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# TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 Trooper

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## Notes From The Chapter President

It's June and 2010 is almost half over. Let me begin by saying thanks to our board of directors, wives, new members and guest for attending our meetings and activities. And special thanks to those members that worked so hard at the MacDill AFB AirFest this year. Considering the bad weather, TREA member sold more than \$6,000 in toy airplanes during the short weekend. The chapter's share from this fund raising event was \$770.

So far this year, the chapter has presented TREA National Certificates and Medals, to five high schools with JROTC programs. The cadets chosen also received a \$50 check from the Tampa Bay Chapter. Those schools are Robinson, Alonzo, Zephyrhills, Newsome and

Citrus high schools. The word is out and I've been receiving e-mails and telephone call from other Florida high schools that have the JROTC programs requesting participation in the TREA awards. Unless Chapter 58 get some help from TREA members living in these areas, presenting the award is very difficult. We are a small chapter, limited member participation and the funds available for this type of program is also very limited. We will accept help from any TREA or Chapter 58 member who wants to help make these presentations.

Next on our agenda is the 2010 summer picnic for all chapter members, families and guests. You will find detailed information on the picnic in this newsletter.



Lou Arana, President of TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

Remember, the picnic is a good place to meet other members and have a good time. To find out more about our chapter and its activities, visit our website at [www.veteranspostnews.com/TREA58.htm](http://www.veteranspostnews.com/TREA58.htm). If you have any good idea or suggestion that will help the chapter, let me know via e-mail ([larana3@verizon.net](mailto:larana3@verizon.net)), or call me at (813) 684-5414.

Finally, we have several days to remember in June. So I wish you a happy Flag Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day! With nothing else to report, I wish you good health and long life..

**UNITED WE STAND**

*Louis A. Arana*



### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to  
all our  
Members with  
birthdays  
In July, August  
And September*

### JUNE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/PICNIC

Chapter 58 will be holding its General Membership Meeting/Picnic at Coons Creek Pavilion at MacDill AFB on June 19, 2010 starting at 12:00 noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salad and dessert will be on the menu. Please Call Lou Arana (813)684-5414 or Juanita Anspach (813)837-5065 to let us know if you will be attending. (\$5.00 per person, \$3.00 children under 12.)



## The Importance of DEERS

Here is an issue that bears repeating: Proper registration in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is key to receiving timely and effective TRICARE benefits. If your information is incomplete or incorrect, you could be denied care or face delays in payment for that care.

Please don't let this happen to you. You can update your information in person by visiting any military ID issuing facility, by phone at (800) 538-9552, or online by going to the DEERS Website. You earned your health care. Make sure it's available when you need it by updating your information whenever life-changing events occur.

**INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS:** Tampa Bay Chapter 58 has 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 813-837-5065. Don't wait & not have all the information you need when you need it.

**TAKE YOUR MILITARY ID CARD TO LOCAL PHARMACIES:** To avoid delays at a local pharmacy, make sure you take your Military ID card with you. Ask the pharmacy to enter your name and date of birth exactly as it appears on your Military ID card when they submit your prescription.

## **FREE VACCINES FOR TRICARE BENEFICIARIES**



Thanks to a recent change, TRICARE beneficiaries can visit retail network pharmacies to receive seasonal flu, H1N1 flu and pneumonia vaccines at no cost. This expanded coverage is available to all beneficiaries eligible to use the TRICARE retail pharmacy benefit.

Other vaccines still must be administered in a doctor's office or authorized convenience clinic to be fully covered by TRICARE's preventive health services cost-share waiver.

Vaccines are the most effective defense against the seasonal and H1N1 flu and pneumonia, said Rear Adm. Thomas McGinnis, TRICARE's chief pharmacy officer. "We hope this new, convenient and affordable option encourages TRICARE beneficiaries to get their vaccinations."

**NOTE:** Before heading off to your local TRICARE retail network pharmacy for a free shot, call them first to make sure they participate in the vaccine program and have the vaccine in stock. You can locate a participating retail network pharmacy by visiting the Express Scripts Website or calling them at (877) 363-1303.





