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TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 Trooper

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BRIEFLY

◆ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To All Chapter Members whose birthday is in January, February and March.

◆ 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)

◆ MILITARY RECORDS

Obtaining military personnel records, medals and awards. (Page 4)

◆ DECEMBER GMM/PARTY

Chapter 58 will hold their GMM/Christmas Party at the Colonnade Restaurant on Bayshore Blvd. Tampa, FL. on December 8th starting at 12:00PM. (Page 2)



TREA CHAPTER 58 WINS FOUR AWARDS AT THE 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION

Chapter 58 President Louis Arana being presented the “2012 Medium Chapter President of the Year” award from National Pres. Arthur Cooper.



Chapter 58 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson (far right) receiving the “Community Service Award”

Chapter 58 President Louis Arana receiving the “Good Service Award” for Juanita Anspach and also received the “First Runner-Up for Best Newsletter” for Chapter 58 from NP Cooper.



Notes From The Chapter President

It was a pleasure to serve as Chapter 58 president during the past year. But I'm concerned about our future. I don't know what lies ahead. We may have to close the chapter—founded nearly 25 years ago—because most of our members don't support the chapter and its activities.

Chapter 58 has managed to stay open. But our past successes have always depended on the involvement of members in chapter events. That's not happening today—only a dedicated handful of members keep us open. In November I mailed a letter to 100 chapter members asking them to provide us ideas on how to keep the chapter open. We had 2 responses.

But we'll continue to serve as long as we can. We'll hold chapter election during our Dec. 8, 2012, general membership meeting and Christmas Luncheon. The event is at the Colonnade Restaurant starting at 12:00 noon. I invite you and your family to attend, help elect our 2013 officers and enjoy a day of fellowship and good food. Please let us know in advance if you're attending. We'll give each attendee \$10 to help pay for their lunch.

Several members and I attended the 2012 TREA National Convention, held Sept. 19-22 in Jacksonville, Fla. It was a great location and Chapter 58 proved it's still a success. We earned one major award and three certificates for the important work we continue doing for our enlisted corps and their families. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to the four board members and their spouses who joined me at the convention as chapter delegates.

On behalf of the Chapter 58 board, I hope the holidays bring you and your loved ones much joy, and I wish you peace throughout the coming New Year.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



Louis Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.



**December 8th
General Member-
ship Meeting/
Christmas Party**

*TREA Chapter 58 will hold its General Membership /Christmas Party at the Colonnade Restaurant on Bayshore Blvd in Tampa, FL on December 8th starting at 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM. You will use the Luncheon Menu to order your food and as a gift from the Chapter, each person will receive \$10 to use toward your meal. **CONTACT: Juanita Anspach, 813-837-5065 if you are attending** and how many in your party.*





TREA Chapter 58 First Vice President Leonard Black presents a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Chapter 58 for their generous donation to the Haley House Fund, Inc. The Haley House Fund Board of Directors also extended their gratitude on behalf of the Active Duty Military, Veterans and their families who have benefited from the Haley House Fund.

Scam Alert!!!!

NAUS was contacted this week by a member who wanted to know where the paperwork was concerning an "Alumni Directory" being planned for NAUS for the year 2015. He was charged \$155 and is now waiting for the documents to fill out.

We were totally taken aback as there are **NO PLANS** for a NAUS "Alumni Directory" for 2015. We advised the member to cancel the credit card payment, as he may have been a victim of a scam.

Please be aware and pass this on to other NAUS members who may not read the NAUS Weekly Update.



COMMISSARY REWARDS CARD NOW AVAILABLE WORLDWIDE

The Defense Commissary Agency has recently announced that its new Commissary Rewards Card is now available at all commissaries.

The card, a joint effort with grocery industry partners to help customers save even more on their commissary purchases, was made available incrementally in all stores after completion of testing that began Aug. 8.

"By using this card, our customers can access digital coupons and redeem them in any military commissary," said DeCA Director and CEO Joseph Jeu. "This effort is about leveraging technology to reward our customers for using their commissary benefit."

The card launched with a feature allowing customers to save time and money by clipping and redeeming coupons digitally. As an introductory offer, customers who pick up their cards by Oct. 24 will have some coupons preloaded to their cards for use in the commissary immediately.

"Since we are required by law to sell at cost, we can't lower our prices any further," explained Marye Carr, DeCA's project manager for the Rewards Card program. "But we saw an opportunity to work with our industry partners to offer rewards, such as digital coupons, that would help customers save even more on their commissary purchases."

Cards are easy to use

The cards are easy to use. Customers simply pick up their cards in-store, then visit DeCA's website to complete registration and load digital coupons to their account. Then, when the card is scanned at the register, the coupons are matched to their purchases and automatically deducted from the balance owed

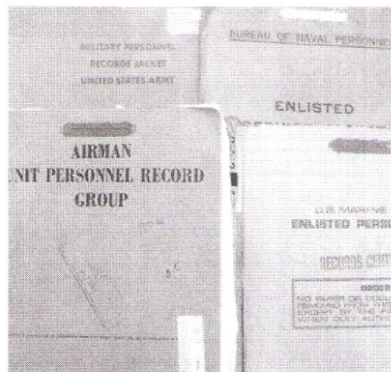
For more information about the card, go to the Commissary Rewards Card FAQ page. Help is also available through the customer service hotline at 855-829-6219 or through email at commissarysupport@inmar.com.

VETERAN'S CORNER



Obtaining Military Personnel Records

Get your military service records and awards from the National Personnel Records Center.



Military Records

The documents in your military service record can help you successfully compete for a job, get a loan, or prove your eligibility for other benefits. The separation document (DD-214 or equivalent) is the most commonly requested item. It provides proof of military service and grants you access to important benefits and entitlements. Whether you need just one key document from your file or a copy of your entire service record, you can start your request with us right online.

Medals and Other Awards

The medals and other awards you earned while serving your country are an important part of your military service record. If your medals are missing or damaged, you can apply for replacement of these medals online. In addition, our staff can help you determine whether you qualify for medals and other awards that were conferred after you were discharged from military service.



Start the process by visiting www.archives.gov/veterans

Learn more, read helpful FAQs, and enter your request online.

If you don't have computer access, you can also order your records by mail using Standard Form 180. This form is available at most Veterans Services Offices, or you can order it from us by mail.

We have moved!
Please note our new address.

National Archives and Records Administration
National Personnel Records Center (Military)
1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63138-1002

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 member-ship, 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 mem-ber 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 mem-bers. 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 infor-mation you need when you need it.

CHAPTER 58

2013 MEETINGS

Seascapes Beach Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

Jan 15 BOD

Feb 19 BOD Mar 19 GMM

Apr 16 BOD

May 21 BOD Jun 18 GMM

Jul 16 BOD

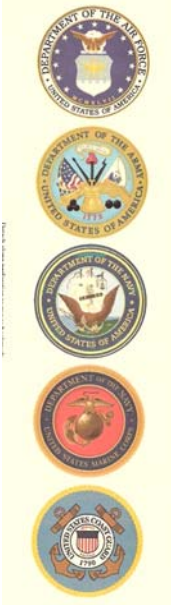
Aug 20 BOD Sep 17 GMM

Oct 15 BOD

Nov 19 BOD Dec 17 GMM



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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