



The Enlisted Association

Chapter 1

NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Happy New Year Chapter 1! I trust that you all had a great Holiday Season, filled with joy and fellowship. It was great to have our first "Social" function at our new facility on December 15th with the Installation of our new Chapter and Auxiliary Officers, followed by a Christmas Potluck that had some really tasty dishes!

We've been going through the trailer items, and have it somewhat separated into the categories we previously mentioned. But that task isn't quite completed. Some of these items that have been determined to be no longer useful to the chapter will be available for silent auction sale at the January meeting and possibly in some of the meetings in the future.

We still have 2 Directors positions 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.

I would like to thank Barbara Green for volunteering to be the Recording Secretary.

The 1st Annual Gun Shoot was successful, however we would have liked to see more participation, hopefully future events will be more prosperous for the Chapter.

Finally I would like to address some recent news articles that have been circulating through different websites and news sources that some of you may have seen online. The TREA Memorial Foundation was unfortunately forced to shut down operations due to circumstances and actions carried out by a third party fundraising organizer. Some of these news articles would falsely lead you to believe that TREA National and Chapters would be closing down, which is NOT true. This is a National Level issue and not a Chapter issue, the only thing shutting down will be the Memorial Foundation. If you are interested in reading the National President, Philip Hilinski's statement, there is a link located on the TREA.org front page.

UNITED WE STAND!

Lonny L.J. Barrett
Chapter 1 President

Chaplain's Report



TAPS

Lily McCutcheon (Auxiliary)

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

REPORTED SICK

Pete Buist

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

Happy New Year. What better way to begin the new year than by renewing faith in God. Isaiah

reminds us that God is to be important to our lives each and every day. We can thrill in the promises God has made and fulfills. If you don't already attend a Faith filled church that preaches the truth, I encourage you to find one. Test what is taught by comparing with the Bible to assure truth is preached. Have a very Blessed New Year.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD Himself, is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12:2-3

Rev. Bob Ksiatkowski

Chaplain, Chapter 1

Membership & Marketing

TOTAL Chapter Membership: 1,095

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.

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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.

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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.

Military Affairs

The current Tricare Retiree Dental Plan ends 31 Dec and there are 6 things to know to participate in the Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). You must choose a plan during this year's open enrollment period which is November 12 to December 10. If you do nothing, you will not have coverage. Future changes must be paired with a qualifying event or made during open enrollment. If you or your family is receiving orthodontic care through Tricare's retiree dental plan or you anticipate needing major dental work between Dec 31st of this year and Dec 31st of 2019 be careful to select the right plan because many of the plans have significant waiting periods, some as long as a year.

Chapter 1 sponsored another Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony on the 2nd of November. County Commissioner Peggy Littleton presented two Vietnam Era Veteran spouses with certificates and pins selected for surviving spouses and pinned 11 Vietnam Era Veterans. The commissioner also presented Chapter 1 with a commendation for our work to support the Vietnam War Commemoration. Chapter 2nd Vice President John Wall had the honor of presenting a surviving spouse pin to his mother. This was our first event of any kind that we've held in our new building

VA's pension program provides monthly benefit payments to eligible wartime Veterans and their survivors with financial need. The pension regulations, which were updated Oct. 18, cover the following:

Establish a clear net-worth limit for income and assets for Veterans to qualify for pension. Establish a 36-month look-back period to review asset transfers at less than fair market value that reduce net worth and create pension entitlement.

Establish up to a five-year penalty period to be calculated based on the portion of the covered assets that would have made net worth excessive, and updates medical expense definitions for consistency with VA internal guidelines.

The changes are intended to ensure VA only pays benefits to those Veterans with a genuine need. For more information on VA's pension program, visit www.benefits.va.gov/PENSION/

United we stand!

Greg Bell

Director of Military Affairs

Entertainment

Information regarding the Anniversary Ball will be announced at the January General Membership Meeting.

United we stand!

Bernice Barrett

Director of Entertainment

Auxiliary President's Report

Happy New Year to all Chapter members and the Auxiliary members. Wishing all a Happy New Year in peace, happiness and good health.

My thanks to Gladys Martinez for the beautiful center piece she made for our Auxiliary Christmas Tea. The money we raised from the

center piece (flower arrangement) was donated (\$250.00) to St Jude's in memory of our beloved and friend Lily McCutchen as she did every year as Hospitality Chairperson.

The Pot Luck at the new building was really nice. Lots of good food. Too bad it was the same ones who participated as usual.

Happy New Year

Our next General Membership Meeting will be on January 19th at the United Methodist Church at 9 o'clock. Hope to see all there. Our Thursday Luncheon (January 24th) will be at Peterson Air Force Base (The Club).

UNITED WE STAND!

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:

Cheryle Ehrke was hospitalized at Evans Hospital on December 13 with severe symptoms of diabetes that were undiagnosed. She discharged home on December 17 after being stabilized.

A SPECIAL REPORT:

On December 1, the Auxiliary had its annual Christmas Luncheon which always includes a raffle. Below, is the body of the letter sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Lily McCutchen.

To Whom It May Concern:

Lily McCutchen was a long time member of TREA: The Enlisted Association Chapter 1

Auxiliary. As Hospitality Chairman, she was instrumental in facilitating several social events each year. One of the events was the Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon and one of the highlights was an anticipated raffle. Proceeds from the raffle, along with a generous donation from the Auxiliary, have been donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for many years.

We are saddened to announce that this year's proceeds, in the amount of \$250.00, is being donated in memory of Lily McCutchen who passed away on November 23, 2018. This was always her favorite charity.

May God continue to bless all of the services that you provide for children.

I pray that each of you will be surrounded with peace, love, and hope now and throughout the year. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

Pauline Watkins

Chaplain, Chapter 1 Auxiliary

Auxiliary Membership

A warm welcome is extended to Maria (Julia) Cruz who recently rejoined the Auxiliary. We hope that all members will continue to participate in all activities planned for this year. Advance notices are

normally handled through the monthly newsletter and personal calls.

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. Until further notice, suggest dues be mailed directly to **Membership Chairman Kay Claman, 20577 Murphy Rd, Peyton, CO 80831-9214**. 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 **AUXILIARY** envelope to address shown above have been sent to members with December and January 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 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

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

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Recording Secretary-----	Barbara Green	Becky Kluck	Recording Secretary		719-574-2397
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1 Year Director-----	Bernice Barrett	Beverly Schaab	2-Year Director		719-596-0762
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2 Year Director -----	TBD	Kay Claman	Membership Chair		719-749-0001
2 Year Director -----	Roger Delosh	Irmgard Cates	Parliamentarian		719-593-0112
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Grievance -----	Mel Yell				