



The Enlisted Association Chapter 1 **NEWSLETTER**

January 2017 834 Emory Circle Colorado Springs, CO 80915 (719) 596-0927 treach1@msn.com www.trea1.org

President's Message

Welcome to the New Year! My sincere best wishes for all of you in the coming year. On behalf of the Board of Directors I want to thank the staff, volunteers and members that endured the changes and challenges in 2016. I look forward to the journey ahead and the new discoveries that we will share as they unfold before us. The founders said it best, "United We Stand", and together we will persevere!

Please ensure that we have your contact information so that we can send updates, membership meeting times, and any other pertinent information. Remember that we will be on minimum manning so the usual administrative services will be available on a limited basis. There will be a P.O. Box used for correspondence and delivery. Phone and email will remain until we move into the new place. Also check updates on Facebook and our Website.

The next membership meeting will be held as scheduled on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10am in the Ballroom. Limited pastries and drinks will be available. You are welcome to bring snacks to share for this meeting. NO other functions or activities will be held at the Club.

Please feel free to come in and volunteer to help us pack and move things around, we need all the help that we can get! Every little bit helps!

United We Stand!

Rey Garate,

President, Chapter 1

Vice President's Report

Happy New Year to all of you! I trust that everyone had a great Christmas. With the New Year brings some exciting new changes to Chapter 1! As you all know by now, the building is up for sale and hopefully in the very near future well be christening a new Chapter 1 building. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to all the members that have been on the lookout for a new facility. We've had some great suggestions and we look into each and every one. If you attending the Christmas Party, you know that we are looking into planning our Anniversary Ball. It's a fluid situation and will require some flexibility from all involved. However, to have an accurate count, we'll need to cut off ticket sales by 31 January. You'll be able to purchase your tickets in the office when it is open, the price will be announced shortly. We'll also sell tickets at the next Membership meeting held in January. Ticket prices may be slightly higher, since we'll need to have our event in another facility. Hopefully we'll see all of you there...and please, keep up the good work getting us potential sites for a new Chapter 1 Facility!

Together We Stand!

Lonny L.J. Barrett

1st Vice President TREA Chapter 1

Chaplain's Report

TAPS ; Woodrow Wilson Frederick W. Schroeder

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Paulina Johnson Roberta Andrus

REPORTED SICK ; Mike Sawyer

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

TREA the Enlisted Association, Chapter 1 has the opportunity to start over. This was not an easy decision, however it is necessary. This is a time to jump in and support the efforts made for this transition for our Chapter. What positive help do you have to offer? I ask that you all prayerfully consider what needs to be done, help where you can and support the best solutions that are offered. Your prayers are needed at this time to strengthen those that are involved. Let those that are working on the transition that you support their efforts – it is not a fun prospect for them either. God bless you all in the New Year.

Their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light.

Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski
Chaplain, Chapter 1
Phone: 271-8323 (cell)

Membership & Marketing

Welcome New Member!

**TOTAL Chapter Membership:
1, 284**

Committee Members

Jodi Maxwell, Chair,

John Alesch, Bernice Barrett, Greg Bell,

Kay Claman, Dotty Holmes, Mike Sawyer

David Steinhauer

I would like to thank The Committee for all of their help this year. Thank you Greg Bell, David Steinhauer, Bernice Barrett, John Alesch, Kay Claman, Dottie Homes and Michael Sawyer.

REMINDER: 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.

Jodi Maxwell

Director, Membership & Marketing

Military Affairs

Latest Legislation and military

For those of you who are unaware, the VA is getting ready to launch a new formulary plan that categorizes prescription drugs into tiers, similar to how medication is handled by TRICARE. According to the department's final rule published in the December 12 Federal Register, switching to a "tiered system" is expected to decrease out-of-pocket costs for the overwhelming majority of veterans. "Based on a comparison of the current and proposed copayment amounts, we anticipate that most veterans would realize between a 10 and 50 percent reduction in their overall pharmacy copayment liability each year based on historic utilization patterns. By our estimates, 94 percent of copayment eligible veterans would experience no cost increase, and 80 percent would realize a savings of between \$1 and \$5 per 30-day equivalent of medications.

Congress has now passed legislation that will honor all members of the Guard and Reserve who are eligible for retirement pay as military veterans. TREA is proud to have sponsored this legislation.

The short-term government funding bill that President Obama signed last week contained a provision that is intended to prevent student veterans from using their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits on career programs that won't help them land a job.

An important amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) made it through both the House and Senate and is expected to be signed by President Obama: it requires military record review boards to give liberal consideration to medical conditions like Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and Military Sexual Trauma (MST) in the discharge review process. TREA is also proud of sponsoring this effort in congress.

The VA announced it has changed its policy and will now allow veterans to apply prior to their deaths for burial in a veterans cemetery.

According to a VA press release, "Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214, if readily available, to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151.

The President signed into the law the Veterans Tax Fairness Act of 2016, which ends the taxation of severance payments from the Department of Defense to combat-injured veterans. The legislation directs DOD to identify veterans who have been separated from service for combat-related injuries and received a severance payment that was improperly taxed by the federal government. It instructs DOD to determine how much the combat-wounded veterans are owed and allow veterans who have been improperly taxed to recover the withheld amounts.

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.

