



Tampa Bay Chapter 58 members, left to right, 3rd Vice President Harold Atwood, 1st Vice Leonard Black, auxiliary member at large Emilia Atwood, Director Harry Johnson, auxiliary member at large Luz Arana and President Louis Arana attended the TREA National Convention at Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 23-26.
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Rapid City hosts 2009 TREA National Convention

Chapter 58 sends five delegates and auxiliary members to 46th-annual event

Five Chapter 58 delegates and three auxiliary member at large attended the TREA National Convention in Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 23-26.

President Louis Arana and his wife, Luz, a chapter auxiliary member at large, led the delegates. Other attendees were 1st Vice Leonard Black, 3rd Vice Harold Atwood, Past President Hermon Sharpe, Director Harry Johnson and auxiliary members at large Emilia Atwood and Reiko Sharpe.

"To our surprise, the chapter Web page received the TREA Best Web Site award," President Arana said. "Our Trooper editor and Web page expert,

Juanita Anspach, did a great job for us and deserves kudos for her outstanding work."

The delegates had a busy schedule. They attended workshops, business meetings and discussion groups. Two key workshops were on Tricare and Medicare benefits. Delegates also attended the President's Dinner, the Auxiliary Luncheon and the Gala Installation Banquet where Charlie Flowers was reelected the national president. TREA also set up tours for attendees to Mount Rushmore, the Old West town of Deadwood City and a gold factory and winery.

Next year's convention will be in Tucson, Ariz.

"Our chapter members should know that any one of them can attend the convention as a delegate," President Arana said. "I would like to see some new faces at next year's event."



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Attendees at the joint TREA and Auxiliary Award Luncheon included, left to right, Reiko Sharpe, Hermon Sharpe, Harold Atwood and Louis Arana.



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Attendees at the President's Dinner included, left to right, Reiko Sharpe, Hermon Sharpe, Harold Atwood, Emilia Atwood, Louis Arana, Luz Arana and a visiting auxiliary member.

Chapter 58 Meetings Still Need Your Support

Tampa Bay Chapter 58 needs more members to attend its eight board of directors and quarterly general membership meetings. Meetings are all held on the third Tuesday of each month, starting at 1 p.m. at the MacDill Air Force Base Surf's Edge Enlisted Club. Come and join us.



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Luz Arana, TREA auxiliary member at large, left, and Chapter 58 President Louis Arana, center, met with TREA Past National President Dottie Holmes at the Rapid City convention.



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TREA National President Charlie Flowers was elected for a second term as president. He addressed members at the Gala Installation Banquet.



Top Photo (TREA photo). Chapter 58 President Louis Arana and, left to right, 1st Vice President Leonard Black and Director Harry Johnson, enjoyed some libations during a social hour at the TREA National Convention.

Photo Right (Photo by Louis Arana). Convention attendees took a tour to Deadwood City, an Old West town where Jack McCall shot Wild Bill Hickok during a poker game.

