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MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

Hello to everyone who shares an interest in Aerospace Human Factors.

I am honored to have been elected as the President of AsHFA for this year, and I look forward to working with all of you to make it a great and highly productive 2025-2026.

As a long-time member of the Aerospace Medical Association and the Aerospace Human Factors Association, I will collaborate with everyone to fulfill our mission of advancing the field of aerospace human factors by promoting human factors considerations in aerospace systems, applying human performance knowledge to system development, fostering research, and facilitating information exchange. Together, we will continue to do our part to improve aerospace safety and efficiency.



As you can imagine, a big part of accomplishing this goal is to communicate openly with one another, offer to exchange knowledge in our areas of expertise, and to encourage those who may not be aware of our organization to join and contribute. We have an extensive knowledge base that is built upon decades of experience in all areas related to human factors, and I know that every one of us is eager to help provide solutions to real-world operational problems, to facilitate the integration of our younger members into the larger aerospace community, and to offer mentoring to those who express a desire for it. Along these lines, one thing we'll take care of in the immediate future is to add an "area-of-expertise description" to our membership roster so that it will be easy to determine who can best provide know-how in specific areas of interest.

The Executive Committee (EXCOM) will meet frequently to examine opportunities to increase our contributions to the aviation community and to stay informed about the latest human factors research, publications, operations, and engagements. Dr. Lester and Dr. Clebone-Ruskin will be continuing the AsHFA Incubator to explore research and educational initiatives, student initiatives, and other project opportunities. Everyone is encouraged to participate! With your help, I would like us to reach out to universities with aviation programs, such as Embry-Riddle, Purdue, University of North Dakota, Ohio State, San Jose State, and the other 15 U.S. schools that offer aviation training, to showcase AsHFA and encourage greater involvement in our mission. If increased social media presence can make a significant contribution towards this objective, we'll consider it. If the membership has other ideas, we want and need to hear them!

The newsletter is a great way to keep up to date on what's happening in AsHFA, so please read it and contribute. I'm sure that Dr. Forster (Star) would be happy to consider including news of your interests and accomplishments. We look forward to hearing from any/all of you with ideas and suggestions on how we can make this organization better and more connected to our wider aerospace community, so please don't be shy. With your help, this is going to be a great year!

John Caldwell, Ph.D., FAsHFA, FAsMA
President, AsHFA

Bio: <https://www.asma.org/news-events/asma-news/caldwell-to-lead-ashfa>

MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT



ASHFA Members and EXCOM, thank you for an amazing 35th year! It was an honor and privilege to serve as your President.

ASHFA was well represented at the 95th AsMA meeting, and it was a joy to see so many colleagues at our annual luncheon meeting. We had five ASHFA-sponsored panels, which is a new record! ASHFA is a cohesive and dynamic constituent group with a great past, and a bright future. Your dedication and service to Aerospace Human Factors, ASHFA, and AsMA make this possible. Congratulations to our Taylor, Collins, Roscoe and Longacre Award winners; and to our new Fellows. Welcome to new members! Last year we expanded membership by about 20 percent, and more new members signed up at the AsMA meeting.

I will continue leadership involvement through our ASHFA Incubator, Awards, and special projects close to my heart. We look forward to new leadership from our distinguished President and President-Elect, John Caldwell and Anna Clebone-Ruskin, respectively; and our dedicated EXCOM members. ASHFA is important to the future of Aerospace Medicine, and we are true to our roots. In 1986, the AsMA Executive Council called for “a more structured interdisciplinary human factors approach for addressing issues related to the human aspects of aerospace operations.” That original call to action led Henry Taylor and others to develop what became ASHFA. As aerospace operations, medicine, and behavioral sciences evolve in exciting new directions, ASHFA is very relevant. At our luncheon, Carol Manning gave an excellent presentation on the History of Aerospace Human Factors (Taylor Award Lecture). ASHFA is part of this legacy.

I named five goals at the start of my term:

- 1) The ASHFA Incubator—Anna Clebone-Ruskin and I co-created and coordinated this new forum, which met five times. ASHFA members formed collaborations, mentored, and brainstormed a variety of project opportunities, including research, education, and student outreach.
- 2) Well-Being and Behavioral Health—ASHFA expanded its membership and presence in the Behavioral Health sector. EXCOM members Forest Pavel, John Caldwell, and other ASHFA members led many significant initiatives in the mental health and fatigue arena, including two sponsored panels.
- 3) Special Senses—I coordinated the 4th ASHFA- sponsored "Making Sense of Special Senses" panel. with eye, ear, and vestibular experts.
- 4) Media, and Archives—We utilized social media, and explored future strategy. ASHFA posted our AsMA events on Instagram. Diego Garcia and Forest Pavel researched a new website option. We may expand use of our LinkedIn account. For Archives, Tom Nesthus spliced together, published (see NL Vol. 2024 Issue 4 and Vol. 2025 Issue 1), and archived historical materials. Shout out to Star Forster for publishing great Newsletters.
- 5) Process Streamlining—This is an EXCOM tasker: Most recently we made submission of Awards and Fellows nominations more proactive and user-friendly. Watch out for announcements in upcoming AsMA and ASHFA Newsletters, and please nominate your colleagues!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Looking forward to ASHFA 36 with you. Take care of yourselves!

Harriet Lester, M.D., FAsMA, FASHFA, FAAO, FCAMA, *Past President, ASHFA*

IN MEMORIAM: Leon Dychter, D.D.S.

(– 2025)



We “are saddened to learn of the death of Leon Dychter, DDS. He was the Founding Father and first president of the International Association of Aerospace Dentistry (IAAD), established in 2008. He earned the nickname “Odontologic” during his quest to bring attention to aerospace dentistry, which he felt was not being addressed despite the cases occurring in flight. Travel scholarships to the AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting have been awarded in his honor by the IAAD to dental students passionate about aerospace dentistry.” More can be found about Dr. Dychter’s contributions to this field on the IAAD’s website (<https://aerospacedentistry.com/>). Source: www.asma.org. *Leon was also a key and long time member of the Iberoamerican Association of Aerospace Medicine. He was faithful to its goals and invincible and loud in promoting its progress and those of AsMA, particularly in forensic accident investigation – focusing on education of colleagues and students alike. Dychter’s persona exemplified fun, loyalty, and passion for our global community. He was always present when needed. He will be sorely missed.*

IN MEMORIAM: Gordon (“Gordy”) S. Landsman, M.D.

