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TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 Trooper

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of Tampa Bay Chapter 58

Notes From The President

This year is coming to an end and it has been a great pleasure to serve as your chapter 58 president. Our efforts have not been in vain and with the help of the board of directors, the direction of the chapter remains strong.

During our Nov. 17 board meeting, the chapter approved the slate of nominees for our 2010 officers and board of directors. Now we hope that our chapter members will support the new officers by coming to our meetings and participating in our 2010 events.

At our Dec. 12 meeting, we will swear in our new officers and board. We welcome any chapter member in good standing interested in running for a seat on the board to attend the meeting. We will consider nominations from the floor. The Award Committee will have a presentation ceremony afterward.

Past Pres. Hermon Sharpe presenting a \$100 check on behalf of TREA Chapter 58 to Gayle Cook, and Dowell Natoli, members of the Friends of Military Families, at Veterans Appreciation Day, Nov 14, 2009.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the board and especially to 1st Vice Leonard Black who is our voice in the veteran's affairs. I want to thank secretary/newsletter editor Juanita Anspach for the outstanding job she has done with "The Trooper", and our award winning web site.

We look forward to a fun-filled quarterly meeting and Christmas Party at the Coon's Pavilion near the MacDill AFB marina on Saturday, Dec 12, 2009. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter. Make your reservations now. The board approved changing our meeting locations. Starting this month, we will hold meetings at two locations. Our eight board of directors meetings will be at the Surf's Edge Club. The four general membership meetings will be on Saturdays



Lou Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

(dates to be announced) at the Coon's Pavilion. I hope these changes help those working chapter's members to attend meeting.

We had nine members and spouses help at our table during MacDill's Retiree Appreciation Day on Nov. 14. Thanks. We had more than 60 people visit the table and 40 requested TREA applications packages. We also had 40 people fill out drawing slips for free TREA and chapter memberships. From those, we will select one for a free one-year membership sponsor by TREA National and 9 by our chapter. We also recruited three new members.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana

PRESIDENT



ATTENTION:

CHECK OUT

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INFORMATION

ON TREA CHAPTER 58

CHRISTMAS PARTY -

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**



Mark Your Calendar...

December 12, 2009

Chapter 58

Menu

Ham
Grilled Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert
Tea, Coffee
Soda

TREA Tampa Bay

Chapter 58 is holding their December General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party at the Coons Creek Pavilion at MacDill AFB on Saturday, December 12, 2009 starting at 3:00 PM.

Program

Call to Order
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Dinner
Meeting
Awards
Good of the Order



Mark your calendar and plan to attend our event and bring a guest or family members to join us. Cost will be \$5 per person, Children 10 and under \$3.00. Payment can be made at the door or please mail check to

TREA Chapter 58

P.O. Box 6676

BY DEC 5, 2009.

MacDill AFB, Florida 33608

Please RSVP as to how many will be in your party so that we can obtain adequate food and drinks. Call: 813-684-5414 or 813-837-5065

Or email to: larana3@verizon.net

BRING ONE OR TWO GIFTS WRAPPED (\$10 LIMIT)



CHAPTER 58 ANNUAL DUES FORM

(Mail: TREA, Chapter 58, P.O. Box 6676, MacDill AFB, FL 33608-0676)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____



_____ One (1) Year: \$10.00_

(These dues are due annually on the first day of January each year.)

(Print page and cut here and mail with check)

VETERAN'S LOCAL NEWS

1st VP Leonard Black spent the week of Veteran's Day representing TREA Chapter 58 by collecting food from 7 locations for a food bank at his church. He also spoke to 3 classes at King High School, Re: Veteran's Day. On Wednesday, Nov 11, 2009, he conducted a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Veterans Park. And finished off the week by distributing food to 25 families at his Church.



Member Birthdays
***Happy Birthday to
 all our
 Members with
 birthdays
 In October,
 November,
 and December.***

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The Chapter reports that 14 new members were gained this period. The September Chapter Roster shows one member recruited by Pres. Louis Arana and 19 members up for renewal. We have 3 applications to mail and 10 more from the free membership drawing held at the Veterans Appreciation Day Event at MacDill AFB on Nov 14, 2009.