**CHAPTER 58 ANNUAL DUES FORM**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 officers, left to right, Director Carlos Barradas and President Louis A. Arana present a TREA National Certificate, Medal and \$50 check to Army JROTC Cadet Cpl. James Enicks at Newsome High School in Lithia, Fla., on March 30, 2010. Nicks, a member of the school's Wolf Battalion, received the TREA honors for his superior performance as a cadet. (Photo by Sgt Ortiz from the Recruiting Office in Brandon, FL.)



TREA Chapter 58 1st VP Leonard Black presented the TREA Award of Merit and a \$50 check to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Linda Grimminger, Company Executive Officer, at the Army JROTC Award Ceremony at Alonso High School in Tampa, Florida on April 29, 2010. (NO PHOTO)

**ALONSO ARMY JROTC**

**CHAPTER 58 2010**

**MEETINGS**

**Surf's Edge Club**

**MacDill AFB, Florida**

**1300 hours**

**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**



## Celebrating Chapter 58 22nd Anniversary March 13, 2010 General Membership Meeting



Members enjoying lunch.....



Your Board of Directors at work at the March 13 General Membership Meeting. 1st VP Leonard Black, President Louis Arana, Treasurer Allan Adams and Secretary Juanita Anspach. The Chapter celebrated it's 22nd Anniversary at this meeting.



TREA Tampa Chapter 58 leaders presented the TREA Award of Merit and a \$50 check to JROTC Cadet Cpl. Roberto Montero, center, during an awards ceremony at Zephyrhills High School, in Zephyrhills, Fla., on May 12, 2010. Chapter members, left to right, Director Carlos Barradas, Chapter President Louis Arana and Past President Hermon Sharpe presented the award. The cadet is a member of the school's Bulldog Battalion. (Photo by retired U.S. Army 1st Sgt. Jimmy McAuley)



TREA Chapter 58 1st VP Leonard Black presented the TREA Award for Merit and a \$50 check to P03 Katlyn Remante at the Navy JROTC Award Ceremony at Robinson High School in Tampa, FL on May 4, 2010.



# VETERAN'S CORNER



## 2010 Benefits Guide Now Available

The VA 2010 guide to "Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors" is now available online. This is the all-in-one place to learn about the benefits to which you or a family member might be entitled. To view the guide go to:

[http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book.asp](http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp)

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** MacDill AFB will be starting to scan ID Cards the summer of 2011. You must go by the Visitor Center at the Dale Mabry Gate and have your ID scanned so that you will be able to enter the base when they start scanning ID cards. If you have questions, call the visitor center 828-2737

## **DFAS Urges Retirees to Update myPay Accounts**

If you have not updated your profile since the myPay security system was upgraded in November, accessing your pay records quickly may be difficult. Mypay users are encouraged to establish new login credentials, including personalized login IDs and passwords as soon as possible. With income tax deadlines, it is even more important to ensure you have access to your records. Avoid the last minute stress of missing tax documents by enrolling in myPay. With myPay you can log-on and access copies of your 1099R quickly and without the hold up of waiting for it to arrive via snail mail. Visit the DFAS website to establish your new login credentials, including personalized login IDs and passwords. Step-by-step instructions in both text and video are available at the [myPay site](#) and the [DFAS website](#)

## **TRICARE Affirmation Act Signed**

On Monday, President Obama signed into law the TRICARE Affirmation Act (Public Law 111-159). This important new provision of law, championed by House Armed Services Committee Chairman Ike Skelton (D-MO) and Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee Chairman Sen. Jim Webb (D-VA), fixes a flaw in the recently passed healthcare reform law.

As previously reported, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act did not clarify that the earned coverage of TRICARE programs for service members and military retirees under age 65 provided minimum acceptable coverage. P.L. 111-148 completes the TRICARE package so **all TRICARE plans are now considered, explicitly in law, as minimal acceptable coverage under the new health care law.**

Defining TRICARE and TRICARE for Life under law is important because it eliminates the possibility of arbitrary decisions in the future that might penalize or require enrollees to purchase additional coverage beyond what they already have.

Since Congress first took up the issue of healthcare reform last year, NAUS worked to protect military retirees and have this explicit language included in statute. With the President's signature, it is now the law of the land.



1st VP Leonard Black



## 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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