



Chapter 1 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings Chapter 1! It is hard to believe we are already in the month of February! It seems like Christmas was just last week.

February is Black History Month. African Americans have made significant contributions to our nation's Military, particularly in the areas of civil rights advancements throughout history. From Robert Smalls who was instrumental in President Lincoln drafting African Americans into the Military Service and subsequently the Buffalo Soldiers in the Civil War. To the Tuskegee Airman and Montford Point Marines whose battle prowess helped turn the tide of WWII in the skies and on land. To Rear Adm. Lillian Fishburne the first female African-American to be promoted to a flag rank in the U.S. Navy. These American Heroes paved the way to a better American society. We can learn about these great Americans and more at <https://www.military.com/history/black-history-month-overview.htm> & https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Smalls?fbclid=IwAR3ZF82ZeqBL4Nn1GOVVAOECQrNL0NR74PAtgZyshH-h_k4uhsw5YOiH7ko

We still have 1 Director Position available that will need to be filled. If you are interested in becoming more involved and helping out the Chapter, please send an e-mail to TREACH1@msn.com. Additionally, if you're not on the Chapter e-mail list and would like to be, please send an e-mail to the same address.

If you've been to the Chapter recently, you'll note that things are changing rather quickly! We have scheduled our Grand Re-Opening Ceremony for the 4th of May. A link to the event can be seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/364752274349110/>

We will be doing a soft opening sometime within the next month or two, depending on how soon the rest of our projects flesh out. I would like to thank the many members who have dedicated countless hours to really getting things put together at the chapter building, we have come a long way in getting this ship righted to sail straight into the future and help Veterans!

One last important bit of information I need to pass on to you. I've noticed that we lost over 100 Chapter members between December and February. This is probably largely due to members not paying their National Dues. Chapters can no longer accept National Dues. Those must be paid directly to Nationals. You can pay National dues online here: <https://trea.wufoo.com/forms/z1bkcph61cz8km3>

Now that we have a building again, we will reinstitute Chapter Dues in the very near future to help offset the cost of our leasing expenses. The Standing Rules and By-Laws committee is currently working to revamp that issue.

UNITED WE STAND!

Lonny L.J. Barrett

Chapter 1 President

Chaplain's Report



TAPS

Thomas C. Healy
Pete Buist
James R. Holmes

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

REPORTED SICK

Bill DeBoer

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

So it’s February and we think of Valentine’s Day and those whom we love. But how much do we

love them? Are we ready to sacrifice all we have and all we are? Take a look at your loved ones and consider how we may love them as we have promised. Ephesians 5:21 also call for us to submit to one another – giving due consideration for their worth.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

John 15:13

Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1

Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski

Chaplain, Chapter 1

Membership & Marketing

TOTAL Chapter Membership: 990

NOTE.- A reminder to all members there is a new policy with National effective January 1st, 2018 .

All National dues must be sent to Nationals, Make sure you include your ID number.

TREA; The Enlisted Association

Att. Membership

1111 S Abilene Ct.

Aurora, CO 80012

And all Chapter dues must be paid to the chapter. If you do not get your new chapter ID a few weeks after paying your National dues, please contact the chapter via e-mail so we can send you one.

Treach1@msn.com

All courtesy, Sponsor, memberships must still be paid to the chapter.

TREA; The Enlisted Association Ch 1

Att. Membership

P.O. Box 77079

Colorado Springs, CO. 80970-7079

Welcome New Members!

We are mailing renewals 90 days in advance. For those with courtesy, and Sponsored Membership. Any other members will be send by Nationals. Please mail your dues to the address that is enclosed with your renewal letter.

REMINDER: TREA National sends out membership dues reminders, usually before the Chapter dues, be aware that the price listed on National reminders DO NOT reflect the price for local Chapter dues. When Ch. 1 re-start charging yearly chapter dues, the chapter will send you a notice.