(March 29, 1939 – January 19, 2025)



“Gordon Spencer Landsman, 85, died Sunday, January 19, 2025 in West Palm Beach, Florida 5 years to the date that his younger brother, James H. Landsman died. He was known by many names - Gordy, Dad, and Dr. Grandpa. He was loved and will be missed. Gordy was born March 29, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan to James and Irene Landsman. He married Phyllis in 1960 and graduated from the medical school at Wayne State University in 1964. Upon graduation, he volunteered for the United States Air Force serving most of his time in Europe. After leaving the Air Force in 1970, he moved to Minneapolis working as a family doctor. In the mid-1980s he specialized in laser hemorrhoid surgery. In the early 90s he rejoined the Air Force serving several tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. After he retired from the Air Force in 2005 he was a flight surgeon for United Airlines. He was a nationally recognized expert in aerospace medicine. He finally retired from an amazing career and service to this country at the age of 72. Besides medicine, he really liked technology. He moonlighted at the family computer store repairing computers. His love for technology continued through[out] his whole life. He was a grandpa [who] knew more about computers than his grandkids. Gordy also enjoyed repairing everything in the house. He had an outgoing personality and everyone instantly loved him. He adored and cared for his grandchildren [enjoying] their music concerts, soccer games, life events, and making them meals. He most cherished his family Zoom Shabbats every Friday. Gordy is preceded in death by his parents James and Irene Landsman, in-laws Sydney and Rose Silver, brother James H. Landsman, brother-in-law Melvin Silver, brother-in-law Howard Barron, and brother-in-law Seymour Cherny. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, married 64 years, daughter Rhona (Dave) Brack, sons Kenny and Scott (Debbie), grandsons James, Domenic, Michael, and Brody, granddaughter Gabriela, sister Eleanor Barron, sister-in-law Leslie Landsman, sister-in-law Margo Silver, sister-in-law Karen Cherny, sister-in-law Maureen (Alan) Maier, brother-in-law Thomas (Susan) Silver, and many other cousins, nephews, nieces, and family members. Donations can be made to the American Heart Association.” information at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com>.

IN MEMORIAM: William E. Collins, Jr., Ph.D.

(May 16, 1932 – April 9, 2025)



"William E. Collins, Jr., Ph.D., passed away on April 9, 2025 in Oklahoma City at the age of 92. Dr. Collins was born on May 16, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY to William E. and Loretta A. Collins who established their home in 1938 in idyllic Tenaflly, NJ. He graduated from St. Peter's College and completed his Master's and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from Fordham University in NY in 1959. He then served 2 years as a 1st Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps, primarily at the U.S. Army Medical Research Laboratory in Fort Knox, KY and was promoted to Captain during completion of his inactive reserve status. He then began a career spanning 40 years with the Federal Aviation Administration in Oklahoma City in 1961. On June 20, 1970, he left bachelorhood and

married the love of his life, Corliss Jean Allen Barnes and became a stepfather to her two children, Bryan and Bryson Barnes. In May 1972, daughter Corliss Adora Collins was born. At the FAA, Dr. Collins advanced from a research psychologist to head of the Aviation Psychology Laboratory (1965) to Director of the Civil Aeromedical Institute (CAMI) from 1989-2001. CAMI functions included the aeromedical certification of all U.S. pilots, aeromedical education, two research divisions, and an aeromedical clinic that served the FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center. His research on sensory processes, spatial disorientation, and the performance effects of age, sleep loss, alcohol and other drugs resulted in hundreds of scientific publications, presentations, lectures and professional awards. His work during FAA strike recovery following the air traffic controller illegal strike and firings in 1981 earned him the Department of Transportation Silver Medal presented to him by then DOT Secretary Elizabeth Dole. As CAMI Director, "Dr. C" was credited in his retirement citation with invigorating the Institute and elevating it to "World Class" status by successfully increasing productivity and professional interactions both nationally and internationally, improving CAMI infrastructure and securing sustained major increases in staffing and operation budgets. He retired in 2001. Dr. Collins was also active locally. He was the first psychologist appointed to the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to be elected to consecutive full terms as chair. During that service, he initiated a number of improvements to state law including the addition of members of the public to the Board. He received the Oklahoma Psychological Association's Distinguished Psychologist award in 1985. He was an adjunct research professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the OU Health Sciences Center where, along with a prior concurrent appointment at the OU Norman campus, he served as a thesis/ dissertation committee chair for 23 graduate students in addition to providing lectures and directed reading courses. Following his 2001 retirement from CAMI, he was honored in 2002 and 2003 when annual awards were named for him by the FAA Office of Aerospace Medicine and by the Aerospace Human Factors Association. In 2004, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame based on his scientific/administrative achievements in aviation medicine and aviation safety. In 2007, he received the Aerospace Medical Association's Louis H. Bauer Founders Award for his career of significant aeromedical contributions. He remained active as an adjunct research professor in the OUHSC Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, as a 2002-2011 technical consultant for Chickasaw Nation Industries-Aviation, and as a 2008- 2012 appointee to the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) on Aircraft Safety. Dr. Collins had an avid interest in Native American culture, paintings and sculptures. For more than four decades, he was a familiar figure every summer evening at the neighborhood pool, becoming affectionately known as "Swimmer Bill." He was predeceased by his loving parents and sister Catherine G. Collins, and by the light of his life, his wife, Corliss Jean, who bravely and with cheerfulness dealt with physical issues that restricted her mobility. He is survived by his loving and beloved daughter, Corliss Adora, who helped him through his later years, and by stepsons Bryan and Bryson Barnes. He is also survived by his

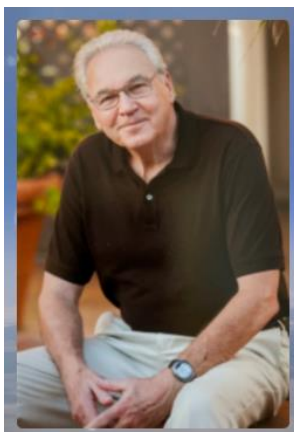
cherished younger brother John J. Collins of New Jersey, five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.” *Wilson Funeral Home*.