CHAPTER 58

2010 MEETINGS

Surf's Edge Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

Jan 19 BOD

Feb 16 BOD

Mar 20 General Mbrship

Apr 20 BOD

May 18 BOD

Jun 19 General Mbrship

Jul 20 BOD

Aug 17 BOD

Sep 18 General Mbrship

Oct 19 BOD

Nov 16 BOD

Dec 18 GMM- New BOD
 Installation and Xmas
 Party





The Retiree's Appreciation Day was celebrated on Nov 14, 2009 at the MacDill AFB, Base Exchange Food Court. The following TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 members participated: President Louis Arana, 1st Vice Leonard Black, Past President Hermon Sharpe, Secretary Juanita Anspach, Director Carlos Barradas, Harry Johnson, Geoffrey Parker and Auxiliary Members-at-Large Mrs. Luz Arana and Reiko Sharpe.

Retirees requesting information about the Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) received a package with all needed information about this organization. Each prospect filled out a drawing slip to participate in the free membership drive sponsored by Chapter 58 and TREA National Headquarters. Forty information packages were distributed. Of the forty, 10 were selected to receive one year membership, one from TREA National and 9 from the chapter to include one year chapter's dues. Three retirees joined TREA during this event

INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS: Tampa Bay Chapter 58 has access to a booklet called "Need to Know 101" Military Wives Your Guide to Being Prepared. This booklet was prepared by the Society of Military Widows, Tampa Bay Chapter 35. In this booklet is all the information you will need and that can be inserted by you and your spouse before it is needed. If you would like a copy, please call Juanita Anspach, Secretary, 813-837-5065. Don't wait and not have all the information you need when you need it.

Veterans Appreciation Day, MacDill AFB November 14, 2009



Members of TREA Chapter 58 received a visit from Col. Larry Martin, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, second from right. With the colonel are, left to right, Director Henry Johnson, Chapter President Louis Arana and 1st Vice President Leonard Black



Pres. Lou Arana and Luz Arana manning the Chapter 58 table at the Veterans Appreciation Day event.



Sec Juanita Anspach, Dir Carlos Barradas, Dir Geoffrey Parker, Past Pres Hermon Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe.



1st VP Leonard Black, Dir. Geoffrey Parker and Past Pres. Hermon Sharpe.



WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH YOUR OLD CELL PHONE?



- Recycle it and you'll help Mother Nature and those in need of emergency communication.
- The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) is partnering with CharitableRecycling.com to collect used cell phones on an on-going basis for the benefit of TREA programs. TREA will receive a monetary donation for each phone recycled.
- The phones can be recycled and sent to areas with economic necessity. Some phones are also refurbished and given to those who are in need of 911, emergency only, communications. "Cell phones contain many toxins and are very hazardous to our environment and they should not end up in landfills."
- All cell phones, regardless of age or condition, will be accepted.
- Make certain to deactivate your phone and remove any personal information.
- <http://www.trea.org/PhoneRecycling.htm> to print out a postage-paid shipping label/packing slip, and a donation receipt.
- Go to www.charitablerecycling.com for more information.





National TREA Convention Awards Luncheon held in Rapid City, SD in September 2009, where Tampa Bay Chapter 58 won the "Best Website for 2009" Award. President Louis Arana received the award for the Chapter. Delegates representing our Chapter Past President Hermon Sharpe, Mrs. Sharpe, Director Harry Johnson, 1st VP Leonard Black, President Louis Arana (with Award), 2nd VP Harold Atwood and Mrs. Arana enjoying the luncheon and showing off the Chapter Award.

VETERANS REPORT

— The Military's Largest Benefits Update —



Subject: A LITTLE KNOWN VETERAN BENEFIT "Aid and Attendance"

Regardless of your personal status, consider passing this along to all veterans, families of veterans or individuals with veterans in their family. "Aid and Attendance" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes. To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The veteran's benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent.. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually.

For more information, call 1-800-827-1000 Visit <http://www.va.gov/> (type "Aid and Attendance" in the search block), or contact your local VA office. Apply on-line at <http://vabenfits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>



The Trooper



Attention Members:

If you have a friend who is retired military and does not belong to the Retired Enlisted Association, bring him or her to our meeting and let them see what we are all about. We want to get our Chapter back to where we can bring in speakers to keep us up to date on retiree issues. So come and bring a friend.....

PREAMBLE

We, as retired enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States of America being ever mindful of the glorious traditions of our military services, our duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, our responsibility to support a strong defense establishment, our interest in the welfare of our fellow service members in fortune or distress and with reverence of God, Country and our departed comrades, unite to further the aims and objectives of The Retired Enlisted Association.

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