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Notes From The Chapter President

Once again it has been a great pleasure to serve as Tampa Bay Chapter 58 president.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the board of directors and a special thanks to secretary, newsletter editor and website coordinator Juanita Anspach for the outstanding job she has done in all three jobs. At the TREA National convention in Tucson, Arizona, in September our chapter received five awards.

Past President Hermon Sharpe received The Community Service Award. Director Harold Atwood a Certificate of Achievement, President Louis Arana with the 1st Runner Up Recruiter of the Year Award. And for the second consecutive year, our chapter

earned the best website award and was runner up for the best newsletter Award.

The five awards we earned made chapter history, something made possible because of the hard work and dedication of 1st Vice Leonard Black, chairman of the Award Committee.

As of this writing, I do not know how many of our board of directors will be present at the Retiree Appreciation Day to be held at the base exchange Food Court at MacDill AFB on Nov. 13, 2010. I am sure that TREA, and Chapter 58 will be well represented on this memorable day.

This year all members of the board have worked hard to increase the chapter membership. Lets keep in mind that as TREA and



Louis Arana, President of TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

our chapter grows in membership, our voice in Washington, will be stronger in keeping our government aware of the promises made to us while we served our country.

The nominating committee will present the 2011 slate of officer during the Dec, 18, 2010, meeting and the new elected officer will be sworn in. As always, we need volunteers to serve on the board of directors and nominations from the floor are welcome.

I hope to see you at the general membership meeting and Christmas Party, which we will host at Tampa's Colonnade Restaurant on Bay Shore Blvd., on Dec. 18.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday
to all our
members with
Birthdays in
January, February
and March
2011**

MACDILL DINING FACILITY FOR RETIREES

News from Randolph AFB, TX: "New AF dining program opens doors for retirees" "Thanks to the Air Force's Food Transformation Initiative, retirees at six bases will soon be able to use military food service establishments previously reserved for active-duty Airmen. "

MacDill AFB is among the six Air Force bases participating in the initiative. Other participating bases:

Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Fairchild AFB, Washington; Little Rock AFB, Arkansas; Patrick AFB, Florida; and Travis AFB, California. Retirees will pay the same price as everyone else; there will not be a surcharge added to the menu price. As announced on the MacDill AFB Dining and Lodging Web page:

"Beginning 1 December, civilians with base access, their families and military retirees will be able to eat at the Diner's Reef Dining Facility."



DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

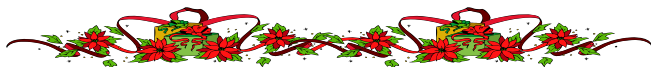
DECEMBER 18, 2010...TREA

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. Plan to join us for a good meeting and party. PLEASE CONTACT US and give us the number that will be attending.

Contacts: **Louis Arana 813-684-5414 or**

Juanita Anspach 813-837-5065. Check our website:

(veteranspostnews.com/TREA58.htm)



FOR YOUR INFORMATION....

Flu Shots for TRICARE Beneficiaries

Week of November 01, 2010

Influenza vaccines are covered by Medicare at no cost to TRICARE for Life beneficiaries as long as they are administered by a Medicare provider who agrees to accept the Medicare-approved amount as full payment. Flu shots also are covered by TRICARE if obtained at participating TRICARE network pharmacies in the U.S. Beneficiaries should call ahead to their pharmacy to determine if it participates in the TRICARE program and has vaccines available. To find a participating pharmacy, go to www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE or call Express Scripts at 1-877-363-1303. For more information about seasonal vaccines and TRICARE, visit the flu page at the [TRICARE website](#).

myPay Website Updates

Week of November 01, 2010

The [myPay online pay account management system](#) features new user improvements designed to streamline user account creation and updating, and to make the website's homepage easier to navigate. The revised homepage now includes easy-to-find helpful links as well as planned system maintenance schedules. The requirement to recertify e-mail addresses every 180 days has also been eliminated. Users logging into myPay will now receive a message reminding them to keep their e-mail addresses current. myPay officials are encouraging customers to send in their comments and suggestions about the system. For more information, visit the [myPay website](#).



