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BRIEFLY

♦ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To All Chapter Members whose birthday is in Oct. Nov. and Dec.

♦ 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)

♦ MACDILL EVENTS

Events held on MacDill AFB of interest. (Page 3)

♦ Hello ERNIE J

Received papers from RCPAC. Thanks...hope to see you all in August. 1SG H.J.

♦ BOD ROSTER

TREA Chapter 58 Board of Directors Roster (Page 6)



Veteran's Memorial-Gardner Park



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 President Louis Arana and Luz Arana, of the ladies auxiliary, stand in front of a replica of the Iwo Jima Monument at the new Veteran's Memorial-Gardner Park at Lake Alfred, Fla. The Aranas, and Past President Howard Buck, represented TREA at the June 22 grand-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the memorial. The Iwo Jima Monument is a cast-resin replica of the original.



Veterans, guests and speakers dedicated the new Veteran's Memorial-Gardner Park at Lake Alfred, Fla., June 22, 2013. The memorial is the city's first monument to American military veterans. TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 President Louis Arana and Luz Arana, of the ladies auxiliary, and Past President Howard Buck, represented TREA at the grand-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Notes From The Chapter President

As Chapter 58 president, I would like to express my sincere thank to the few members that have continued to support our chapter all these years. In our Sept. 17, 2013, general membership meeting we will once again be asking for volunteers willing to serve on the 2014 board of directors. All positions are available.

We cannot have the best chapter in TREA without your help and support. Let's all remember the reason we have a chapter and what it is we are trying to accomplish—to do that, we must work together. Your ideas and suggestion are important to us, and greatly appreciated. The future of the chapter depends on your support by attending meeting, functions and paying your annual \$10 chapter dues.

By the time you read this newsletter, three members of the board of director members and I will be representing the chapter at the TREA National Convention, from Sept. 25 to 28, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

We have two proxy votes.

That is six votes the chapter is authorized base on its membership—one vote for every 50 chapter members.

I hope to see some new faces at our September meeting. Come and be counted.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



Louis Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

DELEGATES of TREA TAMPABAY CHAPTER 58
ATTENDING
TREA NATIONAL CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 2013





Randy Jackson Visits MacDill

Randy Jackson, producer, poses with the newest Master Sgt. selects during a visit to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla on May 23, 2013. During the visit Jackson toured the installation, held a meet and greet with members of team MacDill and donated guitars. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Adam Grant/ Released)



MacDill's Memorial Day Ceremony

6th Air Mobility Wing honor guardsmen present arms for the duration of "Taps" at the MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., Memorial Day Ceremony on May 27, 2013. Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for all men and women who have fallen while serving in the armed forces. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Shandresha Mitchell/ Released)



Director Louis Arana-Barradas, Jr. cooks up all the great food for the Chapter 58 General Membership Meeting/Picnic held on June 15, 2013 at the Coons Creek Pavilion at MacDill AFB, Fl. And the word from the membership there was "outstanding food, Louis". Thanks from all who attended.



VETERAN'S CORNER



American Legion Remembrance Site

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans service organization, places a high priority on honoring and remembering those who dedicated their lives to keeping our nation safe. A new American Legion web page is packed with stories, photos and videos, and offers visitors the ability to add their own words and images. The Honor and Remembrance web page is now available at www.legion.org/honor. The page features My Time in Uniform, where you can share your own story, Family Legacy, where you can take pride in a family member's service, and the Sacred Places Database, a listing of more than 1,200 museums, memorials and cemeteries.

TRICARE FOR LIFE

(What you should know)

Service in Military Facilities: Beneficiaries using TRICARE for Life (TFL) may continue to receive care in Military Treatment Facilities on space available basis. Under the program TRICARE Plus, they may be allowed to enroll in a Military Treatment Facility for primary care. TRICARE Plus is based on local availability.

Policy Change on Hold

TRICARE has decided to take time to re-evaluate its previous decision to change which medications are covered under its prescription drug plan, holding off implementation of the policy change by several months.

"We are working to ensure both excellent and safe care for our beneficiaries and clear communication with our providers and beneficiaries," Express Scripts, TRICARE's pharmacy benefits manager, reported on its website.

Last month TRICARE notified about 40,000 beneficiaries that by July 24, it would no longer cover compounded prescription drugs that contain ingredients that are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The policy change will be delayed by 180 days.

VA Reevaluates Sleep Apnea Ratings

The VA has announced it is studying changes to disability ratings for obstructive sleep apnea, particularly the 50-percent rating being awarded when VA physicians prescribe use of a CPAP, or continuous positive airway pressure machine, for sleep-deprived veterans.

If changes are made the more than 114,000 veterans already drawing compensation for sleep apnea would not see their ratings reduced.

CHAPTER 58 ANNUAL DUES FORM***(Mail: TREA, Chapter 58, P.O. Box 6676, MacDill AFB, FL 33608-0676)***

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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(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:**

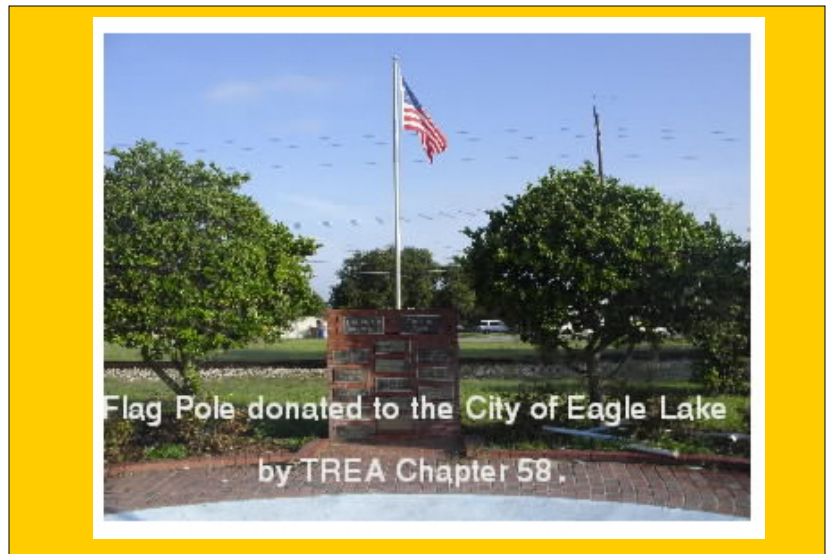
If you need to up - date your National TREA membership, please contact **HARRY JOHN-SON**; 863 - 655 - 1669, **JAMES LANE**, 727-754-0510; or **LOUIS ARANA**, 813 - 684-5414, if you did not receive a notice.

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.

CHAPTER 58**2013 MEETINGS****Seascapes Beach Club****MacDill AFB, Florida****1300 hours****Sep 17 GMM****Oct 15 BOD****Nov 19 BOD****Dec 17 GMM**



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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