Treasurer’s Report

Greetings Chapter 1! As your new treasurer, I look forward to working with each and every one of you in developing and implementing a long-term financial strategy to ensure longevity of this great organization. By re-establishing the Finance Ways and Means Committee (FW&MC), we are developing an Operating Budget for 2019 and concurrently building draft Operating Budgets for 2020

and 2021. The approach is simple but multi-faceted: accountability of incoming and outgoing cash flows, serve as a good steward of Chapter 1 funds, and develop revenue generating activities that honor our current member contributions while attracting new members to sustain growth.

The last month was spent reviewing financial documents, talking with members, gaining knowledge of where funds are and where they came from, and generally getting involved with various projects around the new facility. The FW&MC is currently developing the 2019 budget and establishing accountability procedures so I may report a good accounting of Chapter 1 monies. Our goal is to present the draft 2019 Operating Budget at the February general membership meeting, and a final 2019 Operating Budget at the March meeting. I am actively recruiting 2 new members of the FW&MC to start serving immediately. If you are ready to get involved again – your Chapter needs you and now is the time! If anyone has questions or suggestions, please contact me at treasurertrea@gmail.com or 571 278-5003.

Building/Business Report

Greetings to all of Chapter 1. I have been honored to serve as Chairman of the Building Search Committee for about 15 months and happy to serve the Chapter as we searched for a new home. As we have moved through this process, we, the committee, have focused on serving the members of our chapter diligently and the mission of our chapter. With the upcoming Grand Re-Opening scheduled for May 4th of 2019 we have wrapped up our commitment and the building has become an operational duty. I would like to thank all our members for their support in this journey and their input.

I would also like to thank all of our past and present committee members for their service to The Enlisted Association, Chapter 1, and for their sacrifice of time. I can passionately say that “I believe in us and I believe in our mission.” The committee will have it’s final meeting on February 11th at our new home. As all the committee members know, and many of the general membership, this journey has been filled with excitement, struggle, failure and success. I am confident that while the road ahead is not smooth or straight that it is primed for success. I look forward to taking care of our members and fellow Veterans and their families in the new facility and I hope to see all of you soon.

Steadfast and Loyal,

John C. Wall

Chapter 1, 2nd Vice-President

Military Affairs

"A federal court ruled Tuesday that the Department of Veterans Affairs cannot deny disability benefits to thousands of Vietnam veterans who claim exposure to cancer-causing chemical defoliants simply because those vets

served in the waters off the country's coastline, and not inland.

"The ruling marks a major victory for so-called 'blue water' Navy veterans who have fought the department for years over the denials. VA officials have said the existing scientific

evidence doesn't justify the presumption of toxic exposure for the group and have strongly opposed legislative efforts to overturn their decision.

But the 9-2 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit overturns past court opinions backing up VA, saying that Congress never intended to exclude service members in the seas around Vietnam when they awarded presumptive benefits for certain illnesses related to Agent Orange exposure". "

The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal in which veterans sought to hold private companies responsible for their use of open-air burn pits that have been linked to scores of often fatal illnesses, from cancers to neurological damage.

The high court let stand an appellate court ruling that decided more than 60 separate lawsuits could not move forward. Plaintiffs allege that KBR, formerly owned by Halliburton Corporation, and other companies dumped tires, batteries, medical waste and other materials into the burn pits downrange. The smoke from those pits caused health issues in more than 800 veterans in the lawsuits, attorneys claim. At least a dozen affected have since died.

Judges with the Virginia-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, who issued the ruling in last year's appeal, said that KBR had little discretion in how to dispose of the waste, as they were under military control and the use of the burn pits was a military decision. They said the lawsuits amounted to a "political question" that Congress and the president should resolve, not the courts.

FREE VETERANS LEGAL CLINIC

Meet with an attorney free of charge and get information on topics such as veteran's resources, benefits, taxes, housing and family law. A service provided by the CBA Military & Veterans' Affairs Section.

