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BRIEFLY

◆ TIME TO PAY DUES

Chapter members are reminded that dues are payable January, 2012. Annual dues are just \$10.00.(see page 5)

◆ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET

Chapter 58 General Membership Meeting will be held on March 20, 2012 at the Seascape Beach Club starting at 1300 hrs. Chapter will celebrate it's 24 Anniversary.

◆ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To All Chapter Members whose birthday is in April, May and June.

◆ TAX PREPARATION

Walk-ins start at 0830 AM Mon-Fri at the Base Retiree Activities Office, thru April 17th. Call 828-4555 for information.

◆ TREA: Fighting for You In 2011 and 2012 (Page 4)



TREA Chapter 58 General Membership Meeting and Christmas Social

December 3, 2011



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson, left, receives a plaque in appreciation of his outstanding work on the chapter membership committee from Louis Arana, chapter president, on Dec. 3.



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 Treasure Allan Adams, left, receives a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated work as chapter treasurer for the last three years from Louis Arana, chapter president, on Dec. 3.



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 Secretary Juanita Anspach receives a TREA National Headquarters Certificate of Commendation from Louis Arana, chapter president, on Dec. 3. Ms. Anspach received her award for her outstanding achievements as chapter secretary.



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 President Louis Arana, left, presented a certificate of appreciation to James Brightwell for his continued support of the chapter. Mr. Brightwell, center, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, and his wife, who live in Bartow, Fla. , have supported the chapter since joining TREA in 2000.



(Photos by Louis Arana-Barradas)

TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 President Louis Arana accepted the nomination to remain as chapter president in 2012 during the chapter's general membership meeting and Christmas social on Dec. 3. The chapter's 2011 board of directors will serve yet another term in 2012. More than 25 people attended the meeting and social, held at Tampa's Colonnade Restaurant.



Notes From The Chapter President

It's that time of the year to express my sincere thanks to the board of directors and chapter members for the great job they accomplished in 2011. I was once again elected chapter president and I will try to do my best to keep Chapter 58 one of the best in TREA. To my knowledge, no other chapter in TREA has received 10 awards in two consecutive years.

We will continue to follow our main objectives and recruiting new members. Chapter 58 has lost more than 200 members since I join in 1989.

I received from TREA Headquarters the 2012 scholarship applications. So if you have someone in your family that qualifies, do not hesitate to notify any board member or me. The postmark deadline for submitting applications is April 30, 2012.

If you are traveling by air this year it's good to know that the president signed a

bill into law Jan. 3, 2012, that streamlines airport-screening procedures. This applies to service members and their families traveling on official orders, Honor Flight veterans and partners with the Defense Department to expedite the travel of wounded warriors and their families.

The next Honor Flight from the Tampa Bay Area to Washington, D.C., is scheduled for April 2012. If you are a World War II veteran you may qualify for this important event. For more information, contact Chapter 58 1st Vice President Leonard Black at 813-949-6192.

Among the changes approved at TREA's National Convention in Reno, Nev., in September 2011 — one you will notice — is that TREA is now "The Enlisted Association." We are reaching out not only to enlisted retirees from all the branches, but also to senior enlisted members still on



Louis Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

active duty. Also, to encourage younger members to join, service members with seven years of service now can join the organization. Another change that began Jan. 1 is an increase in the TREA National dues; dues are now \$30 per year, \$45 for 3 years and \$400 for a life membership. Chapter's dues are still \$10 per year.

I urge all chapter members and member-at-large to get involved and help our chapter grow by participating in our activities and spreading the word to other retirees of the mission of TREA, The Enlisted Association.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



“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.

Also, we would like to include items about our members, such as special events in your life, things that you are involved in, with pictures, to include in our Trooper. This is your Newsletter and we want to know about what our members are doing.



HARRY C. JOHNSON, 2ND Vice Pres. Chapter 58 was born in Lowell, Massachusetts on May 5, 1929. Enlisted in the Army on June 30, 1947. Took basic training at Fort Dix, NJ. Stateside posts were: Monmouth, A.P. Hill, Meade, Devens, Drum, Belvoir and Fort Jay, NY, Hqs for First Army at the time. Overseas tours were: Hqs European Command in Heidelberg, Germany, and tours and TDY to Frankfort, Seckenheim, Mannheim and Marburg, Germany, and Isle of St. Germaine in Paris, France. He retired in 1974 as a 1SG (E-8). Worked for the DOD as an advisor to USAR centers for another 15 years. Harry and his wife, Agatha reside at the Palms Estate in Lorida, Florida. Presently he is President of the Palms Foundation in Sebring, Florida.

