



The Enlisted Association

Chapter 1

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings Chapter 1 Membership! We are fast approaching the realization of our move that started almost one year ago. There has been quite a bit of work behind the scenes to make this transition happen and many volunteers have devoted countless hours to making this transition reality. The membership overwhelmingly requested to have a new start and a place where they could build a new beginning.

The transition AdHoc committee has fulfilled one of its fiduciary duties in allocating the investment portion to corresponding banking and investment firms. This investment strategy will safeguard against total liquidation of capital. A smaller operational portion has been set aside as operational funding to open a club for the membership.

As the location of the club draws to conclusion please keep in mind that the budget model and numbers provided at the last membership meeting is based on one known location. Although other locations were considered, the most viable location was used as the designate. Keep in mind that no contracts have been signed, no commitment has been given and certainly no funds have been transferred.

More specific information will be disseminated at our next GMM in September. The budget numbers will be available for the membership to review. A gentle reminder to all concerned in attendance, please support your ideas, arguments and suggestions with reasonable and easy to understand dialogue.

The Chapter will be in full stride once the National Convention concludes. September will be the beginning of a fast paced fall season where we are scheduled to hold Chapter Elections, approve the new Chapter Club location and Budget as well as get ready for the Annual Veterans Ball and Parade. Please keep checking the Facebook page and email mailings for updates and information. If you are not receiving regular email updates or newsletters please ensure that we have your correct contact information as it appears in your email and that your SPAM filters allow our emails to be delivered.

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 September 20th at 6pm and the General Membership Meeting will be on Saturday September 23rd 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 Presid

Vice President's Report

Hello Chapter 1 Members! If you've attended the last few General Membership Meetings, you should have some idea of the direction the Chapter and Club is headed in regard to future operations. We've received a lot of valuable input over the last several months as the Business Vision Committee has been working very hard at putting together a viable plan to generate revenue to benefit Chapter 1. We have received a huge amount of Atta Boys! combined with support for our plans. Unfortunately, we've also received a small amount of negativity. The results of the conducted Poll overwhelmingly indicated that our Members want another facility to call home. Based on the results of that Poll, that is the direction we've been authorized to proceed. Going forward, the Business Plan Committee vows to give our members what was promised to them, a new home. We are here to help Chapter 1, flourish and prosper once again. And with that, we need the help of you, our members. We thrive on constructive criticism, and welcome it. But

negativity provides no help in getting Chapter 1 where it needs to be. If you wish to tell us "That won't work," please, be a part of the solution to solve the problem, give us a viable alternative. If you just want to tell us, "That won't work" or "You can't do that" and not provide a solution, you're not helping your chapter. Over the past few months, I've been trying to imagine the adversity our founders, George Skonce and Dean Sorell faced when trying to develop an Enlisted Centric Veterans organization. I'm sure they received negative comments to try and dissuade them from getting TREA off the ground and running. I found myself contemplating, about what drove them to press forward? And was it worth it to them? I'd like to believe that the negative comments, steeled their resolve and that being told "It won't work." Or "You can't do that." only strengthened their desire to prove the nay-sayers wrong. Because that's exactly what it does for me. *It is worth it, to me to see Chapter 1 succeed.*
"UNITED WE STAND!"

Lonny Barrett

1st Vice President of Chapter 1

Chaplain's Report



TAPS

Charles F. Dorsey
Arthur N. Christensen

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Ruth U. Bradford William P. Mahar
Larry Alan Brovold

REPORTED SICK

John Lamerson Dan O'Connell

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

We may pray to God for what we expect, but do we truly listen? David knows that God is there to

grant peace to His people, those that truly follow Him. The challenge presented here is to believe and follow God's directions for us. Too often we call to God to fix things and then go on doing what we want anyway. God promises peace to His people – that does not always mean it is easy going, but His peace is different than that of the world. Trust God.

I will listen to what God the Lord will say; He promises peace to His people, His saints—but let them not return to folly.

Psalm 85:8 (NIV)

Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski

Chaplain, Chapter 1

Phone 271-832

Membership & Marketing

TOTAL Chapter Membership: 1, 183

Thank you to the committee members that were able to attend the committee meeting on August 21. We discussed new places to recruit and a new tri-fold. Our next membership meeting will be sometime in October

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

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.

On the 12th of August, the President signed a \$3.9 billion VA funding bill to keep the Veterans Choice Program solvent for six more months and allow the VA to open 28 new clinics.

The Exchange will soon welcome potentially 13 million honorably discharged Veterans back to their military families. Veterans may log onto [VetVerify](#) now to verify their eligibility to access this new lifelong online military exchange benefit. Extending online shopping privileges to all honorably discharged Veterans will directly improve family and support programs for Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members. Beginning Veterans Day, Veterans can log onto military exchange websites for tax-free shopping with the military exchange.