Notes from the Peterson AFB November Retiree Activities Office Meeting:

Next meeting is 12 January at 1430 at Peterson AFB, Bldg. 310 in the west wing (test room). There is a lunch at 1200 preceding the meeting at the Peterson AFB Dining Facility.

Notes from the November Ft Carson Retiree Council Meeting:

The next Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled on the 17 January 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.

UNITED WE STAND!

Greg Bell

Director, Military Affairs

Auxiliary President's Report

Happy New Year to all auxiliary and Chapter members. First let me introduce the 2017 Auxiliary Board:

Kitty Jones	President
Veronica Zeitvogel	1 st Vice
Kristina Floyd	2 nd Vice
Becky Kluck	Recording Secretary
Audrey Guy	Treasurer
Patricia Weaver	1 Yr. Director
Olga Layne-Hill	2 Yr. Director
Margaret Coleman	Grievance
Irmgard Cates	Parliamentarian

Appointed Positions:

Alice DeBoer	Chaplain
Oznur Quenones	Sgt at Arms
Pauline Watkins	Publicities

And thanks to the Board the Auxiliary room has been packed and is ready for the move. Thanks Ladies for your help. Not sure where or when our first meeting is to be held, but as soon as I know will let you know. The Auxiliary Christmas party was very nice. I told Lily McCutchen we would do her proud. She was a little under the weather at the time. With so few we managed to raise \$135.00 for St Jude's. The food was excellent. Thanks Judy. Willie Walker won the door prize and Pat Weaver won the centerpiece. The Chapter's Christmas was well attended and very nice. It's too bad events throughout the year were not as well attended. Wake up people we need you to step up and support both Chapter and Auxiliary.

Note.- With Chapter building being closed, our members will not be able to pick up a copy of the monthly newsletter. Also, due to budget and staffing constraints we will no longer mail copy of the newsletter to the few members who received a copy in the mail. To be able to communicate with as many of our members as possible, during the month of January someone from the Auxiliary will contact you asking for your e-mail address. We do not provide e-mail addresses to outside Organizations, it is only used for TREA; Chapter 1 and Auxiliary purpose.

Kitty Jones

President, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

1. Your prayers are needed for two of our members who had surgery in November: Edeltraud Riggan and Margaret Coleman. Prayers are also needed for Ted Johnson on the loss of his beloved wife, Paulina, in November.

2. A reminder to all members: If you know of someone who needs a "Get Well," "Sympathy," or "Thinking of You" card, please let me know. We want our members to know we think and care about them.

3. We plan to continue the third Thursday of the month lunch for all Auxiliary members and their guests even though we will not have our Club for the lunch. We plan to meet elsewhere and if you are interested, please let me know and I'll keep your name on a list.

4. This New Year, I wish that you have a wonderful January, a lovely February, a Peaceful March, a stress-free April, a fun-filled May, and Joy that lasts from June to November. and finally a happy December. May your wishes come true and may God pour his love and blessings on your and your family this New Year. Auxiliary Chaplain Alice De Boer

Alice DeBoer

Chaplain, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Membership Report

As most of our members know, the Cub at 834 Emory Circle has closed. We all have many wonderful memories of the friendships which were formed over the years. However, we are also excited to see what the New Year brings. Everyone's support is needed for a successful transition..

Notice – 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 will be sent shortly to members with December or January 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.

Kay Claman

Auxiliary Membership

TREA CHAPTER 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
President.....	Rey Garate
1st Vice President.....	Lonny Barrett
2 nd Vice President.....	
Recording Secretary.....	Bernice Barrett
Treasurer.....	Ed Cates
1 Year Director.....	Greg Bell
1 Year Director.....	Charles Zeitbogel
2 Year Director.....	Jodi Maxwell
2 Year Director.....	C.J. Roberts
Chaplain.....	Bob Kwiatowski
Parliamentarian.....	Herb Guild
Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Marvin Weaver
Grievance.....	Mel Yell

TREA CHAPTER 1 AUXILIARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
President.....	Kitty Jones	593-8187
1st VP.....	Veronica Zeitvogel	531-0546
2nd VP.....	Kristina Floyd	
Treasurer.....	Audrey Guy	328-0019
Recording Secretary...	Rebecca Kluck	574-2397
1 Yr Dir.....	Patricia Weaver	638-4763
2 Yr Dir.....	Olga Layne-Hill	
Chaplain.....	Alice DeBoer	570-9557
Sgt at Arms.....	Oznur Quinones	
Parliamentarian.....	Irmgard Cates	593-0112
Grievance.....	Margaret Coleman	574-0335

Club Hours of Operation

As most of our members are aware as of December 30, 2016 our building has been close for daily business. We will continue our membership meeting in this location until building has been sold. Then we will announce the new location for our meetings.

As of January 5, 2017
we have a new mailing address

TREA; The Enlisted Association Ch.1
P.O. Box 77079
Colorado Springs, CO. 80970-7079

Our main phone number and message center will be
719-596-0927

If you have an e-mail that we can use to keep in touch with you please e-mail it to us at Treach1@msn.com Keep in mind that your e-mail will not be use only to keep you inform about TREA; The Enlisted Association Ch.1 , and will not be given to any other associations.

Please include in your e-mail;

- 1- your full name
- 2- Your e-mail address
- 3 - your address and phone number if this need to be updated