



The Enlisted Association

Chapter 1

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings! I hope this message finds everyone well and in great spirits. We have finally moved into the warmer temperatures, which means longer days with extended daylight. Please take care of one another and remember to let someone know if you change your plans from your normal routine or need assistance in any way. Our membership is our treasure, we need to protect it!

The BOD and Ad-Hoc transition committee are finalizing their exploratory financial analysis on their part of the transition plan. Likewise, the business development committee is nearing their outline. Once the two parts are completed, we will collectively combine the two into one summary document. That document will be used as the blueprint that will guide us into the next Chapter evolution and business model. We appreciate your patience and the trust that you have bestowed upon us. As the stewards of this responsibility, please know that we are moving cautiously but with a purpose to complete this final phase of the transition.

Now is a good time to start thinking about elections. As proposed in the originating transition plan, once the business plan is complete, elections for BOD will be the first order of official business. Aspiring candidates should present themselves to the general membership as a courtesy and/or fill out a candidate form soon. It would be ideal to have a new BOD in place to coincide with the National TREA

Convention. I realize this may be a bit ambitious but after all, we are Chapter 1, we lead the way for others to follow and can make anything possible!

I am looking forward to the Chapter Annual Picnic that will be held at Peterson AFB this year. There has been plenty of effort behind the scenes to make this event possible. Please help spread the invitation to all the membership about our summer event that seems to bring out old friends and new faces. Get your tickets now! We have a lot of Bar drinks that we need to share!

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 BOD will meet on Wednesday July 19th at 6pm and the General Membership Meeting will be on Saturday July 22nd 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

As the summer gets into full swing, we have busy at the Board of Directors level trying to ensure we are making the absolute best decisions possible to directly benefit our Chapter and its members. If you attended the June meeting, you were notified of the two different Ad Hoc Committee's that have been working to come to resolution in those decisions, and while we're driving down the same highway, we're not quite in the same lane yet. There are a lot of varying opinions on what should or shouldn't be done, and at times emotions can affect that presentation of opinions. I can assure you all, in my heart, and in our thought process, the Building Vision Committee have the members of TREA Chapter 1, Past, Present & Future first in mind. If I didn't think, that we as a Chapter, wouldn't succeed in what has

been intricately planned and proposed, I wouldn't allow those plans to be put into action. When our founders started TREA, they had a mission in mind to help the Enlisted Veterans. I firmly believe, that mission and drive can be renewed and continued with the right people developing the right ideas. I also attended a Financial Future briefing last week with the Financial Ad Hoc Committee and I believe we can be driving in the same lane soon enough, but there are some details that need to be worked out. I ask for your continued patience, as I'm sure we'll have resolution to our situation very soon. In the meantime. I hope to see you all at the Chapter Picnic on the 29th! I look forward to seeing you all there!

"UNITED WE STAND!"

Lonny Barrett

1st Vice President of Chapter 1

Chaplain's Report



TAPS

John Noleen
Roger Williams

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Felipe A. Garcia Mildred G. Largent

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

God is forever merciful to us – not matter where we stray, He waits for us. We are the ones that are fickle to His mercies. We continue to stray like sheep looking for another way. There is only one way and one truth. I continue to pray for you and that you will find a truth teaching, Gospel following congregation and to learn all of what God has for you and means for you. May God bless you in truth and faith.

Do not withhold Your mercy from me, Oh Lord; may Your love and truth always protect me.
Psalm 40:11 (NIV)

Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski

Chaplain, Chapter 1

Phone 271-8323

Membership & Marketing

TOTAL Chapter Membership: 1, 221

We will have a membership committee meeting on June 19, 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

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.

Last month, I reported that TREA will be working hard to stop any cuts in veterans' benefits that may be proposed in congress as part of budget process to balance the federal budget. The following is an excerpt from a letter TREA sent to Senators Orrin

Hatch (R- Utah) and Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), two of the key leaders on the Senate with regard to formulating the Senate's version of the ACHA. "According to House Democratic critics of the ACHA, as well as authors in such publications as The Federalist, The Military Times, and the Washington Examiner, as many as seven million veterans may no longer have access to subsidized private health insurance because of provision in the legislation." TREA continues to watch enlisted, veterans, and retiree backs!!