4th Tuesday of each month • 12:30–3 p.m.
PFC Floyd K. Lindstrom VA Outpatient Clinic
Mt. Yale Conference room

3141 Centennial Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80907

For more information visit

cobar.org/COlawyers4COVeterans

OFF-POST CLINICS TO CLOSE Evans Army Community Hospital will close Mountain Post Medical Home and Premier Medical Home in Colorado Springs, Colorado, within the next several months. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the lease agreement for Mountain Post Medical Home was unable to be extended, and the lease agreement for Premier Medical Home will expire this summer. Both clinics will consolidate within Iron Horse Family Medicine Clinic at Evans Army Community Hospital at Fort Carson. The clinic health care teams will continue to provide care to their current patients to ensure the integrity of care and maintain established relationships. Additional clinics and services are also available at the hospital. "Your team of health care professionals will continue to partner with you to develop a comprehensive health care plan," said Col. Eric S. Edwards, Evans Army Community Hospital commander. "It is our intent to keep you with the same, trusted team you've come to know, at a location that has substantially more specialty services and capabilities." Patients assigned to Mountain Post Medical Home and Premier Medical Home can expect to receive notice of these changes from Health Net Federal Services and Evans Army Community Hospital. Those who would like to request a change in their primary care manager or assigned clinic may contact Health Net Federal Services at 1-844-866-9378 or visit their website at <https://www.tricarewest.com/content/hnfs/home/tw/be ne.html>.

TAX CENTER OPEN (Ft Carson) Tax filers can call 524-1012 or 524-1013 to make appointments through the remainder of tax season. Free income tax preparation services for both state and federal returns are available to all active-duty service members, retirees and Family members, as well as mobilized reservists (with orders). The center, located in building 1358 on Barkeley Avenue, will be open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open training holidays, but closed on federal holidays. Tax preparation is by appointment only, but the tax center will begin accepting walk-ins on a limited basis starting Feb. 18. People who make appointments are asked to bring a copy of their 2017 tax return, their military identification, W2 forms, 1099s and 1098s, as well as social security cards for themselves and their Family members, HUD-1 form for purchase of a new home, rental expenses and car registrations for those who plan to itemize on Schedule A. For those to whom it relates, they'll also need to bring copies of court orders

for divorce, child custody and child support form 8332 if post-2008 divorce. Get more details at <https://www.fortcarsonmountaineer.com/2019/01/carsotax-center-offers-free-returnpreparation/>.

Our next Vietnam Era War Commemoration Ceremony will be Friday, 29 March at 3 pm at the Enlisted Association Chapter 1 facility. The Honorable Larry

Liston, State House Representative District 16 will be the guest of honor, presenter and will pin lapels on Veterans and spouses of deceased Vietnam Era Veterans.

United we stand!

Greg Bell

Director of Military Affairs

Entertainment

Hi! TREA Ch1 Members, I would like to provide you with our planned dates for our 2019 events. Please note your calendar and keep an eye on our monthly newsletters for updates.

Anniversary Party --- March 9th

Annual picnic ----- July 27th

Veteran's Ball ----- November 9th

As we continue to plan for our upcoming events I would like to inform you of a couple of changes in the way we handle the sale of tickets. Since all our events will be catered with the exception of the picnic, we will need for all our members to purchase your tickets by the final purchase date stated on each event. Due to some previous issues, we will no longer be reserving tickets to be paid at the door. Also we understand things happen and you might not be able to attend an event after purchasing a ticket.

Unfortunately, regardless of you being able to attend or not, we still have to pay for your meal during the pre-order process, so the only time the chapter will refund your ticket purchase, will be prior to deadline, or if chapter decides to cancel event. Another option would be to find a chapter member to purchase your tickets from you that missed the deadline.

As we move on and start making plans for other events, I would like to hear from you. In the past

there have been many events and activities that our members used to enjoy. Below is a form, please filled out with your ideas and thoughts, and bring it to our next GM meeting.

United we stand!

Bernice Barrett

Director of Entertainment

Name _____

List any activities, or events that you would like to see come back to our chapter;

Comments;

Auxiliary President's Report

We're now into our second month of the year 2019. So far so good. Hope all are well and still up and about with the blessing of our Lord and Savior.