Dr. Collins's Celebration of Life honored by colleagues (L → R): Dr. and Mrs. D. Schroeder, Dr. W. Silberman, J. King, L. Ritz, Dr. M. Antuñano, M. Wayda, Dr. D. Broach, Dr. N. Milburn, Dr. K. Bleckley, K. Wade, V. Hicks, R. Smith, Dr. T. Nesthus, D. Lacy, Dr. C. Manning, Dr. C. Hackworth, B. Henson, Unk., Dr. D. Beringer, and Dr. H. Mertens.

IN MEMORIAM: William F. Storm, Ph.D.

(May 23, 1940 – May 15, 2025)



“With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of William Frank Storm, known to friends and family as Bill, who passed away in Georgetown, Texas, at the age of 84. Bill was a cherished father, brother, uncle, and friend, and his legacy will live on in the many lives he touched. Bill is survived by his beloved daughter, Kathleen Marie Storm Garcia, and her husband Marcus Garcia, of Georgetown, TX. He is also mourned by his brother, David Storm, and his fiancée, Christina Neal; his sister-in-law Barbara Storm; his nephew, Douglas Storm, his wife Jennifer, and their daughter Olive; and his niece, Debora Storm Walker, her husband Derek, and their children Dylan and Danielle—all of whom reside in San Diego, CA. Bill will also be missed by many dear friends and extended family members. He was preceded in death by his father, William LaVerne Storm; his mother, Ethel Charlotte Mason Storm; and his brother, Jerome George Storm. Born in Waterloo, Iowa, Bill's family relocated to San Diego, CA, during his childhood. He graduated from Lincoln High School

in 1958, where he formed lifelong friendships that he cherished, especially when reconnecting at Class of '58 reunions. Bill went on to earn a B.A. in Psychology and an M.A. in Experimental Psychology from San Diego State University in 1964 and 1965, respectively. He received his Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from the University of Missouri in 1970, having been funded as a NASA Research Fellow. While in school, Bill served in the United States

Air Force Reserves from 1962-1968 [...] A key part of his early career was his role as a National Research Council post-doctoral trainee at the 6571st Aeromedical Research Lab at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, from 1969 to 1971. There, he focused on the psychophysiology of sleep in primates and work/rest schedules, under the mentorship of Dr. Bryce O. Hartman. During this time, Bill's daughter Kathleen was born in Alamogordo, NM, in 1970. In 1971, Bill went to work at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB in San Antonio, TX. Over the next 25 years, he conducted research on the effects of work/rest cycles, time zone changes, and environmental stress on psychomotor performance. He served as the function chief (1975-1988) and then the branch chief (1988-1995) for the cognitive performance and other groups. Bill spent 1995 to 1996 as the Deputy Director of the Human Resources Directorate of Armstrong Laboratory at Brooks AFB, and then 1996 to 1997 as the Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado. In 1997, he returned to the newly-established Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) at Brooks AFB where he worked as a Supervisory Research Psychologist in the Biodynamics and Protection Division, again heading the cognitive performance research group as well as the environmental physiology research groups. Bill's dedication to his field was recognized through numerous honors, including the prestigious Harold Brown Award in 1994, the Air Force's highest research and development honor. He also received the Department of Defense Desert Shield/Desert Storm Medal in 1992, the Aerospace Medical Association's Harry G. Moseley Award in 1995, and the Aerospace Human Factors Association's Henry L. Taylor Founder's Award in 2004. [...]

A Celebration of Life Brunch to honor Bill will be held on August 9, 2025, from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm at HighPointe Estate at 5555 County Road 258, Liberty Hill, Texas. This will be an open-house style gathering so please feel free to attend in entirety, or come and go, during those hours. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bill's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Yellowstone Forever. Bill will be deeply missed by his family and friends." <https://www.gabrielsfuneral.com/obituary/william-storm>.

WELCOME TO TEN NEW AsHFA MEMBERS!

Eight Standard (AsMA members)

1. **Jumana Alshaikh, MD (UT)**, originally from Saudi Arabia, is a neurologist and movement disorders specialist at University of Utah and is the co-director of their Parkinson disease center of excellence. She has a particular interest in utilizing advanced therapies such as brain implants called deep brain stimulation and other breakthrough technologies to treat patients with complex neurological disorders. She is a firm believer in Nelson Mandela's assertion that education is the most powerful weapon to change the world. Her educational efforts, with a focus on developing critical thinking skills, led her to receive the Department of Neurology's award for outpatient teacher of the year in 2021-2022 and again in 2023-2024. Outside of her practice, she is captivated by the wonders of space and is an amateur astronomer. She has merged her expertise in neurology with her deep appreciation for the cosmos and has given several talks to astronomy groups in Utah about "The Neurology of Space Travel" explaining the effects of space travel on the human nervous system, with the hope that education about these health impacts will inspire innovations to mitigate them. She is excited to join AsHFA as a member to learn from and collaborate with others in the field.
2. **Joyce A. Fowler-Hoover**
3. **Ryan Green**
4. **Mohammad Hirzallah**
5. **Krishi Korrapati**
6. **Katherine Lightfoot (CO)**



7. **Andrew Metelko**

8. **Raja Rath**

Two Affiliate (non-AsMA members)

1. **Gila Buckman, MD** (Israel)

2. **Rafael Lora Taveras, MD** (Dominican Republic)

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL WITH AsHFA

By Anna Clebone-Ruskin, M.D., AsHFA President-Elect

We would like to invite YOU to be actively involved with AsHFA activities and leadership. Here are some opportunities if you have the time and interest and would like to become more involved -- there are many options for building your career and professional network through AsHFA:

1. AsHFA Ideas Incubator

The AsHFA Ideas Incubator is an opportunity to network, present projects, and ask for or offer help for human factors initiatives in aerospace. AsHFA members are also welcome if they would like to attend just to listen - no presentation required! The AsHFA Ideas Incubator program was started in 2024 by Drs. Harriet Lester and Anna Clebone-Ruskin. AsHFA members are welcome to share project ideas, offer mentorship, or simply come to listen. This past year, ideas shared included research, panels for AsMA, and creative projects. Successful collaborations this year included finding research subjects, offers of laboratory space and equipment, research advice and feedback on research proposals, manuscripts, and presentations. This activity occurs during 1-hour video teleconferences, 4x/year. If you are interested, please contact Anna (aclebone@gmail.com) or Harriet (hl2026@gmail.com).

