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Notes From The Chapter President

As most of you already know, there has been a lot of talk about our military pay, Tricare and there are many others legislations affecting the retired population. Is military pay safe? The government in Washington has agreed, at least for now, not to make changes to our retiree pay. However, the deal is still facing opposition in the House because it calls for \$350 billion in Pentagon spending cuts. Another area dear to future retirees is the current military retirement system, which some legislators want to be the same as the civilian retirement system. In other words, you pay into the system. I'm glad we do not fall into that category. But how much do you know about Tricare benefits? Did you know that Tricare confuses most service members, retirees and their families? Or did you know that Tricare covers nursing home facility cases? However, you have to qualify for this service if you need it. Contact the nearest Tricare office to get more information.

Once again, it's TREA National Convention time. This year the event will be in Reno, Nevada, from Sept. 28 to Oct 1, 2011. Chap-

ter 58 will be well represented. I will be attending, along with 1st Vice President Leonard Black, 2nd Vice Harry Johnson, Past President Harmon Sharpe and Director Harold Atwood. Auxiliary member-at-large attending are Luz Arana, Emilia Atwood and Reiko Sharpe. To our chapter members: If you have any suggestion you want us to take to the convention, let us know.

We are looking for new faces to serve on the chapter board of director in 2012. Serving will help the chapter and will give you something worthwhile to do. Let us know if you're interested.

Something new, during our last board meeting, the board approved publishing the biographies of our current chapter members in our newsletter, the Trooper. So send us a short bio, it will be nice to meet other chapter members. If you are not already receiving our newsletter, the Trooper, you can always read about chapter activities on our Internet website.

Veteran's Appreciation Day at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., will be on Sept. 24, 2011. The event takes place at the base exchange, like



Louis Arana, President of TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

every year. Chapter members are invited to participate in this event. On that day, we let other retirees know about our organization.

Remember, your chapter dues pay for chapter expenses and the donations we make to needy organization and high school ROTC cadets. As always, we need your support.

All chapter members are welcome to attend meeting, held the third Tuesday of each month. The exception is our general membership, which we hold on Saturdays to accommodate those members that work and cannot attend meetings during the week.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



BIRTHDAYS

***Happy Birthday
to all our member
Birthdays
in***

***October,
November,
December
2011***





“The Meeting Place”

Attention Members of TREA Chapter 58...We want to know a little something about you, so that other members of the Chapter might learn a few things about who our Chapter consists of. We would like to have you send in a little Bio about your branch of service, years of service, what wars you participated in, where you were stationed, place you were born and date of birth, spouse’s name and city in which you reside. If you could send a little photo that would be even better. We are going to publish a few in each Trooper until we get everyone that sends us bios published. If you send by email:

vegasbnd@tampabay.rr.com and if you send by regular mail: TREA Chapter 58, P.O. Box 6676, MacDill AFB, FL 33608. So come on now, send it in so that we can start *The Meeting Place* and know our members.



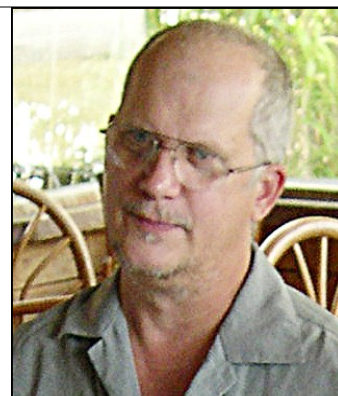
EUGENE S. IDZIAK, Honorary Director of Chapter 58, was born on 3/23/34 in Buffalo, NY. He joined the Army and served 39 years. Stations included Camp Drum, Lowery AFB, CO, Persidio Army Post, CA, Fort Belvoir, VA, Fort Sill, OK, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and Fort Bliss, TX. He retired as a Master Sgt. Gene and his wife, JoAnna, have resided in St. Petersburg, FL since 2000.



HAROLD ATWOOD, Chapter 58 BOD Director. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on 21 Sept 1932. Served in the US Air Force from June 1952 to Sept 1972. Duty stations were Lowry AFB, Colorado, Cannon AFB, New Mexico, Williams AFB, Arizona. He served two overseas tours in Korea 1958 and Turkey 1969. Harold and his wife, Emilia, retired to the Tampa Bay Area in 1972. Joined TREA in 1995.



