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Upole, E. Harland (Missoula 1950)

Harland, 79, died Sept. 17, 2011, in Cumberland, Maryland. He served in the Army during 1952-54 following two stints with the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks, as well as jumping from Missoula in the 1950 season. Harland assisted the Air Force in recovering a B-52, along with two surviving crewmen and the bodies of three others, after the bomber crashed in Savage River State Forest in Maryland in January 1964. He received letters of commendation from Air Force Gens. Curtis Le May and Thomas Power. Upon learning of the crash, Harland immediately organized a search and rescue party, made his home available to the operation's directors, and used his superior knowledge of the area to materially contribute to the success of the operation. Harland was promoted to regional law enforcement fire control officer in Allegany County in 1967; he retired from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in 1980, after which he operated a Christmas tree farm.

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