

TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 ırooper

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Notes From The Chapter President

again, time. Four Chapter 58 Sept. 21. The meeting is board members will travel at the Surf's Edge Club, to Tucson, Arizona, to rep- | MacDill Air Force Base resent the Tampa Bay starting at 1 pm. This will chapter as delegates to be an important meeting TREA's 47th National Con-because the board will be vention. The gathering seeking new volunteers to will be from Sept. 15 to fill board seats for 2011 — 18, 2010 at the Double- all are up for grabs. So tree Hotel Tucson at Reid mark your calendar for Park. Attending will be that date and try to be Past President Hermon there. Sharpe and his wife, Reiko, 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson and Director Harold Atwood and his wife, Emilia, an auxiliary at large member and myself and my wife, Luz, also an auxiliary at large member. Rest assured that we will report what we learn there.

It is that time of the uled our Sept. 18 General convention Membership Meeting to

We need your support because we depend on volunteers to fill our chapter roster and help us with events. Our membership has declined from 508 to 304 active members in the past 22 years. Some passed away and others terminated their membership or trans-Because of the con-ferred away. But to stay vention, we've resched-afloat, we need others to



Louis Arana, President of TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

step up and join our ranks.

The Tampa Bay area has more than 1,100 TREA members at large and we sure could use their help. I'm asking those interested in joining our chapter to come forward and let us know. We're always looking for TREA members to attend our meting and participate in our chapter functions. If we want our organization to succeed, we must stay together; new faces will help continue our chapter's legacy.

Support Chapter 58, because together we can make a difference

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all our Members with birthdays In October, November and December

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: MacDill

AFB will be starting to scan ID Cards at the gates in early 2011. You can go by the Visitor Center at the Dale Mabry Gate or Pass/ID and have your ID Card 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 813-828-2737



Veterans' Medallion Available for Order

New Option for Marking Veterans' Graves in Private Cemeteries

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki announced that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering bronze medallions to attach to existing, privately purchased headstones or markers, signifying a deceased's status as a Veteran.

The new item can be furnished instead of a traditional government headstone or marker for Veterans whose death occurred on or after Nov. 1, 1990, and whose grave in a private cemetery is marked with a privately purchased headstone or marker.

Under federal law, eligible Veterans buried in a private cemetery are entitled to either a government-furnished grave marker or the new medallion, but not both. Veterans buried in a national or state Veterans cemetery will receive a government headstone or marker of the standard design authorized at that cemetery.

The medallion is available in three sizes: 5 inches, 3 inches and 1 ½ inches in width. Each bronze medallion features the image of a folded burial flag adorned with laurels and is inscribed with the word "Veteran" at the top and the branch of service at the bottom.

Next of kin will receive the medallion, along with a kit that will allow the family or the staff of a private cemetery to affix the medallion to a headstone, grave marker, mausoleum or columbarium niche cover.

More information about VA-furnished headstones, markers and Medallions can be found at

http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hm/hmtype.asp.



SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 is Chapter 58's General Membership Meeting being held at the Surf's Edge Club (in Top 3 Room) MacDill AFB, starting at 1:00 PM. We are inviting all members to attend because we are looking for new officers for the 2011 Board of Directors. Come early and have lunch at the Club's buffet and then attend the meeting afterwards. We need the support of all our members.

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, call Juanita Anspach 813-837-5065. Don't wait and not have all the information you need when you need it.

The Trooper







CHAPTER 58 ANNUAL DUES FORM

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

NAME:	PHONE:
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EMAIL ADDRESS:	One (1) Year: \$10.00
(These dues are due annually on the first day of January each year.) (I	Print page and cut here and mail with check)



DECEMBER 18, 2010....TREA Chapter 58 is holding their GM meeting and Christmas Party at the COLONNADE Restaurant on Bayshore Blvd. in Tampa, Florida. This will be a luncheon meeting 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and you can select your food from the lunch menu. (\$8.99 and up) (Early Bird Specials \$9.99-\$13.99) The Chapter will raffle off some nice items and that information will be on our website in November (veteranspostnews.com/TREA58.htm). Plan to join us for a good



meeting and party. Bring your family and PLEASE CONTACT US and give us the number that will be attending. Contacts Louis Arana 813-684-5414 or Juanita Anspach 813-837-5065.



CHAPTER 58 2010 MEETINGS

Surf's Edge Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

Jul 20 BOD

Aug 17 BOD

Sep 21 General Mbrship

Oct 19 BOD

Nov 16BOD

Dec 18 GMM- New BOD

Installation and Xmas Party





THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

President: Leonard Black

1st VP: Walt Raysick



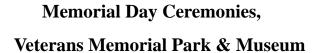
Field of Honor Ceremony, April 10 2010

Every three months, Walt Raysick (USN Ret.) and his many volunteers, set up and coordinate the reading of names for those military men and women who have given their lives in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from April Pictured above, top row, L-R, Hillsborthrough June 2010.

The Field of Honor Ceremony conducted at Hillsborough County Veterans Park & Museum displays an American Flag placed in the Field of Honor for each service member who has died since September 11 2001.

Walt and his crew also perform maintenance on the Field of Honor replacing worn flags, posts, signs and mulch. We cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication to this special piece of real estate.

The following groups participated in this event: Host Veterans Group VFW Post 8108, Marine Corps League and Ladies Auxiliary, Det #1226, Riverview, FL, Durant High School JROTC, Ye Mystic AirKrewe (Fly Over), Riders and Members, AMVETS Post 44.



ough County Veterans Council President **Leonard Black** with the events guest speaker Col. Donald J. Barnes, USAF, commander 6th Mission Support Group, MacDill AFB.





VETERAN'S CORNER





FLORIDA STATE PARKS—D

COUNTS ON ANNUAL ENTRANCE PASSES FOR Effective **VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES:** July 1, 2010 Florida's state parks will provide discounts on or free Annual Entrance Passes to those who currently serve or have served in the United States military branches, veterans with service related disabilities and surviving spouses of members of the US military who have fallen in combat. Honorably discharged veterans, active duty, reserve and national guards are eligible for a 25% discount. Honorably discharged veterans who have service-connected disabilities shall receive free lifetime entrance passes. Surviving bill (HB 1455) makes it a felony to misrepspouses of deceased service members who have resent military or veterans status while fallen in combat will qualify for free annual en-fundraising. trance passes.

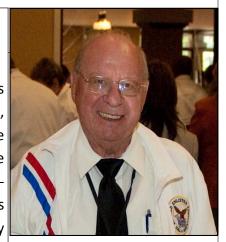
FLORIDA VET LEGISLATION UPDATE:

Three bills recognizing service by U.S. military veterans are now law with signatures from Gov. Charlie Crist. Crist signed the bills at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2185 in Panama City after a round-table meeting with members of the Florida National Guard. One bill (HB 5) memorializes military veterans in highways, bridges and roads throughout the state. The second bill (HB 1145) provides discounts on annual passes for veterans at state parts. The third

PANEL CALLS FOR REDUCED PAY AND RETIREE BENEFITS

(Week of August 09, 2010)

In July, two separate advisory groups reached the same general conclusions regarding what needs to be done to maintain the force, in the nearer term, they say, one step that must be taken is to make military retirees pay more out of pocket for their health care benefit. Longer term and for the future force, panelists say, work must begin on designing new retirement, compensation and promotion systems to replace inefficient and rigid systems adopted after World War II. The situation is so critical that the Hadley-Perry Panel asks Congress to establish a new National Commission on Military Personnel to lead the reform effort.



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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