter

Alfred Montes, Golden West Chapter President - Greetings from the Golden West Chapter! We are humbled to acknowledge the enormous efforts of our airlift forces, and of course more pointedly, our own Loadmaster community with our service to and participation in the non-combatant evacuation operation in Afghanistan. This monumental effort and commitment to service speaks to our expertise and ability to accomplish our mission in the face of extreme obstacles, fatigue, frustration and simply the adversity that was honestly unknown to our Loadmaster

force until we were called upon to operate in the conditions that ensued. Our force experienced vast encounters and emotions while evacuating the Afghan refugees that led to self-reflection, awareness, and acknowledgement of humanity and its many actors. In this experience our Loadmasters have become that much more experienced, developing their craft and broadening leadership skills. Our chapter would like to acknowledge 729th AS Loadmasters SMSgt Spencer Weddle, TSgt Wendy Perkins, SSgt Celia-Rose Hinzman, SSgt Andreus Blackwell, SSgt Hector Orellana and SrA Casey Bernatz for their commitment and efforts to accomplishing the mission and representing the 729th Airlift Squadron as the professionals we know they are! Our chapter held an in-person meeting in September at one of our favorite dining establishments, The Grunion (Green Onion). We had an exceptional turn-out of past and present Loadmasters, as well as prospective Professional Loadmaster Association (PLA) members. Obviously, the hot topic for our meeting was the Gathering of Loads (GoL) convention planning and coordination. The chapter is growing and truly has a desire to ensure we include all former/present Loadmasters that are inclined to be part of the PLA in the Socal area. We are working on ironing out details for the 2022 GoL and plan to have a living, breathing schedule of events, as well as additional info for the March 2022 issue of "The Loader." To date, we have the following info:



Members of the Golden West Chapter at the Grunion (Green Onion) Restaurant

2022 GoL Info

First and foremost a link to reserve your hotel at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside: <https://book.passkey.com/go/ProLoadMaster2022>. You can also visit: <https://pla.wildapricot.org/events>. To ensure you receive the contracted rate of \$169.00 per night all reservations must be reserved by the **reservation cutoff date of July 21, 2022**.

The chapter will have a physical registration letter available in the March 2022 "The Loader" for those that need to register by mail. We are planning on pushing a link for registration that you will be able to access for electronic payment submission. The hope is to have this available by the end of November. The chapter will be working

with our national counterparts to ensure the widest dissemination. Registration for the GoL is going to be \$85.00, and a ticket to the banquet to be held on the last night of the event will be approximately \$75.00. Lastly, for our Reservists and Guard Loadmasters, if you plan on attending, submit your annual tour now!! Get those orders approved or when the funding becomes available that way you already have a greenlight to attend the 2022 GoL! Please keep your eyes open for future emails about GoL updates! Load Clear!

Michael P. Lutzko Chapter

Frank Young, Michael P. Lutzko Chapter Vice President/Secretary/Webmaster - We had elections last month and William Castro is now our new Chapter President. He can be contacted at (325) 386-3629 or castrobill741@gmail.com. All other positions remain the same. Membership attendance is still low, but we have had new Loadmasters attend our past 2 meetings. We plan on participation in the Abilene Veterans Day Parade this year. If you have any questions about our chapter, you can contact me at youngf@suddenlink.net.

