



# The Enlisted Association

## Chapter 1

### NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

First and foremost, a huge THANK YOU from all of us to all involved in making the annual picnic a great success! There are many complexities and coordinating factors that go into planning a function of this size. To appreciate in awe is the least that we can do to thank the tireless efforts of our few dedicated members. I would really like to thank and recognize by name all of the individuals but I am afraid of relying on memory, because to do so, would be a great injustice to those that selflessly contributed their time, skills and even their own money to make the event a success.

As is always the case, there were a few new faces present at the picnic that are sorely missed at other events and GMM. We need the involvement of all that can attend in order to keep the masses informed and share the fellowship of our beloved enlisted heritage. Paying membership dues will only garner a few dollars, but staying active and involved is at the heart of the reason for having a Chapter.

For those who attended the last general membership meeting (GMM), we did leave some deliverables pending that we should have ready for the membership at our next GMM. Please keep in mind that both committees are safeguarding the future of the Chapter and trying to revitalize a club. The actions of both committees are being carefully carried out with the best intentions in mind. Our mission is simple, keep the Chapter in tact for generations of future

membership to preside over in stewardship for the Enlisted Force. Having a club is a great addition to the chapter but we should never interchange one with the other as they are two separate entities.

There are a few changes ahead for us as a chapter. The business evaluations that we have made have led us to the adjustments that we have enacted, all to secure the solvency and future of the Flagship for the national Enlisted Association, Chapter One. We will not fail in our mission!

The next BOD and GMM will be held at the Central United Methodist Church next to the old Chapter 1 location at 4373 Galley Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 801915.

The Chapter 1 BOD will meet on Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and the General Membership Meeting will be on Saturday August 19th at 9am.

Please continue to check the schedule of events and help spread the word to the membership through our network. Also, ensure that we have your email and contact information if you have not been getting electronic delivery of the newsletter and other notices.

*Ray Garate,*  
Chapter 1 President

## Vice President's Report

Hello Chapter 1 Members! I'd like to start off by first giving a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone that supported this year's Annual Picnic. As always, things got off to a bit of a rough start with some confusion and last minute store runs but overall I would consider it a very successful event! Considering this is the first picnic we've organized in a while where we didn't have our own facility, and our own staff to help prepare things leading up to it, it came out beautifully thanks to a lot of hard work from the Entertainment Committee and all of the Members and Auxiliary ladies that stepped up to Volunteer a bit of their time before, during and after the event. We received a lot of compliments

about the band that entertained us for the afternoon and can't wait to have them at another event! The food was outstanding and as always, it seemed like a good time was had by all! On to other business, the Building Vision Committee and the Transition Committee are now working together to put some of all of these great plans you've been hearing about into action. We look forward to getting something on paper and in front of the General Membership really soon so that you can see how all of this hard work from these committees are going to pay off. Until then, we have the National Convention to look forward too next month, I'm sure there will be lots of fun and exciting events planned for us there! We'll see you all at the next General Membership meeting! "UNITED WE STAND!"

*Lonny Barrett*

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

## Chaplain's Report



### TAPS

John Noleen  
Roger Williams

### OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Thomas Nickerson      James T. Largent

### OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Angelika Kernan      Ruth M. Huisenga

### 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

The Apostle Paul writes to us his attitude of service as a dedicated Christian and follower of Jesus.

He continues his service wherever he went. He was beaten and suffered much for the Gospel. How often do we give up on the easiest tasks asked of us? How often we ignore the will of God to do what He asks us. Have you ever had the Holy Spirit nudge you into action and think – "Someone else will take care of it" and we walk on. Why not you? Throughout the Bible we are called to be a priesthood of believers and to share God's message to all. In present times it seems more and more people are afraid to share their faith. Are you doing God's will? Is there more you can do? Start with prayer. If you don't know how – ask someone to help. God's ear is ever-ready.

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:14 (NIV)*

*Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski*

*Chaplain, Chapter 1*

*Phone 271-832*

## Membership & Marketing

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**TOTAL Chapter Membership: 1, 180**

**We will have a membership committee meeting on August 2017 at 12:00 pm at The Village Inn on Academy and Palmer Park. I will call all committee members a few days prior. Thank you for serving on the committee.**

### 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

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Latest Legislation and Military Affairs

**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.**

The VA estimates that 44% of the 700,000 service members who served in the 1990-1991 Persian Gulf War have developed such symptoms as joint pain, chronic fatigue syndrome and neurological problems after returning home from war. The illnesses are believed to have been caused by exposure to toxic elements like smoke from burning oil wells, depleted uranium and chemical warfare agents such as mustard gas.

