



The Enlisted Association

Chapter 1

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings fellow Enlisted Association (TREAA), Chapter 1 Members. It is with a heavy heart that we all learned of the passing of Howard Suarez over the weekend. Howard's departure is a reminder that we should all look after one another and let someone know if you suspect or may have reason to believe if a fellow member needs our attention. His passing was a surprise to us all and he will be dearly missed. He was a quiet keystone in our Chapter for many years and leaves behind a very grateful TREAA fellowship.

I was very happy to see the participation in the fellowship at our last general membership meeting. Although it was held on borrowed venue, the interaction and participation was very much appreciated. I strongly encourage the dialogue between us and amongst us. We need communication to remain open with ideas flowing freely in the course of forging our forthcoming legacy. The Chapter is still very young in comparison to other veteran service organizations. We have endured over fifty years of success and we should prepare for at least fifty more ever changing years as we evolve beyond our contemporaries.

Please keep in mind that we are on very limited administrative resources and we can only attend to the basic necessities during this transition period. Some of you have been asking about the Newsletter before the beginning of the month. Just to clarify, we will try and make the Chapter 1 Newsletter available by the first of each month resources permitting. Please do not contact our limited administration for an advance copy. If you

have any questions regarding the newsletter availability please feel free to contact me via email.

The BOD convenes as necessary during emergency sessions. These sessions may not be made public to all of the membership. Mostly, they are for AdHoc purposes or to address a specific announcement that may require a vote. These short notice meetings of the BOD will be announced after the fact at the very next GMM.

The chapter AdHoc committee that is developing the business plan is doing a magnificent job of combining the success of the past years with what is trending in our demographic both in our community as well as the national level. The plan will not be written in stone, it will be flexible enough to amend as new generations take it forward. If you have ideas that you think may help them, please feel free and send them a note.

As soon as there is development in a prospect location, we will promptly make the announcement. We all want to move in and get the next chapter going as soon as possible. Patience will be key in getting a place of our choosing, we should not have to settle for a place. We are in the driver's seat, let us not give up that advantage.

Next GMM is May 20, at:

Rocky Mountain Brewery

625 Paonia St, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

(719) 528-1651

Ray Garate,

Chapter President,

Vice President's Report

Hello Chapter 1 Members and Auxiliary!

As you may have heard, we are sad to announce the passing of Howard Suarez, long time member and Accountant of Chapter 1. Howard most recently was very instrumental as a member of the AdHoc Committee that was formed for the Business Plan and provided many of the valuable ideas you may have seen if you attended the April meeting. His passing leaves a great void not in our committee, but the Chapter as a whole. He will be greatly missed.

Spring has arrived and with it nicer weather! If you attended the April meeting, you already know about the building updates, and have seen the Vision we have for the future! I've received mostly positive feedback regarding the presentation we showed at the meeting. Keep in mind that there are many layers to the vision, and it would be virtually impossible to cover everything in the hour that we had, in fact, it would take several hours to go over everything. We will be diligently striving to improve this Vision into a viable Business Plan over the next several weeks. We now also have an opportunity to step up our search for a new facility during this process as things are developing in a positive direction.

I mentioned in my last newsletter a few people specifically that working behind the scene's very

hard to facilitate the final stages of moving out and closing up our old building. I'd like to first say that I'd never intentionally leave any one out of receiving much deserved recognition, however if I'm not made aware of it until after the fact, I can only address it at a later date, and if you know of anyone that deserves recognition, please let me know and I'll be happy to mention it in my article. That being said I would like to mention that Ed Cates, our Treasurer also spent many hours with the sale process, not to mention closing out and dealing with many contract actions that needed to be addressed. He certainly deserves a pat on the back, Thank You Ed!

Lastly, I'm happy to announce that we'll be having our Anniversary Celebration on the 4th of June, starting at 5pm. The festivities will be held at the American Legion Post 209. Due to the lateness of this event, and the short amount of time we have to put this together in another facility, it will not be our Formal Ball formality this year, so dress will be business casual. However, feel free to dress in your Best Mess Dress if you desire, I know that many of you love the opportunity to get back in your uniform a couple times a year. We will be trying to have the format as close to our normal affair as possible.

