



# The Enlisted Association

## Chapter 1

### NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

Welcome to a new beginning! First and foremost, I want to congratulate the membership on this very significant milestone in our Chapter's history. Your vision, willingness to evolve and bold determination to forge a new beginning has been the driving catalyst that has made it possible. Please ignore the empty rhetoric from uninvolved members who claim they had predicted the business location would close but yet were not willing to claim a stake in helping to develop a path forward. Our devoted members united to continue the TREAA mission when the future seemed uncertain and dreary. It was those members that enduringly supported our Club and Chapter during the frail times and it is those members that will celebrate our new evolution at our new location. I look forward to raising my glass with you as we make new memories going forward.

On Wednesday March 29, 2017 at about 10am MT, I had the ominous charge of officially signing the sale of our Club building at 834 Emory Circle. The container with all of the Chapter and Club tangible assets was removed from Emory Circle to its temporary location the following morning. The sale of the building is final but we as a Chapter are alive and well. In fact, we are in a very solvent financial footing. Phase two of our transition, which is developing the business plan for our next location is in full swing. Running concurrently to this phase is identifying potential locations with those involved already actively engaged. The committee has been organized and will carry their business until the plan is ready to present to the GMM. The steps to carry this plan to fruition are in place and in good hands. As always we will provide updates on developments as they happen.

You will notice our temporary postal address and phone number at the heading of this page. Please use this address and our email for correspondence. I ask that you reserve courtesy to our volunteer, Bernice Barrett if you need to call our temporary extension. Only essential calls to this phone number please! Thank you for understanding.

The scheduled times and GMM locations will be provided to members who attend the meetings, otherwise we will post an email to the general membership via email. Also, Rocky Mountain Brewery has graciously offered to provide space for our Chapter Newsletter for those who want to pick up a physical copy (their address is below). Please stay involved!

As a reminder, there are only two milestones remaining in our transition. The BOD and AdHoc Committees will provide the guidance for Phase two and three which are: (2) Develop a business plan for our next location, (3) Hold elections as first order of business at new location. We understand that we are not able to reach each and every member through email and social media, so please help spread the word by contacting members that may not use these mediums. Your help is greatly appreciated!

***Rocky Mountain Brewery***  
***625 Paonia St, Colorado Springs, CO 80915***

***Ray Sarate,***  
**Chapter President,**

## Vice President's Report

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Happy Spring everyone! As you've probably heard by now, we have closed on the sale of 834 Emory Cir. property and have completely moved out. I'd like to thank everyone that has been so gracious with their time to help us pack and load the trailer where all of the Personal Chapter property is located. I've been told that the "Chapter is Folding!" rumor has reared it's ugly head again and would like to assure you all that it is completely false! Now that the sale is final, we can really direct our efforts into finding a new HOME for our members to gather socially and focus on rebuilding that home and our Chapter Membership Numbers. Keep in mind, what our President Rey Garate said back in October, this will be a process, and although we are all eager to get right back into a building, we have to ensure we doing what is best for the longevity of the Chapter and not foolishly jumping right into something that will hurt us down the stretch. What's this mean? Downsizing our facility from the 22,000sf building we occupied to something more affordable and manageable. FINDING that perfect facility that will hopefully have most of what we need with it and exploring responsible options such as leasing.

Streamlining our business services previously provided and finding other ways to maximize our potential to attract the local Veteran Community and welcome them within our doors. Becoming for fiscally responsible in all business practices. Some things will change, others will remain the same, but we hope to be back in business in the very near future. Keep an eye on the Facebook page and Webpage for updates. If at all possible, please refrain from calling the office line for updates, as the Acting Admin, won't know any more information than what is already posted on those two sources. Again, thank you all for the fantastic things you've done to help us through this transition! And please, if you see them, there are a handful of people that have gone above and beyond really throwing everything into getting us ready for this next phase and they really deserve a huge Thank You from everyone. Joe and Becky Kluck, Howard Suarez, Roger Ehrke and Bernice Barrett have spent many many hours at the building during the last 4 months preparing for this. They deserve a lot of Praise.