A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) report found that the Department of

Veterans Affairs benefits officials denied 87 percent of Gulf War illness-related claims in 2015, the most recent year data was available. The rate has gone up over the past five years; however, for all other claims, the VA denied disability claims at a rate of 43 percent.

The annual Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA) Wounded Warriors Tournament will be on Monday, 18 Sep 2017 at PERRY PARK COUNTRY CLUB in Larkspur. SMGA has established a local chapter at Ft Carson, therefore all proceeds from this tournament will benefit our local veterans. There are tons of prizes and hole-in-one for a Car, hole-in-one for set of clubs, rounds of golf and over 30 course in Colorado, CC Hockey Tickets, dinners and much, much more. If you do not have a team the organizer can pencil you in on another team. Registration and further

information is at:

<https://smga.launchtrack.events/register/colorado-springs-co-8th-annual-wounded-warrior-golf-tournament>

### **Notes from the Peterson AFB July Retiree Activities Office Meeting:**

- **Guest Speaker Victor Villareal:**
  - Legacy Retirement System is a defined annuity benefit of 2.5% x years served x retired pay base
  - Blended Retirement System after two years of service DoD matches up to 4% of TSP contributions
  - 85% of all service members will receive government-provided retirement benefits as opposed to current number of 19% and 14% of active and reserve members respectively
  - If less than 12 years of service have option to switch and no one currently serving will be forced to switch retirement plans
- **21SW New Commander:**
  - Col. Todd R. Moore
- **BX:**
  - 95,000 have registered for vetverify.org (on-line AAFES shopping)
- **Pikes Peak Veterans Council:**
  - Meets last Wednesday of the month at DAV Chapter 26 @ 1800
  - Veterans Day Parade is 4 Nov
  - Veterans Day Ceremony is 11 Nov @ DAV Chapter 26
- **21 FS:**
  - You can now register to use the Peterson AFB Gym 24/7 by going to the front desk and registering
  - The Club system is no longer going to require club members to own their associated credit cards, will offer option to own a regular credit card!!!

*Next meeting is 10 August at 1430 at Peterson AFB, Bldg. 310 in the west wing (test room).*

### **Notes from the June Ft Carson Retiree Council Meeting:**

- **Express Scripts**
  - Look for recertification letters for auto-fill prescriptions
- **El Pomar**
  - May get a 2.2% COLA raise for military retirees and social security recipients
- **Red Cross**
  - Stand Down Update – Will be able to host seven homeless families at the Clarion for 30 days
  - Table assignments will be allocated soon
  - As part of the Medal of Honor Ceremonies in Pueblo, the Lt. Dan Band will play at the Riverwalk on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 1700
- **Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence** is changing name to Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center
  - Nick has offered the use of their conference room which can be configured to seat up to 100 people
  - Yoga and other classes are offered to veterans and their families, call 719-309-4714 to register
- **RMVV**
  - Hosting a picnic for all veterans and family @ 1130, August 12<sup>th</sup> outside of Gate 1 at Cheyenne Mountain St. Park; first 200 people will be fed for free
  - <https://www.facebook.com/RMVVF> to contact the RMVVF to obtain a ticket for the picnic
  - Golf Tournament September, 16 2017
- **The Home Front Cares** “For The Love of Our Troops XIII” event is being held at the Broadmoor with guest speaker Travis Mills on Friday, September the 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Call 719-434-1407 or log in on [thehomefrontcares.org](http://thehomefrontcares.org)
- Emergency requests for DD Form 214 can be obtained in three days when contacting El Paso County Veterans on Championship View or at Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center

*The next Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled on the 15 August 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 Chuck Zeitvogel

**Awards** – Here it is August 2017 and perhaps your thoughts are vacation times and not on awards for your fellow Chapter 1 members. Well, it is not too early to be thinking of who in Chapter 1 you would like to have recognized for going above and beyond in service within our / your Chapter.

As you ruminate over this thought – contact George Miles, Oscar Hinson, Wally Jones or Chuck Zeitvogel with names of those you believe deserve recognition for their service. George, Oscar, Wally or Chuck may be contacted at and during Chapter monthly membership meetings.