Parker-Aguillon-Payne Chapter

Mark E. Raymond, PAP Chapter President – We continue to have challenges with our chapter meetings each month but are aggressively finding places to get together. In June our first chapter meeting in over a year was graciously hosted by Arne Suvantne in his garage. A great start in getting our chapter meetings back on track. In August we had some great suggestions to ensure our chapter meetings could continue to be held and were able to get a nice location at the Hide-A-Way Lounge & Grill in Vacaville. Again, a great time to continue with our chapter business. In September another great suggestion to have our chapter meeting at Kings Buffet in Vacaville and it worked out very well. We had good food and were able to catch up on what everyone has been up to and how they have been meeting the challenges of the pandemic and of course we discussed chapter business and planning for future events. Unfortunately, we have had a couple of very special members pass away this last year: Mark Belland and JC Wiley. With that said, we have had some very outstanding donations this year to support our chapter's annual scholarships. This year we will be offering two \$1,000.00 Scholarships. Through the years we have always called our Scholarships the "SMS Irv Mahler Scholarship" in recognition to all our chapter members that have passed. This year we feel it is appropriate to name our scholarships in memory of Mark and JC. Our annual Christmas party was postponed last year, and it was unanimous that we need to have one this year. The Travis Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club) has been shut down; and when we visited the administrative office, it appeared they are having a hard time finding workers and don't know when they will be open and available to cater any events. Nevertheless, we have requested to have the Travis AFB Aviation Museum available for our Chapter Christmas Party on Friday, December 17, 2021, and we are looking at other options to have it catered. With much enthusiasm we are looking forward to getting our chapter and all our great and outstanding members back together for meetings and social events. I would also like to reiterate a few of our chapter events that opened this year for our participation that were

previously cancelled or postponed because of the pandemic. We were able to have volunteers to support the scaled back NASCAR race that was held the weekend of June 5 and 6, and the NHRA drag races on July 23 – 25 at the Sonoma Raceway. These events are our main source of revenue to support our annual scholarships and Christmas party. The America Cancer Society Relay for Life was also scheduled on a very limited basis on June 26. We continue to be fortunate to have chapter members that not only continue to participate but want to make sure we try and understand all the world events that have challenged us every day and to keep a positive attitude like only Loadmasters can do. We always welcome all Loadmasters from Northern California and Northern Nevada to join our local chapter and are proud of current members that have moved and continue to request they be associated with our chapter. We hope soon we can continue to have our monthly meetings the first Tuesday of each month at Delta Breeze Club (NCO Club), but any changes to the meetings will be sent out via Email. If you have any question, please contact at mark.raymond@att.net.



Loadmasters and Flight Engineers from the 86th MAS Alumni sit on one of the historic Green Benches at the Travis AFB Museum October 2, 2021. Top Row L-R: Dominic Silvia FE, John Weldon FE, Tom Blocker LM, Tommy Wong LM, Mike Burchard LM, Ray Sugai LM. Bottom Row: L-R: Mike Freitag FE, Arne Suvantne LM, George Duffy FE. Photo by Thomas Wong

Trailblazers Chapter

Jayne Alexander, Trailblazers Chapter Secretary - Greetings from the Trailblazers! Summer was short and quiet here in Oklahoma. While we enjoyed the sunshine and warm weather like most, we also started planning for the upcoming year. Our Chapter President and executive members met and discussed upcoming events happening soon. We also discussed dates for events happening in the winter, spring, and summer. The Trailblazers will host our annual "God and Guns" Turkey Shoot on November 14th where members and friends are invited to come out and try to win a turkey. In February we plan to have a Chili cook-off followed by a Poker Tournament. The location is TBD. For now, that's it for us! As always, if anyone needs anything, please reach out to the chapter officers. We hope everyone enjoys their Thanksgiving and Christmas with friends and family. You can contact me at: (253) 678-6058 or Jayne.xander@yahoo.com.