TREA is leading the way to encourage 32 military service organizations to support an amendment to the NDAA to ensure the military is awarded a full 2.1 percent raise. Senator John Tester, ranking member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, contacted TREA Legislative Director Larry Madison and asked for TREAs support and help to enlist the other military organizations' support for this effort.

Legislative Director Madison has also been involved in the protection the rights of members of the Guard and Reserve by seeking to change the terms of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act. This law provides certain protections from civil actions against servicemembers who are called to Active Duty. With the use of forced arbitration, banks block lawsuits, including all class actions, from proceeding in court. Because forced arbitration is private, there is no public record, no meaningful appellate process, and no requirement that arbitrators enforce state and

federal laws. The Federal Consumer Financial Protection Board (CFPB) and the board ruled in favor of DoD's 2006 recommendations for servicemembers and the need to ensure their ability to enforce their rights under federal law. The House has passed a bill to overturn these protections. Director Madison has been involved in garnering the support of over 30 other organizations to ensure the bill fails in the senate. Ken Burns is releasing a 10-part Documentary, The Vietnam War, on Rocky Mountain PBS starting the 17th of September. I attended a preview and live web cast (featuring Ken Burns) at Pikes Peak Community College on the 23rd of August and it is in my opinion a top-notch production.

Notes from the Peterson AFB July Retiree Activities Office Meeting:

Next meeting is 14 September 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 19 September 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

Auxiliary President's Report

Happy, good health, and safety on this Labor Day weekend to all members out there.

Hope all convention delegates are ready for convention. I understand a lot of us are on the same flight on Tuesday September 5th out of Denver. Let all have a safe flight.

Have all Auxiliary members heard about our "Outing" on September 21st? If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Pauline Watkins or myself. The plan is to take the 8:30 AM bus from Palmer Park and Academy to Cripple Creek, have breakfast or lunch and see the 12:30 PM showing of "The

Nerd" at the Butte Theater in Cripple Creek. We plan to return on the 3:45 PM bus for home.

Our next board meeting will be September 20th at 6 O'clock and the General Membership Meeting the 23rd at Central United Methodist Church, 4373 Galley Road which is located North of the old Club.

UNITED WE STAND!

Kitty Jones

President, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

1. Here's some good news! I have not received a report of a member being ill. However, if you know of anyone who needs a card, i.e., Get Well, Thinking of You, etc., please don't hesitate to let me know. It's important that our members know we think and care about them. Also please keep our members who are ill or who have lost a loved one in your prayers. The best thing we can do is pray for each other.

2. Something to think about: "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Theresa,

Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein." Author Unknown

3. Monthly Auxiliary September Lunch: For those who wish to attend the lunch for September, Oznur Quinones will call with more details, i.e., restaurant, etc., as the restaurant was not decided at our August 24 lunch.

Alice DeBoer

Chaplain, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Membership

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the families and friends of long time Auxiliary members Patricia Henderson and Ruth Huisenga. They will be missed by their many friends.

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. Everyone's help is needed to keep members informed concerning general membership meetings, special functions, etc. Spread the word!

Change in Procedure – The Auxiliary Membership Chairman and Treasurer are using 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 August expirations.

Notice – Distribution of TREA Chapter 1 Newsletter to Auxiliary Members – Copies can be picked up at the Rocky Mountain Brewery on Paonia Street. Local members can also receive issues by mail. Address labels are provided by the Membership Committee Chairman to Chapter 1 for this purpose. Contact the Membership Chairman (719-749-0001 home or 719-440-5772 cell) to have your name, or 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 - Auxiliary membership dues are **\$20 for one year, \$40 for 2 years, and \$45 for 3 years (special offer)**. 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 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; **September 23, 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

November 4th



Parade starts 9:30 a.m.
Downtown
Colorado Springs

November 4th



Starts at 6:00p.m

(formal attire)

\$30/Person

At

The Peterson AFV club

Tickets will be for sale

At our next General membership meeting September 23, 2017.

And the following days at Rocky Mountain brewery;

From 2:00p.m. to 3:30p.m.

Friday

September 29th

October 06

October 13

October 20

October 27

From 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Wednesday

November 1st

Just for Fun TRIVIA

August Newsletter Trivia answers

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?

August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the possibility of atomic weapons. "A single bomb of this type carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory." Six years later, on August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb, developed by the U.S., was dropped on the Japanese port of Hiroshima.

SEPTEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION

1.-Why do we celebrate Labor Day?

2.-When was the first Labor Day Observed?

Answer will be provided in our next months newsletter

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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**