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TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 Trooper

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TREA Chapter 58 Celebrates 25th Anniversary

BRIEFLY

◆ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

◆ 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)

◆ PERSONAL NOTE

Hi Ernie J. Greetings from Florida. Hope all is OK in Mass.

Regards, 1SG H.J.

◆ TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

TB Lightning honors member of TREA Chapter 58 as Lightning Community Hero. (Page 4)



TREA Chapter 58 began its organization at a small table in the corner of the MacDill Enlisted Club in March 1988. TREA chartered the Tampa Bay Chapter 58 on March 16, 1988 with only 13 retirees enlisted members. Election and installation of the first board of directors was in March 16, 1989 by TREA National President George Canes. 2nd Vice Blondet prepared the chapter by-laws and incorporated the chapter with the FL. Dept. of State. TREA recognized President Jorge Blondet as the Outstanding Chapter President (1991-92) at the national convention in Colorado Spring, Co., there the chapter received the TREA Outstanding Chapter of the Year (1992-93). Same year President Blondet received the TREA Special Achievement Award and was elected TREA National 3rd Vice President.

From that meeting our Chapter grew to around 500 members. Our General Membership Meetings were large dinner type meetings where speakers were brought in to inform our membership of current topics that affected our members. Through the years our Chapter has been led by Jorge Blondet, W.B (Mack) MacCall, William Biaggi, Efren Pol, Howard Buck, Herman Sharpe and Louis Arana, keeping our Chapter strong and moving forward.

However, over the years our membership has dropped to around 287 at the present time and this was due to members moving out of state, death and medical problems which have led to a small number of members taking over the job of keeping the Chapter going year to year. With no new members coming into the Chapter and no new members stepping up to join our Board of Directors it is getting harder and harder to keep the Chapter going much longer.

.Our Chapter has participated in the AirFest

events at MacDill for many years, the Retirees Appreciation Day at MacDill, and many of our members have worked with Veteran Organizations in our community. Chapter 58 has donated to several organizations that deal with military veterans in the Tampa Bay Area. We also have a JROTC program with several high schools in our area as well where we give a chosen cadet a certificate, medal and a cash donation for that school each year. 1st VP Leonard Black has been working with the Honor Flight of West Central Florida.

Our Chapter has had a Newsletter, The Trooper, from the beginning, which has now been put onto our Website with the Veterans Post News. Secretary Juanita Anspach, who has been a member from the beginning of Chapter 58, has been the editor of the newsletter for most of the 25 years. This has made it possible for all of our members to know what the Chapter was doing and keep in touch with the Chapter if there are unable to attend meetings.

Our Chapter has become a very active medium Chapter in TREA, winning many awards for our Newsletter, Website Award, 2012 Medium Chapter President Award for the Year to Louis Arana, individual awards for some of our Board of Director members, National President's Award (1996-1997) to Juanita Anspach. We have delegates that attend the national convention every year and return to our Chapter with all the latest information to inform our members of what is going on in Washington and around the country.



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Notes From The Chapter President

It is my distinct pleasure serving as Chapter 58 president again in 2013. Thank you for your vote of confidence! I will do my best to serve our chapter.

Considering the lack of support from most of our chapter members, we did very well in 2012. Our board of directors did a great job—and helped keep our chapter afloat. So, we are still doing something right. Our chapter and board members received four awards at the TREA National Convention in Jacksonville, Fla., this past September.

So we march on.

We will celebrate our chapter's 25th anniversary this year. We hope all our chapter members attend our March general membership meeting so we may give them all their deserved recognition. The meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on March 19 at the Seascope Beach Club at MacDill Air Force Base.

Looking down the road a bit, our chapter will again run a booth at the MacDill AirFest, which takes place April 6-7, 2013. This is the chapter's main way to raise fund. But each year we depend on the same group of volunteers to help at the booth. We need new blood this year, even if it is just for a few hours. So, I extend an invitation to all our members to come forward and participate in this important fund-raising event.

Did you know that one of our members—Larry Hyland—is a chairman of the TREA Senior Citizen League? This organization has millions of members who participate in a number of grassroots lobbying and public education campaigns to insure governmental bodies live up to commitment about the protection of senior citizen earned benefits such as Social Security, Medicare, military, and other. I strongly recommend that you support Larry and join the ranks of this important group. Visit TSCL online at www.tscl.org.

Another thing. I thank those people who still support our chapter by paying their dues and attending our meetings. We're still serving

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



Louis Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

TREA Chapter 58 Celebrates 25th Anniversary (Continued)

It has been a great 25 years for our Chapter, but unless we are able to get our members more involved and to our meetings, new members on our Board of Directors, it is getting harder to keep the Chapter going.