2. AsHFA Newsletter Articles

We welcome articles on relevant historical or current topics relevant to Aerospace Human Factors (2-page max). Also, news (blurbs) of your research, academic, or other professional accomplishments are welcome. The AsHFA Newsletter (NL) is published 3x a year. If you are interested, please contact Star (starforster@yahoo.com).

3. AsHFA Committees

This is a great way to start for those looking to eventually run for EXCOM or to gain organizational or leadership experience. The AsHFA Committees are detailed in the AsHFA Bylaws and listed below.

- a) *The Publicity Committee* assists with AsHFA's social media, website design, and publicity. Contact its Chairperson, Diego Garcia (airmandoctor@gmail.com).
- b) *The Program Committee* facilitates and helps organize the annual AsHFA business/luncheon meeting at AsMA. Contact its Chairperson, John Allen (hearist2@gmail.com).
- c) *The Policy & Procedures Committee* maintains and enhances the AsHFA Policy and Procedures Manual. Contact its Chairperson, Anna Clebone-Ruskin.

4. AsHFA Sponsored Panels

You may help identify panel topics pertinent to AsHFA for their sponsorship during AsMA conferences. To date, several AsMA 2026 panel topics have surfaced as shown below. If you want to help, contact the prospective leaders or the AsHFA EXCOM (p. 24). Feel free to suggest or lead a topic!

- a. Then And Now in Human Factors
- b. Artificial Intelligence
- c. Special Senses - Harriet Lester (hl2026@gmail.com)
- d. Human Systems Integration - Keith Ruskin (kruskin@me.com)
- e. Obesity in Aviation - John Caldwell (drjohnncaldwell@gmail.com)
- f. Alarms: Human Automation Teaming

DATA-CALL: WHAT ARE YOUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE?

We are updating the AsHFA Membership Directory, and President Caldwell would like to add information on "areas of expertise" for each member. This is a way to gain advice or identify collaborative opportunities amongst us. Please tell our Membership Officer, Star Forster (starforster@yahoo.com), the one to three SPECIFIC top areas of expertise for which you are distinguished. Examples: "sleep disorders, fatigue, and statistics" or "altitude physiology" or "medical certification and international aviation law." Please also take the opportunity to update your information as necessary (address, phone, etc.). Your prompt answer is appreciated.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

- ❖ **Erik LeRoy** represented a poster entitled *Long-Term MHC Class I Suppression in Astronauts and its Clinical Implication* at AsMA 2025. He also co-presented on musculoskeletal considerations for the AsMA Ad-Hoc Committee on Commercial Spaceflight.
- ❖ Drs. Roger Hesselbrock, Daniel Danczyk, Thomas Flipse, Brett Wyrick, **Harriet Lester**, and



Dave Schall, pictured below (L→R), participated in the AsMA 2025 academic panel entitled *Would You Fly with This Pilot?* offered by the FAA's Office of Aerospace Medicine. Dr. Lester also participated in the AME FAA Seminar on the topic of Ophthalmology.

- ❖ **Dr. Scott Van Hoy** and Dr. Kristen Miller published the article *Defining a Management Structure for University Space Analog Research Programs* in the Journal of Human Performance in Extreme Environments. It is available at <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/jhpee/vol20/iss1/2>.
- ❖ The Life Sciences and Biomedical Engineering Branch celebrated its 60th anniversary during AsMA 2025. **Dr. Dwight Holland** spearheaded the event, including offering entertainment by the *Galactic and Friends Band* of which he is the leader. Other AsHFA members in the band included **Dr. Carol Ramsey** and **Dr. Diego Garcia**.
- ❖ **Dr. Kris Belland** (R pic R) received the Presidential Citation Award from AsMA President Dr. Robert Oxford (R pic L).





❖ **Herwin Bongers**, pictured left, participated in the AsMA 2025 panel entitled *Peer Support and Mental Health in Civil Aviation Across the Globe*.

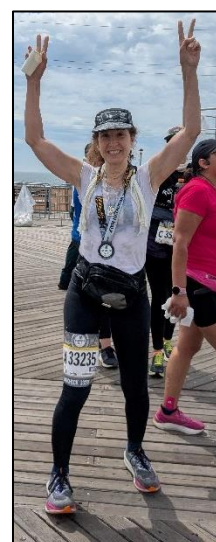
❖ **Dr. Dwight Holland**, pictured right, 2nd from the left, was inducted to the Roanoke, VA Tennis Hall of Fame. The announcement was featured in the WFXR TV station.



❖ **USA LTC Aric Raus**, was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society on 5 March 2025. He also began a Post-Doc Research Fellowship with the USAF 59th Medical Wing's Aircrew Brain and Mental Health Program on 18 February, where he is developing an Accident Investigators Mental Health Job Aid to assist with identifying the influence on mental health on aviation mishaps. Over the past few months, Aric has presented at the International Symposium on Aviation Psychology (ISAP) and at AsMA. His topics included "Mental Health Among Current and Former US Army Aviation Personnel," "The Necessity of an Aviation Psychology Specialty," and "U.S. Army Aviation Mission Type and Mental Health Symptoms." Additionally, he hosted an In-Person DELPHI round at AsMA 2025 as part of developing an Accident Investigators' Mental Health Job Aid. Learn more about DELPHI here: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26296368/>.