Chapter 58 1st VP Leonard Black, left, and President Louis Arana, right, presented a \$100 donation to Troy Johnson, president of MacDill Air Force Base, Florida's, Friends and Military Families group, part of the base's Airman and Family Readiness Center, during the MacDill AFB Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 13. (Photo by Louis Arana-Barradas)



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)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: MacDill AFB will be starting to scan ID Cards at the gates in early 2011. You must 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 828-2737



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

CHAPTER 58

2011 MEETINGS

Surf's Edge Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

JAN 18	BOD
FEB 15	BOD
MAR 15	GMM
APR 19	BOD
MAY 17	BOD
JUN 21	GMM
JUL 19	BOD
AUG 16	BOD
SEP 20	GMM
OCT 18	BOD
NOV 15	BOD
DEC 20	GMM



Chapter 58 Volunteers Work at MacDill Retiree Day Event

Members of TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 took part in the MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, Retiree Appreciation Day on Nov. 13, 2010.

Hosted by Col. Lenny Richoux, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, the event helped provide military retirees with information about the benefits and services the base and various organizations makes available to them.

The colonel said the event was a “way to thank veterans for their unselfish service to their country and the MacDill military community.” Twelve retiree organizations provided updates and information about benefits. Groups also had the chance to recruit new members.

“Many retirees don’t know about all the benefits available to them,” chapter president Louis Arana said. “Even if we help make life better for just one person, then we’d have done our job.”

Chapter members set up a booth at the base exchange food court. They include President Arana and his wife, Luz, a member of the women’s auxiliary at large. Past President Hermon Sharp and his wife, Rieko, also a women’s auxiliary at large member, 1st Vice President Leonard Black, Director Carlos Barradas and member Louis Arana-Barradas.

First Vice Black said these events are a great to “get out of the house, meet new people, pass on key information and enjoy comradeship with fellow veterans.” Past President Sharpe said the special day was also “a great opportunity to exchange ideas and learn new things.”

The chapter donated \$100 to MacDill’s Friends and Military Families group, part of the base’s Airman and Family Readiness Center. Group president Troy Johnson said the donation “will go toward helping the MacDill community.” The group aids active duty and retirees and their families with emergency financial assistance.

President Arana said the chapter signed up one new member at the event and passed out 75 TREA information packages.



Col. Lenny Richoux, 6th Air Mobility Wing commander, second from left, thanked Chapter 58 members, left to right, 1st Vice President Leonard Black, President Louis Arana and Director Carlos Barradas for their service to their country and the MacDill community during the MacDill Air Force Base Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 13. (Photo by Louis Arana-Barradas)



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 members, Past President Hermon Sharp, sitting, and Dir. Carlos Barradas, explain to visitors what the chapter does to help retirees at the MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 13. (Photo by Louis Arana-Barradas)



VETERAN'S CORNER



HONOR FLIGHT - WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

THIS IS A HUB OF THE NATIONAL HONOR FLIGHT. Its purpose and mission is to:

Fly WW 11 Veterans to Washington, DC to visit their WW11 Memorial. The trip is free.

The Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. We transport our heroes to Washington DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans - World War 11 survivors, along with other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Now with over one thousand World War 11 veterans dying each day, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

We currently have over 200 applicants in the area on a waiting list and many more signing up. For further information the address is:

HONOR FLIGHT OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA
P.O. BOX 55661
ST. PETERSBURG, FL. 33732
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THE VETERANS COUNCIL OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY INC



Veterans Council President Leonard Black and Lt. Col. Ty Edwards

9-11 Remembrance Day Veterans Memorial Park and Museum

Lt. Col. Ty Edwards, an outpatient at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in Tampa, served as the day's keynote speaker. He talked about where he was on 9/11, the day he was shot in Afghanistan, the Muslim interpreter who helped save his life, and his hopes that America will "never forget 9/11 and the importance of that day."



Chapter 58 1st Vice President Leonard Black, right, handed a TREA information packet to retired Marine Willie Martel during the MacDill Air Force Base Retiree Appreciation Day Nov. 13. (Photo by Louis Arana-Barradas)



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

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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