**"UNITED WE STAND!"**

*Lonny Barrett*

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of Chapter 1**

# Chaplain's Report

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## TAPS



Frank FE Velie  
Robert 'Bob' Williams  
Edward Miazga  
Gary E. Brower

## OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Jeanine MacNeill Irma Theresa Barcellos

## REPORTED SICK

To our reported sick: Please know that many prayers are going up for you and we are looking forward to your speedy recovery.

Please remember to update your contact information as necessary with the chapter office.

## Chaplain's Corner

Ponce DeLeon once looked for the 'Fountain of Life' so that he could live forever. We all have that opportunity, but that life ever-after is a glorified eternity with the Heavenly Father. God has a plan for us to complete here on earth. Live such lives as to glorify Him. He asks only to believe in Him and to get to know Him. Amazingly, we can have our eyes opened and see the light. I encourage you all to find a Bible teaching church and to learn, not just attend.

*For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light..*  
Psalm 36:9 (NIV)

*Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski*

*Chaplain, Chapter 1*  
*Phone 271-8323*

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## Membership & Marketing

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**TOTAL Chapter Membership: 1, 255**

### Welcome New Member!

The Membership Committee would like to remind the members that are due to renew their membership, that dues are only \$30.00 for the year 2017. We are mailing renewals 90 days in advance. Please mail your dues to the address that is enclosed with your renewal letter.

### GREAT NEWS!:

Since we are in transition period for our chapter our Board of Directors have decided to wave your chapter dues (\$10 per year) for the year 2017. As of January 2017, If you have you are one of our member that sent your Chapter dues renewal already, please call our office and leave a detailed message with your name and member number, or send us an e-mail, and we will issue you a new card, and credit you that fee to the following year.

**REMI/NDER:** TREA National sends out membership dues reminders, usually before the Chapter does, be aware that the price listed on National reminders DO NOT reflect the price for local Chapter dues. Also, members please be aware that if you pay your dues to National they will not reimburse the \$10.00 for your Chapter 1 local dues and your local membership will expire. We are asking you to please pay your dues here and we will forward dues to National. Please note that while in the process of relocation we will be providing a P.O. Box address with your renewal letters, where this need to be mail. Also if you have an e-mail address attach it to your renewal, this will make it easier and faster for us to keep in touch with you.

*Jodi Maxwell*

**Director, Membership & Marketing**

## Military Affairs

### Latest Legislation and Military Affairs

When they retire, military members often invest in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), paying into it each month. Once they die, their survivors receive a monthly SBP annuity from DoD. However, if that retiree was disabled as a result of military service, their survivor may also be eligible for dependency and indemnity compensations (DIC) from the VA. Under current law, DoD is allowed to implement a dollar-for-dollar reduction in SBP payments to a survivor, if that survivor is also receiving DIC. This is patently unfair and needs to be rectified. H.R. 846, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, sponsored by Rep. Joe Wilson of South Carolina would correct this unconscionable situation faced by military survivors who have given so much to this nation. **Please urge your Representative to support this important legislation.**

In testimony to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee last week the Secretary of the Department of Affairs, Dr. David Shulkin, said he supports caregiver benefits to families of veterans of all eras. Currently many benefits of the program are

available only to families of post-9/11 veterans.

The VA has begun a review of the costs and procedures for expanding the program and will bring a plan to Congress in the next few months.

TREA's Washington Executive Director attended the unusually long markup sessions in support of several bills effecting veterans. H.R. 369 would eliminate the sunset provision of the Veterans Choice Program and therefore the VA could continue to use what was left of the originally appropriated \$1 billion for contracted healthcare for veterans in the community. H.R. 1181 changes the federal law to require that a veteran receiving mental health treatment from the VA will not be disqualified from processing a firearm unless a Judge from the proper jurisdiction and authority rules the veteran "is a danger to himself or herself or others." H.R. 1259 would create and expedited process for the VA to fire, demote, or suspend incompetent employees. While H.R.1367 would direct the VA to expand its efforts to "recruit, hire, train promote" and thus retain good employees. And H.R.1367 would make recipients of

the Purple Heart qualified to receive educational benefits through the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence is a beacon of support for our military members, veterans and their families. The center is offering free yoga classes and financial wellness classes. The center is also hosting a Boots, Brew & Bucks event at Red Leg Brewing Company. The topic for the session is 'tax planning for today and tomorrow' and is scheduled for the fourth of April from 530 – 700PM. For further information on these events and others offered by Mt. Carmel call 719-309-4714 and check out their web site at [mtcarmelveterans.org](http://mtcarmelveterans.org). Their address is 530 Communication Circle, Colorado Springs.