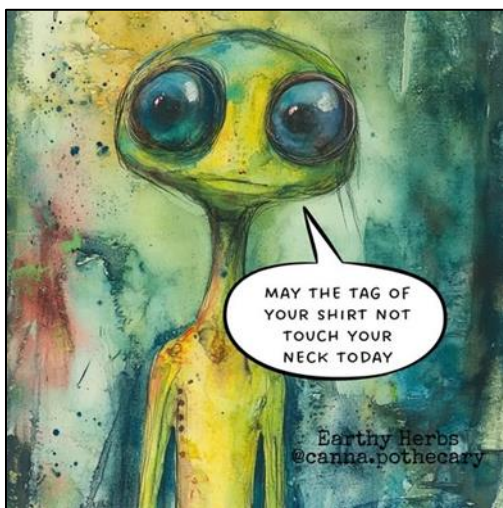
❖ **Dr. Harriet Lester** participated in the Queens' 10 K run and the half marathon in Brooklyn, NY.



❖ Artist **Dr. Benisse Lester** (below, R) displays her version of *Portrait of a Man, Possibly a Self-Portrait* (by Diego Rodríguez de Silva y Velázquez, Spanish ca. 1635).



❖ **Dr. Carol Ramsey** (L) became president of the Life Sciences and Biomedical Engineering Group (LSBEB). Check out her BIO in the AsMA Newsletter, June 2025 edition.



LUMINARIES AMONGST US: Dr. JOHN ALLEN

BRAVO! To Dr. John Allen who was elected FELLOW of AsMA on 5 June 2025. He is pictured below in the first row, 2nd from the left.



2025 AsMA RAYMOND F. LONGACRE AWARD

The Raymond F. Longacre Award, established to honor the memory of MAJ Raymond F. Longacre, MC, USA, is given annually for outstanding accomplishment in the psychological and psychiatric aspects of aerospace medicine. It is sponsored by AsHFA. This year it was granted posthumously to **Dr. Carlie Chesnow**, pictured below left (L), with Dr. Harriet Lester (M) and Dr. Geoff Caine (R) during AsMA 2019. Also pictured are Harriet receiving Charlie's award from Dr. Oxford, President of AsMA.



AsHFA ELECTION RESULTS: EXCOM OFFICERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

to Anna Clebone-Ruskin, M.D. elected as President-Elect and
USA LTC Aric Raus, Ph.D. as Member-At-Large.



2025 AsHFA AWARDS

By Keith Ruskin, M.D., AsHFA Awards Chair

The AsHFA Awards Committee, formed of Dr. Harriet Lester, Dr. John Caldwell, and Dr. Keith Ruskin elected the following winners. The announcements occurred during the AsHFA Luncheon at AsMA 2025.



THE AsHFA 2025 HENRY L. TAYLOR FOUNDER'S AWARD was granted to **Barry Shender, Ph.D., FAsMA, FAsHFA, EFNAVAIR**. The University of Illinois, Institute of Aviation established an Aerospace Human Factors Association endowment to fund the Henry L. Taylor Founder's Award, given in recognition of outstanding contributions in the field of Aerospace Human Factors.



THE AsHFA 2025 STANLEY N. ROSCOE AWARD was granted to **Dr. Aric Raus**. The award is given to the best doctoral dissertation written in a research area related to Aerospace Human Factors. The title of his dissertation was *"Barriers to Mental Health Treatment Among U.S. Army Aviation Personnel."* The paper is available at <https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=6581&context=doctoral>. The picture shows Aric (L) receiving the award from Keith Ruskin.



THE WILLIAM E. COLLINS AWARD was presented to **Dr. Scott Van Hoy**. This award recognizes the "Outstanding Human Factors Publication of the Year" for work completed during the previous calendar year (2024). The title of his publication was *"Facial expression perception and psychological changes during space analogs."* *Aerosp. Med. Hum. Perform.* 2024; 95(12):913-918.



2025 AsHFA FELLOWS

By Keith Ruskin, M.D., AsHFA Fellows Officer

Congratulations to this year's AsHFA Fellows, elected by the Fellows of AsHFA. The honor includes an AsHFA Fellow coin. Dr. Ruskin gave each of the honorees a certificate of achievement, as shown in the pictures below.



Colombia AF Col.(ret.) Lina Maria Sanchez-Rubio, M.D., Ph.D.



USAF LtCol.(ret.) Jaimie Harvey, B.Sc.



Gabrielle Caswell, M.S.³ M.D.

AsHFA SPONSORED PANELS AT AsMA-UHMS 2025

Five AsMA panels were sponsored by AsHFA this year. Congratulations to the participants. For details, please refer to the AsHFA NL Volume 2025 Issue 1 or the AsMA-UHMS 2025 APP.



One panel was on SIMULATION SICKNESS, CYBERSICKNESS, AND THE VESTIBULAR SYSTEM (L→R): Jamie Harvey, Jordan Alvey, Keith Ruskin, Anna Clebone-Ruskin, and Rob Fong.

The second panel was on THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (L→R): Stephen Veronneau, Estrella Forster, Annie Sobel, and Melchor Antuñano.



Harriet Lester led the third panel on MAKING SENSE OF SPECIAL SENSES IV: SENSORY CHALLENGES.

Forest Pavel and Sky Overbo (below, L) participated on the fourth panel, entitled THE NECESSITY OF AN AVIATION PSYCHOLOGY SPECIALTY.

The fifth panel was entitled SLEEP DISORDERS AS A FATIGUE FACTOR IN AVIATION AND was led by John Caldwell.



AsHFA AT AsMA-UHMS 2025

AsHFA held various annual meetings during the Aerospace Medical Association annual conference of 1 - 6 June 2025 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, GA, USA. This year, the conference was celebrated jointly with the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS). The AsHFA meetings included the Executive Committee meeting, attendees pictured below, which took place on 2 June, when the AsHFA EXCOM and others met to prepare for the AsHFA 2025 Business Meeting.



On the same date, AsHFA membership gathered for its Business Meeting and Luncheon. Dr. Harriet Lester (L) led the proceedings as the 33rd AsHFA President.