Retired Chief Master Sgt. **LOUIS ARANA** is the TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 president. He was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico, on May 25, 1927. He joined the Army Air Corps in February 1947 and transitioned to the new Air Force in September 1947. He served 27 years in the Air Force, with assignments to Roswell AFB, N.M., in 1947; Neubiberg AB, Germany, in 1948; Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, in 1950; Barksdale AFB, La., in 1953; Albrook AFB, Panama, in 1954; Westover AFB, Mass., in 1957; Hahn AB, Germany, in 1959; Offutt AFB, Neb., in 1960; back to Ramey in 1961; F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., in 1964; Phu Cat AB, Vietnam, in 1966; Malmstrom AFB, Mont., in 1967; Kunsan AB, South Korea, in 1968; Chanute AFB, Ill., in 1970; and Howard AFB, Panama. He joined TREA Chapter 58 in 1989. He and wife, Luz reside in Valrico, FL and they have three sons.



MICHAEL BATCHLER, Chapter 58 BOD Director. He was born on Sept 13, 1957 in Stroudsburg, PA. He served in the US Air Force from 1975 to 1995. Stations included Grand Fords AFB, ND, Cannon AFB, New Mexico, and Scott AFB, IL. Overseas tours were in Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands (1979 -1980) and two tours in South Korea (1981-1985) (1989-1995). Michael and his fiancée, Angel, reside in New Port Richey, FL. He joined Chapter58 in 2010.



CHAPTER 58 ANNUAL DUES FORM

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

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)

ANNUAL NATIONAL TREA RENEWAL DUES FORM:

If you need to up-date your National TREA membership, please contact **HARRY JOHNSON**, 863-655-1669, **P E T E R GATHERS**, 813-473-3615, OR **LOUIS ARANA**, 813-684-5414, if you did not receive a notice.

....ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS: If you have paid your chapter's dues for this year or more and have not received the chapter membership card, please notify President Louis Arana at 813-684-5414 or larana3@verizon.net

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.

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2011 MEETINGS

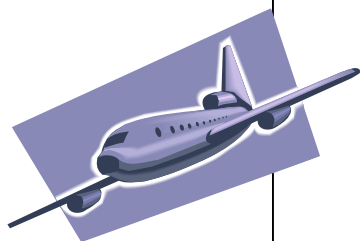
Seascapes Beach Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

JUL 19	BOD
AUG 16	BOD
SEP 20	GMM
OCT 18	BOD
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Buddy Search

Have you been looking for a buddy you served with? Gone to all the privately owned websites, had no luck?

Veterans-For-Change has databases with 236,590 former military listed.

If you're looking for a buddy, send an E-Mail to JDAVIS92840@SBCGLOBAL.NET with the First and Last Name, Last City/State known, and Branch of Service and we'll respond with all those listed within 7-10 days.

Please keep request to no more than two names, and only place your request one time. If the person you are trying to locate isn't found, it goes on a wait list to check new databases as received.

If you'd like to be included, please E-Mail me and request a buddy list entry form. This is another **FREE** service of Veterans-For-Change



VETERAN'S CORNER



New Law Permits Veterans Designation on Florida Driver Licenses

Florida Governor Rick Scott signed House Bill 1165 to recognize and honor Florida veterans who honorably served their nation. Veterans who live in the Sunshine State now can add a veteran designation to their driver license or identification card. The blue "V" on the driver license indicates the license holder is a military veteran. To add the "V" to a license or ID card, veterans can visit any Florida driver's license office, to include those operated by county tax collectors. They should plan to:

- 1) Present their DD-214, which shows their honorable discharge from active duty
- 2) Pay a one-time \$1 fee, in addition to the replacement or renewal fee

Visit www.GatherGoGet.com to ensure they have all the other documents required.

Veterans who need to obtain a copy of their DD-214, may request it through the National Archives, which provides information on how to make the request online at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

H.R. 1826—*Would amend title 38, United States Code (USC), to reinstate penalties for charging veterans unauthorized fees.*

This bill would make it a crime for individuals or companies to charge veterans fees for providing assistance in applying for disability benefits. Federal law prohibits this already, but the VA is unable to enforce the law since it currently provides for no penalties or fines. **H.R. 1826** would make it a misdemeanor, with up to a year in prison and monetary penalties as well, for defrauding veterans who apply for disability benefits.

RETIRES APPRECIATION DAY

The MacDill Retiree Activities Office will host a Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday, September 24, 2011. AAFES, together with some sponsors, will present a display of the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall. (They are hoping there will be no last-minute change on this display). TREA Chapter 58 will have a booth at the Retiree Appreciation Day located in the food court. Come by and say "hello".



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

If you have a friend who is retired military and does not belong to the Retired Enlisted Association, tell him or her about our Chapter and let them see what we are all about. We want to keep our Chapter members up to date on retiree issues. So come and bring a friend...or have them check out our website:

www.VeteransPostNews.com/TREA58.htm

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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