**If you do not subscribe to the Afterburner consider either subscribing to the semi-annual newsletter or logging in at this web site to stay up to date on issues that affect military retirees: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/> . The latest edition is now available.**

**Chapter 1 is holding a Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony for Vietnam Era Veterans. The ceremony is scheduled on Vietnam Veterans Day 29 March at 4PM at the DAV Chapter 26 on the corner of Palmer Park and Peterson Roads. Please pass the word to any Vietnam Era Vet. To register for the event call 596-0927 or preferably email [treach1@msn.com](mailto:treach1@msn.com). Notes from the Pikes Peak National Cemetery Committee**

Contracts are to be awarded for the construction of the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in June.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in the fall of this year. Early internments are tentatively slated to start in the fall or winter of 2018. Please note that these are tentative dates!!

DD Form 214 is a pre-need determination of eligibility for burial in VA national cemetery.

Veterans can use this form to place their names into the system for burial.

**Notes from the Peterson AFB March Retiree Activities Office Meeting:**

**21SW/CV** - Work on Marksheffel Rd. continues and the east gate will have to be closed for a while to address a drainage issue.

**10SW/CV** – AFA Graduation is in mid May **Kimberly and her big dog "Zuzu" were this month's guest speaker.** Big Dogs and Huge Paws is

a rescue, rehabilitation and resource for placement of large dogs (Giant Breed Dog Rescue). Phone: 303-322-4336, email: [wecare@bigdogshugepaws.com](mailto:wecare@bigdogshugepaws.com), [www.bigdogshugepaws.com](http://www.bigdogshugepaws.com).

The Peterson AFB Club is hosting an Easter Brunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April. The cost is \$28.95 for non-members and there is a five dollar discount for club members. Times are 1000, 1100, 1230, and 1330. Call 574-4100 for reservations.

*Next meeting is 13 April at 1430 at Peterson AFB, Bldg. 310 in the west wing (test room). Guest speaker is Felix Uhlik on financial planning for retirees.*

*The next Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled on 18 April at 0900 and all meetings are held at the Ft. Carson Golf Club House.*

**The Military Retiree Activities Office (RAO) at Peterson AFB and AFA are always looking for**

**volunteer staff. If you have the time I encourage you to contact the Peterson RAO at 556-7153 or the AFA RAO at 333-7877 and volunteer.**

I post legislative updates and other items of interest to the local community on the bulletin board on a weekly basis, so please remember to check out the bulletin board the next time you visit the club. If you need further information on programs listed above, please email me at [greg.bell@comcast.net](mailto:greg.bell@comcast.net).

**UNITED WE STAND!**

*Greg Bell*

Director of Military Affairs

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## A Note from Henry Reisig

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On 29 March, 2017, TREA, The Enlisted Association, Chapter 1 held their 6th award ceremony honoring Vietnam Era Veterans by presenting them a certificate and a lapel pin which was authorized by Congress in 2012. Thanks to the DAV Post 26 for letting us use their facility and for providing the coffee and refreshments.

Approximately 90 veterans appeared, most to be honored, but also many who came to support their Comrades in Arms. There were also 47 family members who came to support their loved ones. If you know of any veterans who served in the military from November 1955 to May 1975, please have them get in touch with Chapter 1 and provide their information for the next ceremony which will be held in June/July or August. Thanks to all those who assisted us in setup, teardown, taking photographs, and participating in the ceremonies.

They can e-mail their information to;

[treach1@msn.com](mailto:treach1@msn.com)

or call for more information to the Chapter 1 temporary phone number

**(719) 367-4072**

**Monday through Thursday 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m**

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*Henry Reisig*

## Auxiliary President's Report

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Hello to all Auxiliary members out there. Can you really believe Easter is right around the corner, as we all get older, time seems to pass in a flash. With Easter our plants start to push thru, the trees start to bloom and before we know summer is here.

