



Chapter 1 NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Greetings Chapter 1! March has arrived and brought tons of snow with it! I hope you're all staying safe and warm. Regretfully, we had to cancel our Anniversary Party this year. We only sold 18 tickets to the event. Now that we're required to cater our events, having an accurate head count is necessary. The Entertainment Committee established a cutoff date with the caterer to so that the proper amount of food could be purchased and prepped. With the small amount of tickets purchased, we would have suffered a severe financial loss had we put on the event as planned. As you know, fiscal responsibility with Chapter funds has been one of my top goals. In the future, please purchase your event tickets well in advance of the cutoff date.

I'm sure most of you have heard the news now about the passing of Dottie Holmes, TREA Past National President. Her presence will be missed around the Chapter. She blazed her own trail in this world and opened doors for many female Veterans. It was an honor to have met her and shared conversations with her. I was glad to see such a large TREA presence at her memorial services.

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.

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 have hired a General Manager and will be training Carol on the Chapter History and getting her involved in business operations as soon as possible! At some point this month we'll open our doors and start conducting the administrative side of the business again. Make sure you come in and welcome Carol to the TREA Family.

This has been a long hard road race and I'm glad to see that we are finally nearing the finish line. Looking forward to seeing you all regularly again! Please see the attached flyer at the back of the Newsletter for more information on the Grand Reopening! **UNITED WE STAND!!**

Lonny L.J. Barrett
Chapter 1 President

Chaplains Note:



TAPS

Dorothy Wayne Holmes
George R. Holmes
Charles D. LaPlante
James V. Bradley

OTHER DECEASED – TREA FAMILY MEMBERS

Ilse James
Kathleen E. Thomas

REPORTED SICK

Bill DeBoer
Bob Glaspy

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

Remember Alfred E. Neumann? 'What, me worry?' was a quote attributed to him. Well it seems to be Biblical as well. Why should we worry? God is there and He loves us even before we love Him or even

before we know how to love Him. The problem we have is how to let go. God knows you want to control things and He will let you as long as you want until you know and trust in Him. So give every anxious concern you have to God and He will see you through it.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Phil 4:6 (NIV)

Rev. Bob Kwiatkowski

Chaplain, Chapter 1

Membership & Marketing

TOTAL Chapter Membership: 994

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

Online: <https://trea.wufoo.com/forms/z1bkcp61cz8km3>

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

Hello Chapter 1 members, here is your national military legislative and affairs news for March, 2019.

In April, the VA will begin prioritizing disability benefits claims processing for initial claims from discharged combat veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart. TREA has continued to advocate for H.R. 299, Blue Water Vietnam Veteran Act of 2019. Senator Johnny Isakson, chairman of the Senate Veterans Committee, said he has enough votes in the Senate to pass the bill and overcome the two senators who last year blocked a Senate vote on the previous bill. This bill will apply Agent Orange benefits to those who sailors who served offshore. IF you are a Navy-Blue Water veteran, TREA wants to hear from you!

Language in the VA MISSION Act signed into law last year established an Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission to look at the department's many facilities, and determine areas where there were excesses, shortages or other challenges. The idea of closing a VA facility does not sit well with many lawmakers who likely fear that a closure would affect their district or state. The potential cost savings of this BRAC-style review have not yet been determined. Lawmakers have also not indicated they would support speeding up the timeline which VA Secretary Wilkie is advocating, a process that would require congressional approval.

And on the local front, news from the February Ft. Carson Retiree Council Meeting. This year's Retiree Information Day will be held on Ft. Carson at the HUB from 0700 – 1200 on the 21st of September. The Commissary will honor Vietnam Era Veterans on Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29th @ 1PM. The commissary is hosting a case lot sale April 19 – 21 and is sponsoring a Healthy Living event June 14 – 15. Healthnet representative recommends Tricare recipients establish an online account at www.tricare-west.com. If you have a DS Logon account, I find it works better than the Tricare-west account. The

Society of Military Widows is holding their National Convention here in Colorado Springs Oct 14 – 19. El Pomar representative Terry McWilliams stated that there are big changes coming to medical support on military facilities. As I previously wrote, the DoD is studying a proposal to eliminate 17,000 medical billets. Both Ft. Carson off-base clinics will close in the next few months and services will be consolidated at the Iron Horse Family Medicine Clinic at Evans 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/bene.html>.