The agenda included acknowledging past presidents of AsHFA, recognition of AsHFA EXCOM members and AsHFA Fellows present, introduction of the newly elected Fellows, and presentation of the 2025 AsHFA Awards.



Dr. Carol Manning (R) honored us with the AsHFA 2025 Keynote Lecture as a winner of the AsHFA Henry L. Taylor Founders Award in 2024. The title of Carol's thought-provoking presentation was *"How is Human Factors Related to Aviation and Aerospace Medicine?"*



The meeting concluded with Dr. Lester introducing the newly elected President, Dr. John Caldwell, with the AsHFA "gavel," pictured in the next page (L). It is a switch button similar to the one used in the launch of the Apollo 12 in 1969. The story goes like this: During the launch process, *"the loss of all three fuel cells put the CSM [command and service module] entirely on batteries, which were unable to maintain normal 75-ampere launch loads on the 28-volt DC bus. One of the AC inverters dropped offline. These power supply problems lit nearly every warning light on the control panel and caused much of the instrumentation to malfunction. Electrical, Environmental and Consumables Manager (EECOM) John Aaron remembered the telemetry failure pattern from an earlier test when a power supply malfunctioned in the CSM Signal Conditioning Equipment (SCE), which converted raw signals from instrumentation to standard voltages for the spacecraft instrument displays and telemetry encoders. Aaron made a call, "Try SCE to aux," which*

switched the SCE to a backup power supply.” Source is <https://space.stackexchange.com/questions/17808/what-does-switch-sce-to-aux-mean>.



Dr. Caldwell in turn awarded Dr. Lester with a token of appreciation for her service in our organization.

AsHFA events concluded on 4 June with President Caldwell conducting the EXCOM planning meeting for his administration of our organization during 2025-2026.



Some AsHFA Luncheon Attendees (L→R): Drs. G. Caswell, A. Raus (MAL), J. Caldwell (President-Elect, 2025-2026), H. Lester (President), F. Pavel (Secretary), E. Forster, C. Manning, K. Ruskin (immed. Past President) and C. Ruskin (President-Elect 2026-2027)



L→ R: Dr. Ray King, Dr. Carol Manning, and Dr. Brian Musselman

WHAT IS SLACK?

By Scott Van Hoy, AsHFA Student Representative

SLACK is a tool recommended during AsHFA Incubator discussions. SLACK is an online meeting place, a forum to discuss research and ask for support, or offer support. Different channels allow for different conversations. This tool can be used to socialize, talk about emerging research, and build the community. Here is the link that anyone can use to join SLACK: https://join.slack.com/t/aerospacehumanfactors/shared_invite/zt-30zx0tzwm-lhW0guAMmR4A3ItN6vCxuQ. We encourage all members, especially scientists, to join or create a forum on SLACK – it will help your research progress!

AsMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *RETIRES*

It is sad to hear that our great AsMA Executive Director and member of AsHFA, Jeff Sventek, is retiring. He and his staff have always been supportive of our activities and exemplary in responding to our needs and those of other organizations. I can still recall the fun he shared with us during the 35th anniversary of the Iberoamerican Association of Aerospace Medicine, an affiliate organization of AsMA (pictured with his wife). The following are Jeff's words regarding his experience with our AsMA community. We are very grateful for his dedication and friendship. May he continue to find rewarding opportunities.



"On July 1, 2025, I will retire for the second time in my life. I retired from the US Air Force on December 1, 2006, following 34 years of service. I was only 52 years old at the time and did not want to slow down. I worked as a government contractor for two different contract companies from 2006 – 2010 but was very excited to apply for the AsMA Executive Director position in the summer 2009. I interviewed with two other applicants in August 2009 and was offered the AsMA Executive Director position in September 2009. I started my tenure as AsMA Executive Director on January 11, 2010 working from the AsMA Headquarters in Alexandria, VA. I found the position challenging and very rewarding. The AsMA staff and I discussed ways to improve all operations for our members, and we began by moving from a paper-based operation to a digital-based operation almost immediately. By 2013, all office functions were digital and much of the paper history had been scanned to a searchable digital format. In 2014, I started offering the AsMA Staff the opportunity to work from home 2 days each week and work in the AsMA office 3 days each week. This was a very positive change for the staff since they had everything required to be efficient at home and they could avoid driving in DC traffic two days each week.

We initiated many changes to the Annual Scientific Meetings in an effort to improve the quality of the scientific information presented and to make the meeting experience more enjoyable for attendees. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in early 2020, I directed the AsMA staff to work completely from home. The staff never missed a beat! However, Gisselle informed me that we were receiving paper bills at the office, and we needed to find a way to collect the bills and pay them without exposing our staff to COVID-19. So, after two weeks working from home, we

implemented an office protocol where one AsMA Staff member would go into the office each day of the week. That staff member would wait until the daily mail was delivered, sort the mail, and distribute the mail to the proper AsMA staff member's office so it would be waiting when that staff member arrived on their assigned day. Anything that looked urgent was scanned and sent as a PDF attachment to an email to the appropriate staff members.

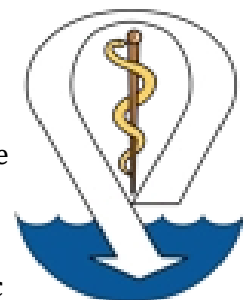
This process worked so well, we've continued it to this day. AsMA staff members work from home 4 days each week and go into the office 1 day each week. The AsMA staff are very happy with this arrangement, and I believe productivity has increased. As a result of this arrangement, the AsMA office building in Alexandria no longer seems necessary. We were recently approached by a local Alexandria church across the street from the office building about selling our building. The AsMA Executive Committee and AsMA Council both approved working toward selling the AsMA building. We are close to a final sale agreement as of today. If the building sells, archival materials will be shipped to the AsMA Archives at Wright State University in Dayton, OH and important supplies and merchandise will be shipped to the UHMS building in North Palm Beach, FL. Remaining items will be donated locally to worthy organizations or discarded. AsMA staff will work entirely from home and the mailing address for AsMA will be changed to the UHMS mailing address in FL. There is the potential for AsMA to eventually change its state of incorporation from VA to FL.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve for 15+ years as the eighth AsMA Executive Director. I hope the new ideas and processes we have brought to AsMA have improved the value of AsMA membership, the AsMA journal, and the Annual Scientific Meetings. All changes were filtered through the lens of improving the association for the members. I am looking forward to my second retirement so I can play more golf and better manage our 100 acres of land in western New York State. I will still be attending the AsMA-UHMS Annual Scientific Meetings as well as the International Congress of Aerospace Medicine (ICAM) and the International Congress of Aviation and Space Medicine (ICASM) meetings in the future. I hope to see my aerospace medicine colleagues and friends for many years to come."