The Auxiliary's blessing and prayer goes out to Pat Buist and her family in the passing of her husband Pete Buist.

The Auxiliary had our first Board Meeting of 2019. It was very successful but long. Sorry ladies. Our yearly expenditures are done and approved by the General Membership. Cheryle Ehrke is now officially our Treasurer. Thanks, Cheryle and welcome to the Board also thanks to Willie Walker.

I want to thank Olga Guthrie and Pat Weaver. Both stepped up for the Auxiliary when we needed them. My Thanks to Both.

Our next board meeting will be February 20th and the General Membership on the 23rd both at 9 A.M. at our new location.

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Kitty Jones

President, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Chaplain's Report

Ladies, please remember to provide me with any information regarding members who are ill, hospitalized or who have lost a loved one. Remember to pray for each other.

ILLNESS:

Get well card and flowers to Bev Schaab, admitted to Penrose Main on December 22 for numbness and pain in her (R) leg. She discharged home on December 26.

WORDS TO PONDER:

When Job experienced the devastating loss of his children and became afflicted with painful sores on his entire body, his suffering was overwhelming. Three of his friends wanted to comfort him. When they found Job, they began to weep aloud. Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and

seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was (Job 2: 12-13). Job's friends showed remarkable understanding. They sensed that Job needed someone to sit and mourn with him. Often the best thing we can do when comforting a hurting friend is to sit with them in their suffering and just listen.

Pauline Watkins

Auxiliary Chaplain, Chapter 1

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Chaplain, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Membership

MEMBERSHIP

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By Kay Claman, Chairperson

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families of Pete Buist and Thomas Healy who recently passed away. Their spouses, Pat Buist and Alberta Healy, are long time members of the Auxiliary.

Reminder - Mailing address for TREA Chapter 1 and the Auxiliary is PO Box 77079, Colorado Springs, CO 80970-7079. 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. Keep spreading the word!

Change in Procedure – The Auxiliary Membership Chairman and Treasurer are using home addresses to communicate concerning membership matters. Suggest dues be mailed directly to **Membership Chairperson Kay Claman, 20577 Murphy Rd, Peyton, CO 80831-9214**. Membership Transmittals are sent 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 February and March expirations.

Notice – Distribution of TREA Chapter 1 Newsletter to Auxiliary Members – Copies can be picked up at the Rocky Mountain Brewery on Paonia Street or at the new Club location. Local members can also receive issues by mail. Address labels are provided by the Membership Committee Chairperson to Chapter 1 for this purpose. Call 719-749-0001 home or 719-440-5772 cell to have your name added

to the database for this purpose. E-mail availability is also available through the Chapter 1 office.

Another 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; **February 16th , at 9:00am.**

Location; **TREA; The Enlisted Association Ch.1**
3035 B South Academy, Colorado Springs CO. 80916

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

ATTENTION VETERANS

**DID YOU SERVE IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES
BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1955 AND MAY 1975?**

IN 2012, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZED A VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S LAPEL PIN TO BE PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICE. YOU MAY VERIFY THIS AT WWW.VIETNAMWAR50THCOMMEMORATION. TREA, THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION,

CHAPTER 1, IS A "PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATION"

AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT THOSE LAPEL PINS TO YOU ALONG WITH AN APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE. PLEASE EMAIL greg.bell@comcast.net (719-650-0042) or henryreisig@hotmail.com (719-425-5261) TO HAVE YOUR NAME AND INFORMATION PLACED ON A LIST FOR OUR NEXT COMMEMORATION CEREMONY



Is that time to pick up the application for
TREA; The Enlisted Association Ch.1 Scholarship
For application please visit our website

www.TREA1.org

all applications must be in no later than February 15th, 2019

Office

Starting immediately, we will have a new phone number, I will do my best to return messages as soon as we get them, make sure you leave a detailed message, so we can return your call.