Please e-mail your ideas for the new place at TREACH1bldg@gmail.com
"UNITED WE STAND!"

Lonny Barrett

1st Vice president

Chaplain's Report

TAPS



Therese M. Miller
Elton L. Winter

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Winifred M. Christian James Kelly
Helen Bishaw

REPORTED SICK

Ed Cates

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

Have you ever considered how fruit grows on a tree? It takes a full season to go from buds to blossoms to growing fruit and finally to ripening. The fruits of the Spirit are not readily available to us. It takes time to develop to maturity. There are several gifts of the Spirit listed in the verses below. Continue to develop and keep on trying. Pick one or more as you feel lead. Do not consider it a failure if you need extra time to ripen. Or as I've heard it said, "Have **patience** with me, God's not finished with me yet."

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
Gal 5:22-23 (NIV)

Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski

*Chaplain, Chapter 1
Phone 271-8323*

Membership & Marketing

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

Latest Legislation and Military Affairs

Improvements to the TRICARE Dental Program
Beginning on May 1, 2017, United Concordia Companies, Inc. (United Concordia) will manage the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Beneficiaries don't need to take any actions to continue their coverage.

Senators Dean Heller (R-NV) and Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced legislation aimed at enhancing the quality of care women veterans receive from Department of Veterans Affairs. S. 804, "[The Women Veterans Access to Quality Care Act](#)," requires the VA to establish standards to ensure its health care facilities meet the specific needs of women veterans and integrate these standards into prioritization for construction projects.

For the latest legislative updates concerning veterans and military retirees log on to:

<http://www.trea.org/blog/>

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 April Retiree Activities Office Meeting:

21SW/CV - Work on Marksheffel Rd. continues through the middle of the summer. The East and North gates of Peterson will now close at 1800 every evening during the week. There is a new building being built outside the west gate and it is likely that the traffic light at Airport and Stewart maybe reinstated at some future date. Peterson AFB is celebrating a 75th anniversary on the 25th of May in a ceremony at 1100, probably at the 21SW Headquarters.

10SW/CV – Unable to attend

Red Cross – On the 3rd of May both Colorado Springs and Pueblo Airports will hold emergency exercises commencing at 6AM

Commissary comments – USAFA and Peterson – The hiring freeze which has impacted services at the commissaries has been lifted. Case lot sales at AFA 24 – 26 May. Private label products will be phased in at all commissaries between now and the next four years. The brand names are Freedom's Choice and

Home Base and the brands will be rated 'best quality' for private label products.

BX Comments – Peterson – Outdoor Living Grand Opening is the 20th of May. Veterans will be able to shop on-line at the BS starting Veteran's Day of this year. There is a face book page that incorporates all three Colorado Springs exchanges.

VA Update – Veterans rated at 70% service connected disability qualify for long term care (100% funded)

Felix Uhlik was this month's guest speaker. Felix is a volunteer financial advisor for the Retiree Activity Office and he gave an excellent slide show addressing financial responsibility and tips aimed at the military retiree.

Retiree Office is instituting a 'Focus on the Future' project with their major focus of getting information out to more of the military retiree community. If you are not aware, the 5th Congressional District has the 3rd largest population of military retirees per district in the nation.

Next meeting is 11 May at 1430 at Peterson AFB, Bldg. 310 in the west wing (test room).