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) unanimously ruled that a state court cannot offset the loss of a divorced spouse's portion of a military retiree's retired pay when that retiree subsequently waives retirement pay in favor of disability pay. The case, Howell v. Howell, has settled an issue that has percolated in the military retiree community for years. The Enlisted Association was represented at oral argument by Deputy Legislative Director Mike Saunders.

Notes from the Peterson AFB June Retiree Activities Office Meeting: Unable to attend June's meeting.

Next meeting is 13 July at 1430 at Peterson AFB, Bldg. 310 in the west wing (test room).

Notes from the June Ft Carson Retiree Council Meeting:*The next Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled on the 18 July 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 of Military Affairs

A Note from Wally Jones

Pikes Peak Cemetery

LATEST PROGRESS UPDATE ... 25 June, 2017

The VA has named the winner of the bids to construct the cemetery. This happened in June. They have to wait a month to act on any challenges. Final results should be announced in August. Start of construction remains in the fall of 2017,

PIKES PEAK CEMETERY COMMITTEE
UNITED WE STAND!

Wally Jones

Auxiliary President's Report

Happy and safe 4th of July to all. If you missed the Chapter's gathering at the America Legion on the 4th of June, you missed a wonderful get together. It was a very nice meal and nice to see some of our members who's been missing for a while.

I must say all should be very proud of the Chapter for the sendoff of Howard. To me it says he was not "alone" he had a family with the Chapter. Thanks to all, the Chapter was truly united. It made me very proud, and I hope all felt the same.

Our monthly luncheon is the 27th of July at the House of Yakitori on Austin Bluff at 12 O'clock.

The next board meeting will be July 19th at 6 O'clock in the Church by the old Chapter 1 building on Galley Road. The General membership meeting is July 22nd at 9 O'clock at the same place.

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 Yakitori 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

Our heartfelt condolences are sent to family and friends of long time Auxiliary members, Rita Niewald and Shirley Harney, who recently passed away.

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 will be 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 will be 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 June 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 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

Next General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership meeting;
July 22th 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



Saturday July 29th
11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m
At The Peterson Club

Food, music, and lots of fun

\$6/person for members and their families
\$8/person for Military non-members,
and their families

Children under 5 eat FREE
(Please let us know when you purchase
your tickets so we can give you a child
meal ticket)

Tickets for sale at **Rocky Mountain
Brewery**
on the following dates;

From 2:00p.m to 3:00p.m

Friday; July 7th, July 14th

Last chance to get your tickets
Friday July 21st from 2:00p.m to 4:00p.m

Just for Fun TRIVIA

June's Newsletter Trivia answers

1.-When was each branch of the military started?

Army

June 14, 1775

The U.S. Army was founded on 14 June 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies," for one year.

Marine Corps

November 10, 1775

The Marine Corps was founded to serve as an infantry unit aboard naval vessels and was responsible for the security of the ship and its crew by conducting offensive and defensive combat during boarding actions and defending the ship's officers from mutiny

Air Force

September 18, 1947

Known as the most recent branch of the U.S. military to be formed, the Air Force is also the largest and most technologically advanced air force in the world. Initially part of the United States Army, the USAF was formed as a separate branch of the military on 18 September 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947.

Navy

October 13, 1775

The United States Navy traces its origins to the

Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on 13 October 1775. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

National Guard

December 13, 1636

The National Guard of the United States is a joint activity of the United States Department of Defense composed of reserve components of the United States Army and the United States Air Force: the Army National Guard of the United States for the Army and the Air National Guard of the United States for the Air Force. It is the oldest component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Coast Guard

August 4, 1790

The Coast Guard's official history began on 4 August 1790 when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act that authorized the construction of ten vessels, referred to as "cutters," to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling.

JUNE TRIVIA QUESTION

1.- In what year The 4th of July became a Federal Holiday?

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

Answer will be provided in our next months newsletter

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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;

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

If you have an e-mail address that we can use to keep in touch with you, please send an e-mail to us with your information, e-mail address, so we can add you to our list. Keep in mind that your e-mail will only be use to keep you updated on TREA; The Enlisted Association business, and will not be given to other groups, or associations. **Treach1@msn.com**