(719) 203-6736 or (719) 313-9483

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



**IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

January 30, 2019

No. 2

Mokie Porter
301-996-0901
mporter@vva.org

VA Loses; Court Rules in Favor of Extending Benefits to Blue Water Navy Veterans

(Washington, DC)— “Vietnam Veterans of America applauds the U.S. Court of Appeals for overturning *Hass VS Peake* and finding Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans to be eligible for the same benefits as ‘boots on the ground’ and ‘brown water Navy veterans,’ ” said John Rowan, VVA National President.

“VVA calls on President Donald Trump and VA Secretary Robert Wilkie to accept the court’s decision, refrain from an appeal, and move forward without delay, allowing the VA to care for these Vietnam veterans who had been wrongfully excluded by the arbitrary administrative position made so many years ago.”

“It’s been 16 years of hardship for these veterans who served our country honorably. Many are sick and many have died of what should have been service-connected conditions. Those who remain will now be eligible to receive treatment and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs,” said Rowan.

On January 29, in a 9-2 decision, the court ruled in favor of the veteran in *Alfred Procopio, Jr., v. Robert Wilkie*, finding the intent of Congress in the *Agent Orange Act of 1991* was to extend benefits to all veterans who had been awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, including all military, naval services, and air forces who served in the Vietnam theater of operations, thereby earning the Vietnam Service Medal.

In an abrupt about face, in February 2002, the VA changed its rules, arbitrarily terminating benefits to the Blue Water U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and FMF Marine veterans serving in the waters of Southeast Asia, thereby limiting the scope of the *Agent Orange Act of 1991* to those veterans who could provide proof of “boots on the ground” in Vietnam. Suddenly, offshore veterans stopped receiving VA health- care and disability compensation.

VVA urges all Blue Water Navy veterans who have not already submitted a claim to the VA to do so immediately.

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Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation’s only congressionally chartered veterans’ service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA’s founding principle is “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.”

TREA CHAPTER 1 BOD 2019		TREA CHAPTER 1 AUXILIARY BOD 2019		
President-----	Lonny Barrett	Kitty Jones	President	719-593-8187
1st. Vice President-----	Greg Bell	Veronica Zeitvogel	Vice President	719-459-2152
2nd Vice President-----	John Wall	Cheryle Ehrke	Treasurer	719-597-0103
Recording Secretary-----	Barbara Green	Becky Kluck	Recording Secretary	719-574-2397
Treasure-----	Ray Parnell	“Willi” Walker	1-Year Director	719-574-0566
1 Year Director-----	Bernice Barrett	Beverly Schaab	2-Year Director	719-596-0762
1 Year Director -----	TBD	Pauline Watkins	Chaplain	719-591-8452
2 Year Director -----	Jon Dimauro	Kay Claman	Membership Chair	719-749-0001
2 Year Director -----	Roger Delosh	Irmgard Cates	Parliamentarian	719-593-0112
Chaplain -----	Bob Kwiatowski	Oznur Quinones	Sergeant-at-Arms	719-390-4986
Parliamentarian -----	Ed Cates	Margaret Coleman	Grievance	719-574-0335
Sergeant- at Arms -----	Wally Jones			
Grievance -----	Mel Yell			



56TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

MARCH 9TH, 2019

5:30 P.M. \$38/PERSON

ATTIRE FORMAL

Location;

New Chapter 1 Building.
3035B S. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, CO

Dinner buffet style

Salad with boysenberry vinaigrette
Chicken Cordon Blue
Roasted Vegetables
Dinner rolls and butter

Tickets on sale at:

Auxiliary BOD & GM meeting
Chapters GM meeting

At our building

Tues. 12th 12:00 – 2:00

Fri. 22nd 11:00 – 2:00

Wed 13th 3:00 – 5:00

Mon. 18th 3:30 – 5:00

At Rocky Mountain Brewery

LAST CHANCE

Fri. 22nd 2:00 – 4:00

Cash or check only please