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TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 Trooper

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BRIEFLY

◆ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To All Chapter Members whose birthday is in October, November and December.

◆ CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter 58 meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Seascapes Beach Club on MacDill AFB, FL. (Page 5)

◆ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Chapter 58 will hold its September 11th General Membership Meeting at the Seascape Beach Club on MacDill AFB, Florida starting at 1300 hrs.

◆ 2012 TREA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Enlisted Association 2012 National Convention, Sept 19-22, Jacksonville, FL. (Page 3)



TREA Chapter 58 Makes Donations to Two Tampa Bay Military Events

USO OPENS AT TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Tampa Bay

The first chartered USO center approved in nearly 10 years will be built at Tampa International Airport. On January 18, the USO Board of Governors voted to approve the new USO Tampa Bay, Inc. center, thanks to the hard work of a team of volunteers from the Tampa Bay community. The military is a significant part of the Tampa community, with MacDill Air Force Base located here. All service men and women need to be recognized as the heroes that they are. The opening of the USO helps provide that recognition. It has the potential to serve over 300,000 actively serving military and their family members coming through the airport, according to the USO Tampa Bay, Inc. MacDill Air Force Base, located just south of TPA, is home to U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command and the 6th Air Mobility Wing. The center will be designed and built as part of the airport's \$20 million Main Terminal Modernization project already underway. The 1,100-square-foot space will have it's **Grand Opening on September 6, 2012.**

VETERANS VILLAGE PROJECT

For The past five years, the Veterans Post News has provided shelter for those Veterans in Need and Veterans who have fallen through the cracks of the system. They have provided food, clothing, tools, vehicles, bicycles and support. All of this is done from the proceeds of the Veterans Post News.

If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, send TO: Veterans Village, 1441 Dr. MLK Jr. St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

OR: Any GROW Financial Credit Union Branch in Tampa Bay (Veterans Village Account #996453)



Notes From The Chapter President

Fellow TREA members, it has been a pleasure to serve as the Tampa Bay Chapter 58 president these past four years. During that time, it has been a challenge keeping the chapter active — and alive.

But our efforts have not been in vain. Thanks to the dedication and the excellent performance of our devoted board of directors, we are able to keep the chapter alive.

I think you will agree that serving such a long a term in this important office is long enough for one person.

Having said that, remember that the chapter board elections are coming up in December. Chapter members will elect a new president and board. So I urge you nominate, elect and support new chapter leaders.

To do that, we need our members to attend chapter meetings and get involved. We need participation from every member to maintain the interest of the chapter on legislation affecting the welfare of our active and retired military members.

To reinforce its tenets, TREA will host its National Convention in Jacksonville, Fla., from Sept. 19 to 22, 2012. We will have members representing our chapter at the convention.

And remember, our national elections are just around the bend. Get involved. Make sure your vote counts. Ensure our nation hears the voice of its retired enlisted service members. So, don't forget to vote.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



Louis Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

TREA: The Enlisted Association

has the honor to be the sponsor of the 2012 National Veterans Day celebration and host the National Veterans Day Reception in Washington D.C.

TREA's President will give a speech, along with the nation's official speaker (usually the President or the Vice President), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and many more distinguished Americans.

This is an enormous privilege and honor for TREA: The Enlisted Association.

If you would like additional information about the Celebration or the Reception, contact Deirdre Parke Holleman at TREA's Washington Office, 800-554-8732.



TREA Chapter 58 held it's June General Membership Meeting /Picnic at the Coons Creek Pavilion at MacDill AFB. Even though the turnout was not as good as we had hoped, everyone there had a good time and lots of good food. The chapter is working on new ideas for our general membership meetings to have more members able to attend. We would like to have any ideas from the membership sent to us so that we can better serve our chapter.

EXPRESS SCRIPTS. WALGREENS AND TRICARE

There has not been further news on the availability of Walgreens Pharmacies to participate in the Express Scripts Network for TRICARE beneficiaries. The last word we had was that the TRICARE Management Activity was talking with both Walgreens and Express Scripts. The new agreement does not go into effect until Sept 15. We will monitor the situation and when a final decision is made we will pass it on.

THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION 2012

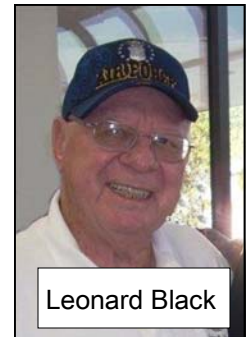
NATIONAL CONVENTION

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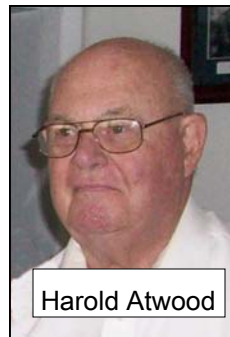
The Enlisted Association 2012 National Convention is going to be held at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, Fl . on September 19-22, 2012. TREA Chapter 58 is sending six delegates to the convention: Louis Arana, Leonard Black, Harold Atwood, Hermon Sharpe, Harry Johnson, and Allan Adams. Reports from the convention will be in the December Newsletter.