.2012 Military Retiree Pay Dates

The following table reflects the DFAS schedule of retiree and annuitant pay dates through 2012. This information may help to avoid any confusion as to when you should expect to see the payment deposited to your account. Remember that starting in 2011 retiree paydays will always on the first day of the month or the **previous** business day when the 1st is a holiday or weekend.

Month of :	Direct Deposit Date:
January 2012	Wednesday, February 1, 2012
February 2012	Thursday, March 1, 2012
March 2012	Friday, March 30, 2012
April 2012	Tuesday, May 1, 2012
May 2012	Friday, June 1, 2012
June 2012	Friday, June 29, 2012
July 2012	Wednesday, August 1, 2012
August 2012	Friday, August 31, 2012
September 2012	Monday, October 1, 2012
October 2012	Thursday, November 1, 2012
November 2012	Friday, November 30, 2012
December 2012	Monday, December 31, 2012



VETERAN'S CORNER



TREA: Fighting for You in 2011-2012

2011 was a busy year for TREA in Washington, D.C. Working in close cooperation with the other members of The Military Coalition and the National Military/Veterans Alliance, TREA accomplished the following:

- Won full funding for Defense health care for FY 2012.
- Won passage of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, a bill that provides tax incentives and other measures to increase the hiring of veterans.
- Won passage of the FY2012 National Defense Authorization Act which included: 1.6% military pay raise, early retirement and voluntary separation incentives to reduce the need for involuntary separations during the coming force reductions, enhanced Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program for wounded warriors and their families, safeguards for reemployment rights for Guard members ordered to full-time duty under state orders, death gratuity and related benefits for Guard/Reserve who die during an authorized stay at their residence during or between successive days of inactive duty training.

Here's a partial list of what TREA is fighting for in 2012:

- Stop the Administration's proposal to impose an annual enrollment fee for TRICARE For Life.
- Stop the proposal to increase co-pays for prescription drugs
- Stop the proposed increases in enrollment fees, co-pays and deductibles for retirees under 65
- Stop any cuts in funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Stop the scheduled 30% cut in Medicare/TRICARE payments to doctors
- Stop the increase in the amount you must pay in the event of a catastrophic medical issue
- For lower Guard-Reserve retirement age
- For full concurrent receipt for all VA rated disabled retirees, including those with less than 20 years of service.

World Trade Center Steel



The Veterans Council of Hillsborough County...

Our piece of steel from the World Trade Center, now stands on display at the Rear Admiral Leroy Collins Jr. Veterans Museum.

TREA fighting cont.....

The greatest economic downturn since the great depression, the growing federal deficit, divided government in Washington and the coming elections have caused the President and the Congress to now look seriously at freezing or cutting all federal spending. As a result legislation has been passed that will force massive cuts to be made in the DoD budget. Since the budget of the Department of Defense is over half of all the discretionary spending of the federal government it is a natural target for cutting back on spending.

Having TREA members supporting us at the grass-roots level is critical to our success. Never has there been a more important time for military retirees to stick together in order to protect their hard-earned benefits.

Some Vets Should Reapply for Disability

Week of January 30, 2012

Stars and Stripes reports that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is beginning a phased mailing of information packets on the Physical Disability Review Board (PDRB) to every qualified veteran with a current home address on file at VA. The Physical Disability Review Board (PDRB) has the authority to reexamine the files and, if appropriate, raise disability ratings of up to 77,000 veterans -- those medically separated with ratings less than 30 percent between Sept. 11, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2009.

Eligible veterans can apply now to the PDRB to have their ratings reviewed.

For more information, visit the Physical Disability Review Board webpage at www.health.mil/pdbr.



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)

ANNUAL NATIONAL TREA RENEWAL DUES FORM:

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

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: veteranspostnews.com/TREA58.htm

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 can be inserted by you and your spouse before it is needed. If you would like a copy, call Juanita Anspach 813-837-5065. Have all the information you need when you need it.

CHAPTER 58

2012 MEETINGS

Seascapes Beach Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

- Mar 20 GMM
- Apr 17 BOD
- May 15 BOD Jun 19 GMM
- Jul 17 BOD
- Aug 21 BOD Sep 18 GMM
- Oct 16 BOD
- Nov 20 BOD Dec 18 GMM





The Trooper

“FINAL SALUTE”...



To members of TREA Chapter 58 who passed on in 2011.

“They will be missed”

Pedro Rodriguez

Howard Watkin

Ashley Hammell

Raymond Hovey

Robert G. Zastudil, Sr.

Vernon Morgan



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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