Kent Brown, Liberty Chapter - **Historic Airlift of Refugees.** The crew of REACH 871 executed the single largest evacuation of any kind in the history of the C-17 by safely carrying 823 Afghan Refugees on one flight out of a hostile Kabul International Airport. Loadmasters TSgt Justin Triola, (6000+ C-17 hours) & A1C Nicolas Baron, (150+ C-17 hours) of the 6th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base McGuire Dix Lakehurst, plus a crew of 3 pilots & 2 flying crew chiefs (FCC), started from home scheduled to go to Africa. It was immediately changed when tensions mounted in Kabul, Afghanistan. After a quick review of all the new mission products and preparation for the unknown chaos in Afghanistan, they were able to take off in a timely manner making it to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and were placed on alert status. Twelve hours later, they proceeded to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, and again were placed on alert status. The crew was alerted 12 hours later on an “expected” normal mission into Kabul International Airport (HKIA). It was planned to conduct an offload/onload with the engines running. However, when they landed and parked on the airfield ramp, there were gun shots fired around the airfield and hundreds of Afghan Refugees fled onto the airfield. The Airfield Tower Controllers and Ground Controllers evacuated the tower and announced on the radios for all aircraft to “EVACUATE” and that the field was “Lost.” The crew heeded the instructions and began to run the Ground Evacuation checklist. The aircraft could not get airborne safely, so the engines were shut down. At this time the crew thought they could find shelter. As they were getting ready to evacuate the aircraft, a swarm of Afghan Refugees engulfed the aircraft trying to escape the gunfire and find sanctuary. The refugees refused to leave the aircraft. A number of Army troops were brought onboard to help control the chaos and hopefully push the refugees off the aircraft. That didn’t work. The crew responded knowing that evacuating the aircraft was no longer an option due to the gunfire around the airfield. They acted fast and started preparing the aircraft for starting the engines. TSgt Triola & A1C Baron tried to get the pax seated, but again they refused. Eventually when the rear door was secured, the refugees seemed to relax. Unfortunately, there was a malfunction with the Environmental System Controller and the engines did not have any supply pressure to successfully start. The FCC expertly reset the system and restored supply pressure from the Auxiliary Power Unit. While this was occurring, the crew was in the cargo compartment ensuring order and security amongst the 823 Afghan Refugees. The engines were started, and the crew executed an expedited taxi and takeoff sequence to avoid any more threats to the refugees and aircrew. The Pilot had to execute a flawless maximum effort Visual Flight Rules departure on night vision goggles while avoiding small arms fire and mountainous terrain. Once at cruising flight level, one of the Copilots, both Loadmasters, and the Flying Crew Chiefs provided care, comfort & security. A1C Baron had hung his uniform blouse near the forward Loadmaster station prior to onload. He didn’t have a chance to put it on before takeoff and it fell to the floor. Once airborne one of the refugee mothers pointed at the blouse and A1C Baron went over and laid it on the child (see page 10, Baron’s Blouse). Many of you have seen the viral picture, now you know the rest of the story.



Baron's Blouse covering an Afgan child (USAF Courtesy Photo)

The Aircraft Commander coordinated for Security and Medical concerns at their destination. Before takeoff the AC had asked for an approximate pax count and TSgt Triola thought they had 800 on board. After a final count it was determined they had 823. The situation was tense on the way to Qatar, not knowing if everyone onboard was friendly. The crew was only armed with 2 M9 pistols. The whole crew was proud to deliver hope and be a part of the United States’ largest airlift in history! Approval from General Van Ovost (AMC/CC) for future floor loading of the C-17 of up to 450 evacuees resulted in the historical evacuation of 120K Afghan Refugees. After performing one of the most challenging missions they had ever encountered, the crew flew another 231 Marines to Kabul Airport 12 hours later, then departed from Kabul with another 297 Afghan Refugees. This is written from first person accounts of the event.



823 refugees airlifted out of Kabul International Airport (USAF Courtesy Photo)

Baron's Blouse



JB MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, New Jersey - AIC Nicholas Baron, 305th Air Mobility Wing Loadmaster, holds his blouse for the last time before donating it to the National History Museum of the U.S. Air Force at JB McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., October 12, 2021. Baron's blouse will go on to be a symbol of Operation Allies Refuge and the humanitarian efforts that were made. (USAF Photo by SSgt Shay Stuart)