The Red Cross is ramping up for their annual Sound the Alarm campaign, during which they hope to accomplish the following:

- Install 100,000 smoke alarms and make 40,000 homes safer in 100 or more signature cities around the nation between April 27 and May 12, 2019
- Increase the number of homes and families made safer in assigned jurisdictions
- Work hand in hand with their partners, addressing a mutual interest in serving our communities. Visit

<https://www.redcross.org/sound-the-alarm.html> and type in your zip code in the “find volunteer opportunities” search box to sign up to volunteer, or visit <https://www.redcross.org/content/redcross/en/local/colorado/about-us/our-work/home-fire-safety.html> to request to have a smoke alarm installed in your home.

Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center is hosting a Food Drop on the 6th of September. Chapter 1 will coordinate with Mr. Carmel to plan how our membership can support to this veteran's support event.

To keep up with events and activities at Ft. Carson logon to <https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/pass-it-on>
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

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/carson-tax-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.

Greg Bell

Director of Military Affairs

Auxiliary Presidents Report

Good morning, afternoon or evening to all our Auxiliary members. Sorry about the cancellation of our General Membership Meeting (GMM) on February 23rd, but I think I made the right decision due to the weather. I'm going to pass on some news that should have been at our GMM meeting.

Received a letter from Auxiliary National President Patricia Wind. She has asked all Past National Auxiliary Presidents (PNAPs) to work on committees as mentors and advisers.

Also received a letter from National Auxiliary Vice President Barbara Coley on Standing Rules and By-Laws. Proposed or additions to existing By-Laws and Standing Rules need to be submitted to National's Committee for review by May 6 – 7, 2019.

Received our rebate check for July thru December 2018.

I have asked Minnie Hensley to work with Roger Delosh on By-Laws, Standing Rules with the Chapter. She accepted.

Our next Board meeting will be March 20th at 10 O'clock. General Membership meeting is March 23rd at 10 O'clock. Both meeting at our new location.

Think about changing our Thursday luncheon as our meeting are on the fourth week of the month.

Hope you all know the Anniversary Ball has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

Wishing all are in good health and see you all soon.

Kitty Jones
Auxiliary President

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.

ILLNESS:

There are so many of our members who are suffering from various illnesses and some who are caring for their spouses and other family members. Please know that you are in my prayers as I lift you up to the Lord for His healing, strength to keep going, comfort, hope, and the peace that surpasses all understanding. Remember to pray for each other.

WORDS TO PONDER: The Right Way to Pray

Our Lord simply desires prayer that begins and ends with humility (Matthew 6:5). He invites us into an intimate exchange through which He promises to listen (v. 6). He never requires fancy or memorized words or phrases (v. 7). He assures us that prayer is a gift, an opportunity to honor Him (v. 9-10), to display our confidence in His provision (v. 11), and to affirm our security in His forgiveness and guidance

(v.12-13). When we place our trust in God and His perfect love for us, we can be sure that praying with a humble heart is always the right way to pray. (Our Daily Bread)

Pauline Watkins
Auxiliary Chaplain, Chapter 1

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

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By Kay Claman, Chairperson

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Patricia Comeau-Shook who recently passed away. She will be fondly remembered by her many friends.

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 Chairperson 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 April 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 a laminated card is mailed to the member after new expiration date has been verified from the latest National Roster.

Announcements

Next General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership meeting; **March 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? CHAPTER 1, IS A "PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATION" TREA, THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION, IS AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT THOSE LAPEL PINS TO YOU ALONG WITH AN APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATE. IN 2012, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZED THIS PIN TO BE PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SERVICE. YOU MAY VERIFY THIS AT <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>

To have your name and information placed on a list for the next Commemoration Ceremony please e-mail greg.bell@comcast.net (719-650-0042) or henryreisig@hotmail.com (719-425-5261)



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 March 22nd 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.

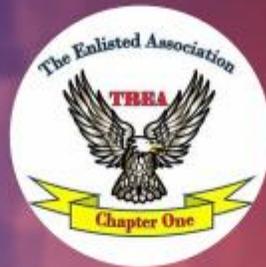
(719) 203-6736 or (719) 313-9483

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

TREA CHAPTER 1 BOD 2019	TREA CHAPTER 1 AUXILIARY BOD 201)
President----- Lonny Barrett	Kitty Jones President 719-593-8187
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1 Year Director ----- TBD	Pauline Watkins Chaplain 719-591-8452
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Parliamentarian ----- Ed Cates	Coleman Grievance 719-574-0335
Sergeant at Arms ----- Wally Jones	
Grievance ----- Mel Yell	



**TREA - THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER 1**

GRAND RE-OPENING CEREMONY

**Ribbon cutting ceremony, family fun, music, light
food and refreshments. You're sure to have fun!**

**MAY 4, 2019 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3035B S. ACADEMY, COLORADO
SPRINGS, CO. 80916**

For more information please visit us at
www.facebook.com/TheEnlistedAssociation