WHAT'S UP WITH ASMA AND UHMS?

By Jeff Sventek

AsMA and the [Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society] UHMS are not merging. Rather, the two organizations are working on several projects with increased collaboration and sharing of resources.



The 2025 AsMA-UHMS Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta is the first of six Annual Scientific Meetings in a row that will be conducted as a joint meeting (2025 -2030). John Peters will become the next AsMA Executive Director on July 1, 2025. He currently serves as the UHMS Executive Director. We have known each other since 2014 and have collaborated as numerous projects over the years. When I decided to retire from the AsMA Executive Director position, the AsMA Council worked to find a replacement. AsMA actually offered the position to an AsMA Fellow who had expressed interest in the position. However, that AsMA Fellow was offered another position that had more professional appeal and the AsMA offer was declined. John Peters and I were in the middle of collaborating on a project for the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) and it occurred to me that John would be an outstanding Executive Director for AsMA. We approached John about becoming the AsMA Executive Director and he expressed interest but did not want to leave the UHMS. I asked the AsMA Executive Committee to consider hiring John Peters as the AsMA Executive Director and allowing him to continue as the UHMS Executive Director. I explained to the AsMA Executive Committee that the AsMA Deputy Executive Director, Gisselle Vargas, could share the AsMA Executive Director responsibilities with John Peters.

The AsMA Executive Committee and the UHMS Board of Directors met in early 2024 to discuss this shared leadership arrangement and the organizations formed the AsMA-UHMS Collaboration Committee. This Collaboration

Committee met several times and developed a shared leadership structure that would allow John Peters to serve as the AsMA Executive Director and the UHMS Executive Director. The Collaboration Committee also identified how to share many day-to-day processes between the two organizations, allowing Gisselle Vargas to pick up many of the daily responsibilities currently managed by the AsMA Executive Director. The AsMA Council approved the recommendations for shared services between AsMA and UHMS and the AsMA Council also approved John Peters as the ninth AsMA Executive Director. John Peters has been employed by AsMA since January 1, 2025, and has worked to learn AsMA processes and he has worked closely with me to learn the AsMA Executive Director responsibilities. We have engaged Gisselle Vargas to a much greater extent during these past six months and Gisselle has trained in many of the AsMA Executive Director roles and responsibilities. We are confident that the transition on July 1, 2025 will be smooth and seamless. *Welcome to the team John!*

SEEKING NOMINATIONS: AsHFA STUDENT REP.

By Anna Clebone-Ruskin, AsHFA President-Elect

The AsHFA Nominations & Elections Committee, chaired by Dr. Clebone and supported by the AsHFA MALs, Drs. Benisse Lester, Aric Raus, and Kylie Worthington, is currently holding elections for the 1-year position of Student Representative.

The AsHFA Student Representative shall be currently enrolled in a University as an undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral student, or fellow. S/he shall promote the purpose and objectives of the Association and opportunities within AsHFA with other student members and their respective institutions.

For those candidates who agree to serve, a biography and paragraph about reasons for wanting the position will be due by **1 July 2025**. Elections will run from 1 July – 1 August 2025. The nomination form is available at <https://forms.gle/aKB8yGAhuaBLEhtm8>.

READINGS

- Operational Human Factors Considerations for Head-Worn Display (HWD) Usage in Civil Aviation, [Abstract](#), [Full Text](#)
- Exploratory Development of Biomarkers for Neurobehavioral Performance Impairment During Sleep Loss: Comparison Across Multiple Types of Sleep Deprivation, [Abstract](#), [Full Text](#)
- Biomarkers for Noise-Induced Sleep Disruption, [Abstract](#), [Full Text](#)
- Spatial Disorientation in Fatal General Aviation Accidents (2003 – 2021), [Abstract](#), [Full Text](#)
- Human Factors in Aviation Maintenance: Understanding Errors, Management, and Technological Trends, <https://commons.erau.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3465&context=publication>
- Aviation Psychology and Human Factors (2023) <https://www.abebooks.com/Aviation-Psychology-Human-Factors-Martinussen-Monica/31975325418/bd>
- Aerospace Human Factors Research at the FAA https://www.faa.gov/data_research/research/med_humanfacs/humanfactors
- Several articles on human performance in Volume 96 Issue 6 of the AsMA Journal <https://asma.kglmeridian.com/view/journals/amhp/96/6/amhp.96.issue-6.xml>
- IATA Report on Generative Artificial Intelligence in Aviation <https://www.iata.org/globalassets/iata/programs/innovation-hub/generative-ai-report.pdf>
- FAA Roadmap for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning https://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ang/redac/redac-sas-202308-roadmap-to-ai-ml.pdf

ELECTION OF AsMA OFFICERS

The AsMA nominations process took place during September – December 2024. Amongst the many nominees, there were three AsHFA-sponsored candidates considered for the MAL and one candidate considered for Vice President. Results of the process were announced at AsMA's June 2025 meeting in Atlanta. The results are detailed at <https://www.asma.org/about-asma/asma-executive-committee>. *Congratulations to the AsHFA members who became part of the AsMA Leadership, Dr. Wagstaff and Jaime Harvey!*

President-Elect (1-Year Term):	Vice Presidents (2-Year Terms):	Secretary (2-Year Term):	Members-at-Large (3-Year Terms):
• Anthony Wagstaff	• Ellis Boudreau • Ian Mollan	• Amanda Lippert	• Jaime Harvey • Roger Hesselbrock • Brent Klein • Winton Laslie

SUPPORTING RESILIENCE AND TEAM COHESION

By Scott Van Hoy, Ph.D., Ed., Reporting

Dr. Jeff Thompson of the Columbia University Medical Center and Dr. Kristen Miller of the American Public University System's Analog Research Group have collaborated to examine evidenced-based resilience and conflict resolution skills to promote well-being and team cohesion during a recent analog mission that took place over the course of 10 days in Arizona. The collection of practices is part of the AWE Project: Advancing Wellness in (*space) Exploration.