Baron's Blouse Makes History - By Staff Sergeant Shay Stuart 87th Public Affairs. Oct. 18, 2021. JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, New Jersey – It was an image that captured the hearts of millions; a young Afghan child, sleeping on the floor of a crowded C-17 Globemaster III, tucked beneath an Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP) top for warmth. The blouse belonged to none other than Airman First Class Nicolas Baron, a Loadmaster assigned to the 305th Air Mobility Wing. Baron, a native of Southern Florida, joined the U.S. Air Force in November 2019. After Basic Military Training and Tech School, he officially began working as a Loadmaster in February of this year. He had no idea that within his first seven months on the job he would be performing his duties to secure an aircraft amongst hundreds of Afghan Refugees as part of Operation Allies Refuge (OAR). “I was just doing what I had to do,” said Baron. “Making sure everyone was seated and safe. My blouse had fallen from where I’d hung it up and as I was focusing on my tasks, a mother picked it up and laid it across her child to help keep them warm. It was heartwarming to see.” Since that flight, Baron’s blouse has become a symbol for the OAR and an item which has been sought after to be kept and preserved for many years to come. Air Mobility Command’s history office contacted Stuart Lockhart, 305th Air Mobility Wing historian, to ask if Baron would be willing to donate his blouse to the National History Museum of the U.S. Air Force. “Even before the end of the operation the curators at the National Museum were looking for items to document Operation Allies Refuge,” Lockhart said. “One item that they mentioned in particular that they wanted, was [AIC Baron’s] blouse.” Located in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force is the world’s oldest and largest military aviation history museum. It’s here that artifacts are stored, preserved, researched and presented to connect the world to the Air Force’s story. It may seem surreal to see a modern uniform worn by Airmen

today displayed alongside uniforms, weaponry and other aviation artifacts from different eras. Lockhart explains that common items to us today are made significant by missions and historic events like that of OAR. “It’s funny, I think any Airman would look at this and say, ‘It’s just a common OCP blouse’, but it’s the piece that is so recognizable,” said Lockhart. “In the early phases of this operation all that we were hearing on the news was how bad the situation was and then to have this touching image come out of just a simple humanitarian gesture, it made such an impression on our country and our world. It’s absolute gold.” As for Baron, the big picture is not lost on him. He originally joined with the goal of being a part of something bigger, and after his experience serving in OAR and his blouse now representing the heart of the mission, it may be safe to say he achieved that. “I think the blouse [gives a sense of] hope no matter who they are or where they’re from...It makes me feel proud [of our mission] and of the crew.”

The Airline Professional Loadmaster



***The Airline Professional Loadmaster:
The Boeing 747 (The Jumbo Jet)
By Karl Hinkamp and Dave Bell***

The first Boeing 747, a 747-100 (735,000 pound Maximum Take Off Weight (MTOW), made its debut flight on February 9, 1969, followed by a -200 in October of 1970. The 747 was originally designed to carry freight as well as passengers, and was offered as a passenger, freighter, passenger/freighter combination and as a convertible (reconfigurable main deck, pax to cargo or cargo to pax). On November 30, 1971, the first operational 747-200 freighter (833,000 pound MTOW) was introduced.

The oil crisis of the mid-1970s and accompanying recession produced a decline in passenger bookings, resulting in 747-100s being put on the market as second-hand aircraft. In 1974 Flying Tigers Line purchased passenger 747-100s from United Airlines which were modified by Boeing in Wichita, Kansas. The main decks were strengthened for cargo, a cargo door was cut into the fuselage on the left side between the wing and tail, and a “cargo-handling system” installed. Twenty-four of these aircraft were converted to 747-100SF [Special Freighters] for a variety of airlines.

The 747-200 was the first 747 with a “visor” (a hinged nose to allow straight in cargo loading) with Boeing producing seventy-three 747-200Fs. The 300 series (833,000 pound MTOW) had an “extended dome” providing additional upper-deck seating, but sacrificed range because of the additional weight, and ultimately was not popular with air carriers. The Freighter version of the 747-400 (875,000 pound MTOW) rolled out in the spring of 1993 and is recognizable by the 6-foot-tall winglets at the wingtips. Earlier versions of the 747 Freighter can carry 248,000 pounds of cargo while the 747-400ER Freighter [Extended Range] can carry 270,000 pounds of cargo, depending on range. In addition to factory freighters, 747-400 passenger versions have been converted to freighters by both Boeing and Bedek Aviation Group. The -500, -600 and -700 series were considered, but not developed.