I really don't have a lot to say or report as we're still in limbo. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is

out we'll have "good news" on the sale of our building.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March after our General Membership Meeting the storage van was packed and ready for storage. That's about all I have so Happy Easter to all and it's good to have Kay Claman back.

**UNITED WE STAND!**

*Kitty Jones*

President, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

## Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

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Reported ill: Charlene (Char) Moles (fell and broke her wrist)

1. Your prayers are needed for Char for her speedy recovery as her wrist was severely broken and will probably take a few months to heal. Also please continue to pray for our Auxiliary members who are ill and those who have lost a loved one.

2. Something to think about: "When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family, and friends. (Barbara Bush)" God bless America. (Auxiliary Chaplain Alice De Boer)

**ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Date Change for our Auxiliary member's lunch. We now meet on the fourth Thursday of each month; the time remains the same at 12:00.** As you are all aware, due to the Club closing, we must meet at a local restaurant. Please call me and I'll tell you where we are meeting. We may change the location so we want everyone to go to the same place. All Auxiliary members and guests are invited. This is our time to socialize and stay in touch with each other. And just attend when you can. We are always so happy to see you all. And it's an informal lunch so there is no "RSVP." Hope to see you at our next Thursday lunch.

*Alice DeBoer*

Chaplain, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

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## Auxiliary Membership

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A special welcome is extended to Shirley Mathis-Jackson who recently rejoined. We are very grateful for current members who encourage former members to return. Recruitment by everyone is going to be the key for the Chapter and the Auxiliary to continue for the future. Think about it!

As most of our members know, the Club at 834 Emory Circle has closed. We all have many wonderful memories of the friendships formed over the years. However, we are also looking forward to what the New Year brings. Everyone's support is needed for a successful transition. The new mailing address for TREA Chapter 1 and the Auxiliary is PO Box 77079, Colorado Spgs, CO 80970-7079.

**Change in Procedure** – The Auxiliary Membership Chairman and Treasurer will be using their home addresses to communicate concerning membership matters. Dues should be mailed directly to **Treasurer Audrey Guy at 114 Balfour Ave, Colorado Spgs, CO 80909**. She will assure that all actions are taken to send Membership Transmittals to

TREA National Auxiliary in a timely manner. Local renewal notice letters with TREA Chapter 1 Auxiliary Application and self-addressed envelope have been sent to members with December thru March expirations.

**Just a Reminder** - Renewal Notices are sent **directly** to regular/associate members from TREA National Auxiliary **sixty days** prior to expiration month. Dues cover membership to **both** TREA National Auxiliary **and** TREA Chapter 1 Auxiliary. Payment may be made **directly** to National, or locally through Chapter 1 Auxiliary which we recommend in order for us to keep our records straight. A TREA Chapter 1 Auxiliary laminated card is mailed to the member **after new expiration date** has been verified from the latest National Roster.

Note: (Wrong address information in my March Membership Article. Should have been PO Box 77079 and 80970-7079. Corrected for the April issue.

*Kay Claman*

Director, Membership

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## Just for Fun TRIVIA

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Answer will be provided in our next month newsletter

1.-In which war was the United States involved between 1775-1783?

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2.- And what name was this war referred to as?

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## OFFICE AND MEETINGS INFORMATION

Our next General Membership meeting; **April 22 at 9:00am.**

Location; **Rocky Mountain Brewery**  
**625 Paonia St,**  
**Colorado Springs, CO 80915**

*Rocky Mountain Brewery are great supporters of TREA; The Enlisted Association Ch1. They are providing us with a place to distribute our monthly newsletter, so those members that do not have an e-mail can pick up their copy there, I encourage you so stop by and say hi! And thank you to the owner Dwayne and to our BOD Member CJ Roberts for making this possible.*

Starting immediately, we will have a new temporary phone number, I will do my best to answer it on the following schedule, if I do not answer make sure you leave a detailed message, so I can return your call.

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