Notes from the Ft Carson April Retiree Council Meeting:

4th ID Sergeant Major – Fireworks scheduled for 2 July at Iron Horse Park

Exchange – To validate veterans to allow on-line purchases, there is a web site vetverify.org which will be used as a beta to test the system prior to going active on Veterans Day

- Iron Horse Week is 14 – 18 August
- Pet show 20 May

United Health Concordia – Active Duty Dental changing to United Concordia on 1 May

- Tricare contracts are still at the US Court of Appeals

TREA Chapter 113 – Briefed that Fountain Veteran Wall construction starting soon

TREA Chapter 1 – Briefed status of facility, VWC Veterans Day Commemoration and location and time of next general membership meeting

PPVC – Veterans Day Ceremony at 1100 on the 11th of November – location TBD

- Veterans Day Parade is on the 4th of November

- Memorial Day Ceremony 29 May at DAV Chapter 26 @ 1100

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- PPVC Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month @ 1830 at DAV Chapter 26

RAD Status – October 14th @ the old commissary on Ft. Carson (Bldg. 1525)

RMVV – Has put in bid to purchase the Abbey to support homeless veterans

Express Scripts – Will stop dispensing Nexium and move to a generic at the end of June unless your doctor notifies Express Scripts to keep you on the name branded drug

*The next Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled on **16 May 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.

Greg Bell

Director of Military Affairs

Auxiliary President's Report

Happy May Day

With the April showers we have had it's starting to look a lot like spring. The trees are blooming and the plants are starting to sprout.

I don't have a lot as we're still on a wait and see. Although the meeting on the 22nd with the Chapter's General Membership had very good news and the future looks promising for a new location soon.

Hopeful at the next Chapter's General Membership Meeting on May the 20th we'll hear more good news.

The Auxiliary's General Membership Meeting will be held at the Golden Corral on Powers at 12 O'clock on the 15th of May. This will allow the Auxiliary to attend the Chapter's meeting. There is no board meeting in the month of May. So ladies all think hard on our future in a new location.

UNITED WE STAND!

Killy Jones

President, Chapter 1 Auxilia

Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

Reported ill: Audrey Guy (needed more surgery again)

1. Prayers are needed for Audrey and our other members who are ill. 2. Last month, Minnie Hensley lost her son; she and her family also need our prayers.
3. Something to think about: "Today is a gift of grace. Share something precious with someone you like. Take 60 seconds to be nice to someone. Rejoice in the miracles of your life. Identify one thing you're happy about. Be grateful you have family and friends." (Author Unknown) Glad bless America. Auxiliary Chaplain Alice De Boer

ALL AUXILIARY

MEMBERS: Reminder: We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month; the time remains the same at 12:00. Due to the Club closing, we now meet at a local restaurant. Please call me and I'll tell you where we are meeting. We may change the location, but 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 remember it's up to you to attend when you wish. 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

Auxiliary Membership

Hello to everyone. Glad to be back in Colorado after spending the winter months in California. It is great to see Auxiliary members at various functions and meetings.

Times are a changing. Continued recruitment by everyone is going to be the key for the Chapter and the Auxiliary to continue for the future. Think about it!

The new mailing address for TREA Chapter 1 and the Auxiliary is PO Box 77079, Colorado Spgs, CO 80970-7079. Temporary phone for the Chapter is 719-367-4072. However, it is suggested that questions concerning the Auxiliary be directed to current members of the Board.

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 April 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

Director, Membership

Just for Fun TRIVIA

April's Newsletter Trivia answers

- 1.-In which war was the United States involved between 1775-1783?
- 2.- And what name was this war referred to as?

The **American Revolutionary War** (1775–1783), also referred to as the **American War of Independence** and as the **Revolutionary War** in the United States, was an armed conflict between Great Britain and those thirteen of its North American colonies which after the onset of the war declared independence as the United States of America.

From about 1765 the American Revolution had led to increasing philosophical and political differences between Great Britain and its American colonies. The war represented a culmination of these differences in armed conflict between Patriots and the royal authority which they increasingly resisted. This resistance became particularly widespread in the New England Colonies, especially in the Province of Massachusetts Bay.

MAY TRIVIA QUESTION

1. - Which 8 Presidents were not recognize as born in the United States?

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OFFICE AND MEETINGS INFORMATION

Our next General Membership meeting; **May 20, 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.

(719) 367-4072 or (719) 596-0927
Monday through Thursday 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m

Our Temporary Address;

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