We do hope that we have been able to keep you informed on information that is important to our veterans in our area. A big **"Thank You"** goes out to those members and their wives that have served on our Board of Directors for all these years continuously and tirelessly. Without these members we would have had to close our Chapter many years ago.

So we send this message to all of our members, please send in your dues and try to attend some of our meetings and support your Chapter.





President Lou Arana presented Chapter 58 Wives a Certificate of Appreciation at the Dec 8, 2012 General Membership Meeting/Christmas Party. (Left to Right) Henrietta Gathers, Luz Arana, Mary Parker, Emelia Atwood, and Rita Adams. (Not present was Agatha Johnson and Reiko Sharpe)

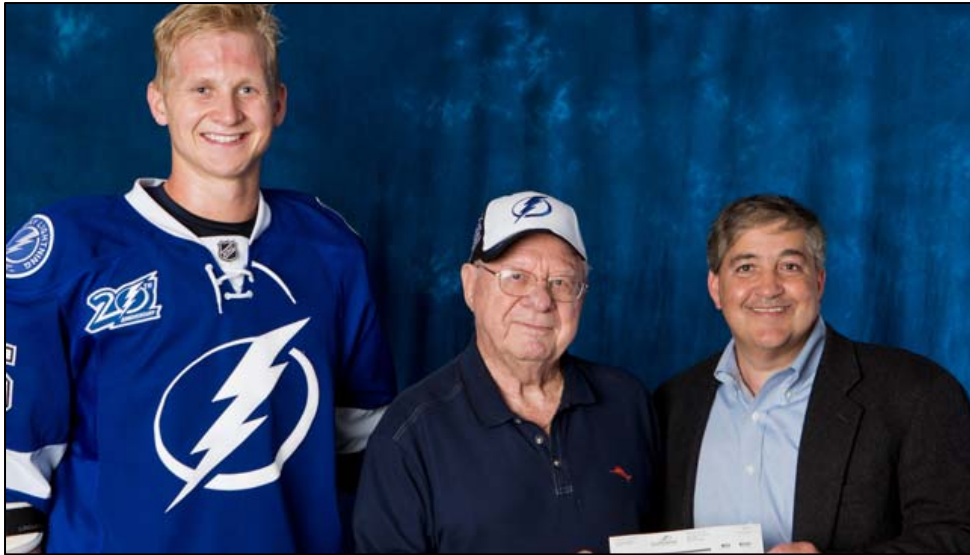
DECEMBER 2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TREA Chapter 58 General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party was held on December 8, 2012 at the Colonnade Restaurant in Tampa, Florida. At this meeting our new 2013 Board of Directors was elected. The 2012 Board of Directors was reelected unanimously by the members attending the meeting. After a nice luncheon, award certificates were given to the wives of the members that had supported our Chapter throughout the years. Gifts donated by the members were drawn for and received by the members present. President Louis Arana gave his acceptance speech giving his hopes for the coming year on getting more members involved in our Chapter and attending our meetings. We want to continue our Chapter, but we will need the help of the membership to do so.



Membership enjoying the Dec 8, 2012 Christmas Luncheon and General Membership Meeting

VETERAN'S CORNER



Nate Thompson (left), Lightning owner Jeff Vinik (right) present a \$50,000 donation to Community Hero Leonard Black

LEONARD BLACK 1ST VP TREA CHAPTER 58

TAMPA BAY – The Tampa Bay Lightning honored Leonard Black as the 22nd Lightning Community Hero of the year during the first period of the game against the Montreal Canadiens. Black, who received a \$50,000 donation from the Lightning Foundation and the Lightning Community Heroes program, will donate the money to Honor Flight West Central Florida.

An American war hero, Black served the United States military for more than 25 years, defending the country during World War II. After losing his son at the age of 24, he was inspired to help serve other people. His wife of 54 years also suffers from Parkinson's disease and made him promise that he would always help others. Black is a crucial church volunteer distributing food to 28 families across the Tampa Bay area. He also coordinates patriotic observances for Hillsborough County.

While in the military, Black attained the highest enlisted rank, Chief Master Sergeant. Being such a devoted military hero, Black saw the need to help the 32,000 World War II veterans living in West Central Florida to get to Washington, D.C. for free to see their memorials built on the National Mall. He has helped organize honor flights for more than 500 local World War II military heroes.

”FINAL FAREWELL”

To members of TREA Chapter 58 who passed on in 2012.

They will be missed. Raymond Hovey



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, 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 Reserves -- 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 Members** - 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.

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2013 MEETINGS

Seascapes Beach Club

MacDill AFB, Florida

1300 hours

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



President Obama speaks at 2012 Veterans Day Celebration in Washington, D.C. hosted by The Enlisted Association TREA.

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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