On October 12, 2011, Luxembourg-based Cargolux took delivery of the first Boeing 747-8 freighter. The “Dash 8” also features a “nose cargo door”, a fuselage stretched to 250 feet, and has a Maximum Take-Off Weight of 975,000 pounds with a maximum payload capacity of 303,700 pounds.

Variants of the B-747 include four 747-400s, named “Dreamlifters,” which were modified with an enlarged fuselage and a swing tail to carry parts for the B-787 Dreamliner. Two B-747s were used by NASA as Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, transporting the Space Shuttle piggy-back fashion. And at least one current PLA member spent time on temporary duty at Boeing in Seattle, during the 1990s, working on the proposed C-33, a military airlift version of the 747-400.

Sometimes referred to as the “Queen of the Skies,” the Boeing 747 Freighter is an icon of the air cargo transportation industry. Over many decades, numerous airlines, air carriers such as Flying Tigers, Seaboard, Polar, Evergreen and Federal Express, as well as the cargo divisions of passenger airlines such as Lufthansa, KLM and Korean Air have operated 747 freighters. As part of the Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF), B-747s also delivered cargo and passengers to the Middle East during the first Gulf War. For fifty years the 747 freighter has helped grow the air cargo industry, supported the American military and the U.S. space program. And today, at airports such as Miami, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Osaka, airline “Freight Dogs” are likely to see 747 freighters from Atlas, Kalitta Air, or United Parcel Service on the tarmac as they move the world’s cargo.

2020 PLA Loadmaster Of The Year Award

Kathy Disney, Professional Loadmaster Association President - The Professional Loadmaster Association 2020 Loadmaster of the Year Award winners are:

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TSgt George F. Childres, 40th Airlift Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX

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Mr. Christopher L. Dockery, C-130J MATS, Ramstein Germany



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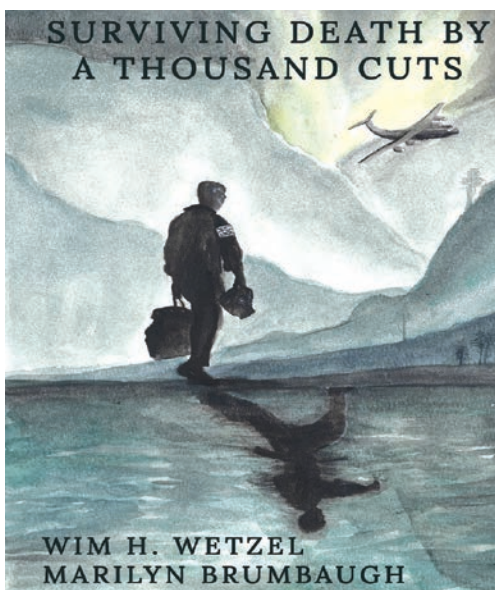
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Book Review by Karl Hinkamp:
Surviving Death By A Thousand Cuts