Louis Arana



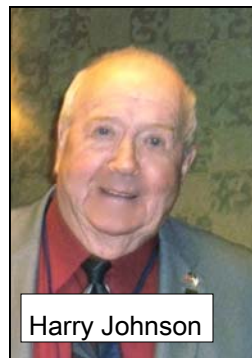
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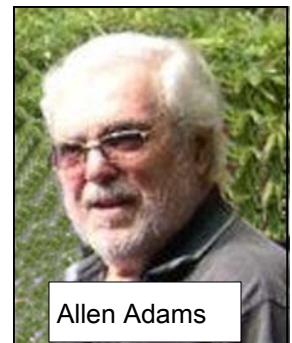
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VETERAN'S CORNER

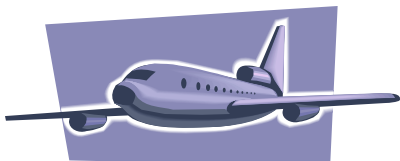


LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PROJECT

TREA Chapter 58 participated in the Library of Congress project in Clearwater on July 28, 2012. This is a Veterans history project where Veterans tell their stories. Bob Patrick, a retired Army Colonel and the project Director came to talk about the project and inspire others to tell their stories. The event a fundraiser for Honor Flight of West Central Florida was put on by that organization and Support the troops, which sends shipments of items to those serving in Afghanistan. Several veterans had their stories recorded for Library of Congress. Harlan Twible a veteran was on the Heavy Cruiser USS Indianapolis that was torpedoed by a Japanese Sub shortly after dropping off a special load LITTLE BOY. Veteran Twible an Ensign was coming off watch although wounded was able to make it into the water and organized the survivors, For days he said they fought hunger, thirst and shark attacks," four days and five nights". Eight hundred eighty-eight lost.

Leonard C. Black Chapter 58 carried Jack Griffin, a Navy Med Corpsman during WW11 and a Retired Circuit Judge, to tell his story. He went ashore on Okinawa in March 1945 to attend the wounded and dying. He spent 11 days on the island and he said it was horrible Griffin plans on offering his story to the project.

The next Honor Flight, on September 18, will have 75 WW11 Veterans flying to Washington, D.C.



NO TRICARE FEE HIKES

This Bill Recognizes Military Sacrifice

Senators Frank Lautenberg (D NJ) and Marco Rubio (R FL) that restricts future increase in TRICARE Premiums and fees (S 3230) the " Military Health Care Protection Act of 2012" recognizes (1) that career members of the uniformed services and their families endure unique and extraordinary demands and make extraordinary sacrifices over the course of 20-year to 30-year career in protected freedom for all Americans and (2) Those decades of sacrifices constitute a significant pre-paid premium for health care during a career member's retirement, that is over and above what the pays with money. Additional, S 3230 contains language that says:

* Fee increases cannot be higher than the percentage of annual pay raises.

* Increases in TRICARE Standard impatient fees (currently \$708) will be barred; and

* An enrollment system will be established so coverage isn't denied for lack of enrollment.

TREA Chapter 58 encourages members to contact their Senators and ask them to co-sponsor this important bill.

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 JOHN-SON**, 863 -655 -1669, **PETER GATHERS**, 813 -473 -3615, OR **LOUIS ARANA**, 813 -684 -5414, if you did not receive a notice.

MEMBERSHIP: WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Regular Members - Any enlisted person -- retired, active duty, National Guard or Re-serves -- shall be eligible for regular membership. Any Active Duty Enlisted person with 7 or more years retirement creditable service shall enjoy the privileges of regular membership, including attending conventions, making motions, and holding office. **Veteran Mem-bers** - Any honorably discharged person (as noted on a DD214 or NGB-22) may apply for membership. They may attend convention, vote, and make motions. They must be a member in good standing for three years to eligible to run for National office. The term "regular member" encompasses both charter and life members of TREA. **Associate Members** - Widows/widowers of members and non-members, who were eligible for membership at the time of their death, are eligible to join TREA: The Enlisted Association as associate members. Associate members are not eligible for life membership. Associate members shall enjoy the privileges of regular membership, except the right to make motions, vote, or hold office.

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

Aug 21 BOD Sep 11 GMM

Oct 16 BOD



The Trooper



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 Enlisted Association, TREA.

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