The project consists of practices and activities pre-mission, during the mission, and post-mission. These activities included learning and practicing hostage negotiation communication techniques to support team cohesion and engaging in AWE narrative practices during all three stages to enhance personal and team resilience. Experiencing AWE is not limited to just a once in a lifetime, extraordinary moments. Instead, research conducted with first responders, the military, healthcare professionals, and others has demonstrated it can also serve as a gateway to the skills needed for successful long duration space missions such as cognitive reappraisal, emotional control, empathy, hope and optimism, finding meaning and purpose in life, and much more. Narrative psychology, along with narrative therapy and narrative medicine frameworks, guided the practices which included:

- **Pre-Mission:** Taking part in 5 Days of AWE, a video-based program that included a brief breathing practice, watching a short video, and a journal prompt writing exercise based on the video to start and end their day.
- **During Mission:** Private writing journal prompts in the morning and evening; also evening team building exercises.
- **Post Mission:** Continue two days of post-mission, private writing journal prompts and complete a post-program survey related to the awe narrative activities.

While the data is still being analyzed, preliminary results are promising, especially with the 5 Days of AWE video-based program, where the following themes have emerged and are supported with analog astronaut narrative examples:

Team cohesion (pre-mission): “I think this program has been beneficial for us, not the least because it caused us to think about teamwork, communication, and the dynamics that are in play during a mission.”

Team cohesion (during the mission): “We talked about awe moments frequently throughout the mission. The morning journal prompts led to good team discussions and helped us to identify what we were feeling during the day.”

Emotion management and regulation: “Tonight's video was exactly what I needed. I was struggling with frustration and anger... just watching someone have such an experience... lifted my spirits.”

Overall resilience: “The pursuit of awe I feel provides a powerful new way to focus on life. Identifying and searching for moments of awe I feel is a perspective that can pull oneself out of the day-to-day purgatory and rigid lackluster lifestyle.”

Creativity and problem-solving: “I like that the Awe Project makes me have to think a bit more outside the box when it comes to these videos. It is a nice way to get the creative juices flowing in my brain each morning.”

Empathy: “Some of the reactions that others had to some of the videos surprised me. I like that there can be such wildly differing perspectives on the same thing.”

Lasting impact and cognitive reappraisal: “I've found myself reflecting throughout the day on the videos and being more cognizant of the little amazing experiences that occur throughout the day.”

FUN AT AsMA-UHMS 2025

Sky Overbo (R) had fun trying out the Mind Gym. Learn more about it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87lxJODsh6o&t=93s>.



AsHFA would not be successful without its members. Note in the picture (far L) Anna Clebone-Ruskin and John Allen helping with the AsHFA membership drive during AsMA 2025. They staffed the “AsHFA

Table” for hours! Along with other volunteers Brian (“Moose”) Musselman, John Caldwell, Keith Ruskin, and Star Forster. *Many thanks to all!* (31+ people signed up!)

Meanwhile, Anna took time to have fun at the GENTEX exhibit (above, M).

Star and Harriet joined Jeff Sventek, immediate past Executive Director of AsMA (R), as folks were going back home post AsMA 2025.

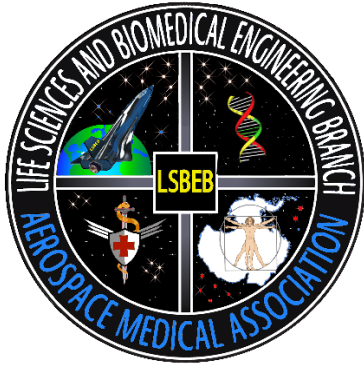


L → R: Dr. Kris Belland, Dr. Andy Bellenkes, Dr. Pam Belland, Dr. Harriet Lester, and AsMA President-Elect Anthony Wagstaff during Honors Night.



L→R: Capt. Matt Saberton (AeroClenz), Dr. George Anderson, Dr. Dan Lestage, Dr. Kris Belland, Dr. Charles DeJohn, and Mr. Robert Laurent (ETC)





The Galactics and Friends Band – Rehearsing for the LSBEB Celebration of their 60th Anniversary



Dr. Ray King and Dr. Lester holding the AsMA 2025 Raymond F. Longacre Award won by Dr. Chesnow

FUTURE HF MEETINGS

16th International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics. Jul. 26-30, 2025, Orlando, FL. [AHFE Conference](#).

American Psychological Association 2025. Aug. 7-9, 2025, Denver, CO. <https://convention.apa.org/>.

69th Aviation Human Factors Conference. Sep. 16-17, 2025, Sideny, Australia. <https://www.pacdeff.com/>.

ASPIRE 2025 - The HFES Annual Meeting and Exhibition. Oct. 13-17, 2025, Chicago, IL.
<https://www.hfes.org/Events/ASPIRE-International-Annual-Meeting/Registration/Register-to-Attend>.

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of Australia - National Conference. Dec. 1-3, 2025, Launceston, Tasmania <https://conf.ergonomics.org.au/>.

International Symposium on Human Factors and Ergonomics in Health Care. Mar. 22-25, 2026, New York, NY, USA <https://www.hfes.org/Events/Future-Events/international-symposium-on-human-factors-and-ergonomics-in-health-care-1>.

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 - b. Pay the \$20 (\$5 if you are a student) USD annual dues (\$60 for 3 years) – Go to the AsMA WEBSITE and select RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP (left-most column of the page, <https://www.asma.org/members-only>).
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2. *If you are NOT an AsMA member*, pay the AsHFA annual dues to the AsHFA Treasurer, as indicated above. As necessary, please also email the AsHFA Membership Officer (starforster@yahoo.com) any updates to your information.

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