Although advertised as a memoir, *Surviving Death By A Thousand Cuts* is actually the autobiography of Air Force Loadmaster Wim Wetzel. This drama-filled story, written by Wetzel, now a PhD, and Marilyn (Penny) Brumbaugh, weaves its way from Indonesia to the Netherlands, Pennsylvania, Vietnam, Korea, the American Midwest and the Pacific Northwest. The reader is treated to a fascinating history of Wim Wetzel's German and Dutch ancestors beginning in the mid-1800s and their lives in colonial Indonesia. His father, Willy Wetzel, served in the Royal Dutch Army and both of his parents spent time in Japanese internment camps during World War II. In a daring middle-of-the-night escape from their home, circa 1950, the Wetzel family ran through the Indonesian jungle to a Dutch military garrison and were subsequently evacuated from Indonesia by ship. The book follows the Wetzel family as they arrive in the Netherlands as refugees, subsequently immigrate to the United States, and establish martial arts schools in Pennsylvania, in addition to the Wetzel brothers' service in Vietnam. Airman Wim Wetzel's time in Vietnam tells of his adventures as an Air Freight Specialist at Da Nang, including how he liberated a vehicle from the motor pool to go downtown! He also gives us a unique, airman's ground view of the siege at Dak To as one of the few Air Force personnel at the Army outpost. After his tours in Vietnam and Korea, we track Sergeant Wim Wetzel as he cross-trains into the Loadmaster career field and his varied assignments to the Airlift Control Element, a flight test squadron, the C-141 Formal Training Unit, Military Airlift Command Headquarters and beyond, into the commercial training industry. Peppered throughout the book are his strained relationship with his father, the many trials, and triumphs in his personal and professional life, plus the ordeals of his father's violent death and setting the record straight about his brother's murder trial. *Surviving Death By A Thousand Cuts* is at times quite tense and very often sad. The story is well constructed, leaving the reader wanting to know what's next.

Enhanced Fuselage Trainer

Story by John Cochran, 377th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, January 25, 2021 - Col. Michael Curry, 58th Special Operations Wing Commander, and Lt. Col. Benjamin Bryant, 58th Training Squadron Commander, cut a ceremonial ribbon Jan. 15 at Kirtland Air Force Base, officially welcoming the Enhanced Fuselage Trainer. The new, one-of-a-kind, ground-based device, abbreviated "EFuT," provides highly realistic simulation capabilities that will enable training for approximately 200 MC-130J and HC-130J loadmasters and special mission aviators annually. Maj. Luke Sandbeck-Moriarty, 58th TRS fixed-wing program manager and HC-130J instructor pilot, said the aircraft body is "enhanced" because it's connected to the instructor operator station, the structure that houses the control room and computer systems. "This project has been a huge undertaking. It's been five years and \$19 million," he said. Bryant, the 58th TRS Commander, spoke at the ceremony. "This is a rare opportunity, to be able to officially unveil a training device that is almost six years in the making. The EFuT represents what this facility is all about. A facility that is dedicated to quality training of our career enlisted aviators. The hundreds of people spending thousands of hours to make this day a reality share a common purpose – continuing a legacy of excellence, providing the joint enterprise with disciplined professionals, capable of our nation's most demanding missions," he said. Curry thanked the 58th SOW's mission partners, the New Mexico Air National Guard's 150th SOW, saying the NMANG Airmen are "instrumental in all the training we do here." The 58th SOW commander also shared his personal and professional perspective on the EFuT. "Being a former MC-130 pilot, I like to think that this aircraft has finally made it home. This trainer is going to 'take flight' every day and every night. The most-taxed resource we have in the 58th and 150th SOW is our ground trainers. Every day, we struggle with how we're going to schedule those, to make sure we've got the right training, so every ounce of jet fuel that we burn, every minute we spend with engines running, is very productive. These ground trainers allow students to do things that we wouldn't allow them to do inside the airplane. Students can come out here and focus on the things they need to, to make their time on the airplane the most efficient," he said. What is now the EFuT arrived in sections at Kirtland on flatbed trailers in December 2019. The apparatus had started service as an MC-130J aircraft, and had previously been converted into an AC-130J that then sustained irreparable damage during a test flight. After a year of final modifications, it has been installed in a World War II hangar on the base's west side, a 58th TRS facility known as "The Monster Garage." Robert J. Brown, 58th TRS Quality Assurance Specialist and Flight Simulator/Aircrew Training Devices Contracting Officer representative, said instructors can induce malfunctions and emergencies, testing whether students notice them and react appropriately. Sandbeck-Moriarty summarized the EFuT's two main benefits. "The impact that this device brings is better-quality training for Loadmasters and special mission aviators, and it frees up an aircraft for actual flying operations that was previously used for this ground training."