**UNITED WE STAND!**

*Chuck Zeitvogel*

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## A Note from Wally Jones

The Founders of the Retired Enlisted Association (REA) had a vision, that the Enlisted force need a vehicle to represent the rights and interests of enlisted veterans. They met initially at local cafes, homes and clubs. Once they were established they purchased a home they felt would grow the membership, then a second one as the membership grew.

This home on Emory Circle, was funded by loans and members in some case taking out loans on their own homes, such was their faith in what they believe in. Their faith and beliefs started a great organization with very little upfront resources or money. Fast forward sixty plus years, we benefit from the

Founders' foresight in purchasing land and a facility. Thanks to a generous investor, we have the resources to continue this vision or we can bank the resource and let the vision die.

Do we sit on our resources, because we are afraid of failure in the short term or do we accept the challenges of a new home which was part of the vision and is made possible by the foresight of the Founders?

*Wally Jones*

**Past Chapter President**

## Auxiliary President's Report

Hello to everyone, and wishing you all in good health and happy spirits. Well ladies we're all getting our ducks in a row for convention. The delegates are: Kitty Jones, Veronica Zeitvogel, Karen Yell, Char Moles, Pauline Watkins, Olga Layne-Hill, Becky Kluck and Pat Weaver as Chapter 1 voter. We were allocated eight delegates. Thanks to Kay Claman and her committee. Hope all are ready for the trip. Irmgard Cates (our very own) President of the National Auxiliary needs our support and votes. Let's do her proud.

Elections are coming up. Ladies think about a position for the Auxiliary

Board. Please take the opportunity to lead and keep our Auxiliary going forward. Step up for the good of the Auxiliary.

We had another successful luncheon with 21 members. The next luncheon will be at Fargo's Pizza Co, 2910 E. Platte Avenue, on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August. Next Board meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> and General membership on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

**UNITED WE STAND!**

*Kitty Jones*

President, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

## Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

Reported ill: Audrey Guy  
Marie Peterson  
Karen Wren

1. Please remember our members who are ill in your prayers. 2. Something to think about: "A strong mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug." Patricia Neal. (Auxiliary Chaplain Alice De Boer)

MISCELLANEOUS: Our Auxiliary monthly lunch will be on Thursday, July 27 at 12:00 at the Yakatori on Austin Bluffs. All are invited to attend. This is our time to socialize and get to know our new members too. And you can attend every month or whenever you wish - it's up to you. 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

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The new mailing address for TREA Chapter 1 and the Auxiliary is PO Box 77079, Colorado Springs, 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. Continued recruitment by everyone is going to be the key for the Chapter and the Auxiliary to continue for the future. Everyone's help is needed to keep members informed concerning general membership meetings, special functions, etc. Talk to your friends. Spread the word!

**Change in Procedure** – The Auxiliary Membership Chairman and Treasurer are using their home addresses to communicate concerning membership matters. Until further notice, suggest dues be mailed directly to **Membership Chairman Kay Claman, 20577 Murphy Rd, Peyton, CO 80831-9214**. Be assured that all actions are being 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 to address shown above have been sent to members with July expirations.

**Notice – Distribution of TREA Chapter 1 Newsletter to Auxiliary Members** – A sheet was passed around at the June GMM for members in the local area to sign up to

receive the Chapter 1 Newsletter by mail, if that is more convenient than picking up copies at the Rocky Mountain Brewery on Paonia Street. Address labels are currently being provided by the Membership Committee Chairman to Chapter 1 for this purpose. It is also suggested that members contact the Membership Chairman (719-749-0001 home or 719-440-5772 cell) to have their name, or the name of another local member, added to the database for this purpose. E-mail availability is also available through the Chapter 1 office.

**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

## Announcements

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### Next General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership meeting;  
**August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.**

Location; **Central United Methodist Church**  
4373 Galley Rd,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

*You can still pick up a hard copy of our Newsletter at*  
**Rocky Mountain Brewery,**  
625 Paonia St,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

## Just for Fun TRIVIA

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### July Newsletter Trivia answers

**1.- In what year The 4<sup>th</sup> of July became a Federal Holiday?**

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, But The tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution.

**2.- In what year the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and by whom was the Declaration of Independence document first drafted?**

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

### AUGUST TRIVIA QUESTION

On August 2 1939, Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D Roosevelt, that 6 years later had an effect on a historical event. What was this letter about, and what event followed?

**Answer will be provided in our next months newsletter**

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Sergeant- at Arms ----- Marvin Weaver	
Grievance ----- Mel Yell	

## OFFICE HOURS

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 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m**

Our Temporary Address;

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