The Enhanced Fuselage Trainer has been installed in the 58th Training Squadron's "Monster Garage" at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. (USAF photo by John Cochran)

CEA/CoE - 2021 AFA Aerospace Award

Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence brings home noteworthy AFA award by Agnes Koterba, 37th Training Wing / Published January 21, 2021. JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas – The Career Enlisted Aviator Center of Excellence, 344th Training Squadron, has been named the recipient of the 2021 Air Force Association Aerospace Award in the David C. Schilling category at the Air Education and Training Command level. The AFA Aerospace Awards annually recognize Air Force civilians, units or groups for exceeding performance standards and outstanding contributions to national defense in several fields. Chief Master Sgt. Michael A.R. Arroyo, CoE Commandant, said he is honored to work with the "phenomenally talented men and women" on his team. "Every day, our cadre trains tomorrow's aviators with a pride that cannot be silenced," Arroyo said. "They skillfully guide our newest and cross-training Airmen and international partners to earn their wings by teaching theory, components, operations, and procedures fully immersed in aviation culture and heritage." Some of the CoE's accomplishments over the past year include: completing 56,000 undergraduate flying training hours; implementing an aviation immersive training environment; converting a static VC-135E aircraft into an active training device; and carrying out a \$7.7 million Air Force-wide virtual training initiative. "We are so proud of the 37th Training Group's Career Enlisted Aircrew schoolhouse. This group of amazing professionals continually impress those not just in the aviation fields, but those in all AFSCs," said Col. Joyce Storm, 37th TRG Commander. "This win serves to spotlight the diversity of the 37th Training Group, as well as its exceptional achievements across our 22 career fields."

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In Memorium

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.

* **Steven R. Lusk**, 65 of Whittier, NC passed away on November 2, 2021, at Harris Regional Hospital. He was the son of Ralph Lusk and the late Ivalene Buchanan. Born in Albertville, AL he also resided in Alaska and Florida prior to moving to North Carolina. Mr. Lusk retired from the USAF and attended Lighthouse Baptist Church. In addition to his father survivors include his wife, Cindy Lusk of the home; sons, Jerry Stewart (Erika) of Sanford, NC, Allen Stewart of Whittier, NC, Steven Lusk Jr. (Rebekah) of Colorado Springs, CO and Nathan Lusk (Bethany) of Frisco, NC; grandchildren, Jenna Lusk, Ashely Stewart, Jayden Lusk, Jordyn Stewart, Makyah Lusk, Katrielle Lusk, and Eliyanah Lusk; siblings, Teresa Presley (Tom), Barbara Allen (Durwin), Patty Duckett (Scott), Susan Carter (Dale), Michael Buchanan (Tammy), Sarah Lusk and Tracy McClendon. Graveside services with military honors will be held 2pm on Friday, November 5, 2021 at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with Pastor Mark Rogers officiating. A memorial service will be held 11am on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at Lighthouse Baptist Church, Sylva, NC. <https://www.mtnviewcremation.com/obituaries/steven-randall-lusk/>

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Allen L. Scheel passed away July 20, 2021. He was a member of the 142nd Airlift Squadron, Delaware Air Guard. <https://baldwincremation.com/obituaries/allen-l-scheel/>

Robert Miller Dent III passed away August 10, 2021. He was a member of the 172d Airlift Wing, MS Air National Guard. <https://www.ngams.org/retirees/fallen-hero/smsgt-ret-robert-miller-dent-iii/?fbclid=IwAR2eTZ85zYwKLAIOmv0yyWFiMAcaALWIZFd u3tNSiChMkE5kWzE6HxTIAEs>

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Nicanor (Nic) L. Devera, Angeles City PI, Jeepney Driver, March 21, 1940 - August 18, 2021. A guardian angel as well as a friend to many aircrew members who were TDY to Clark AB PI. He will always be remembered for keeping them safe and out of situations that would not have ended well.

Rollie Moore (owner of Rollies Tavern, located by the north gate of McChord Air Force Base) passed away October 22, 2021. <https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/wa/spanaway/roland-e-moore-13562991>

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