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TAMPA BAY CHAPTER 58 Trooper

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BRIEFLY

♦ HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To All Chapter Members whose birthday is in Jan. Feb. and Mar..

♦ 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)

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♦ PERSONAL ITEM

Hi Ernie: Had good time at Convention, maybe you can make Norfolk, VA next yr. I think you would like it.



1Sg H.J.

CHAPTER 58 RECEIVES TWO AWARDS AT TREA NATIONAL CONVENTION



President Louis Arana accepting the 1st Place Award for the "Outstanding Medium Chapter 2012".



President Louis Arana receives the 1st Place Award for the "2012 Outstanding Medium Chapter Newsletter For the Year".



President Louis Arana presenting the 2012 TREA National Newsletter Award to Juanita Anspach, Secretary/Newsletter Editor at the Board of Directors Meeting held on October 14, 2013 at MacDill AFB, FL



Notes From The Chapter President

This year is almost gone and I would like to look at what we accomplished this past year with only a few devoted members.

The most important thing we did was managing to keep our chapter active. We turned in all TREA National and local reports on time and held our board of directors meetings as scheduled. Also, we supported our own by attending veteran functions and paying our respect at the funerals of departed comrades.

For our members we also continued publishing our chapter newsletter, The Trooper. That is why I am very proud to say that—once again—Chapter 58 did well at the TREA National Convention, held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Sept. 25-28, 2013. The chapter earned the 2012 TREA Outstanding Medium Chapter of the Year Award, and the 2012 TREA Outstanding Medium Chapter Newsletter Award, for The Trooper.

My most sincere thanks to all the board members who were instrumental in helping the chapter earn these prestigious awards. In 2014, the convention will be in Norfolk, Virginia, from Sept. 10 to 13. Mark your calendar if wish to attend.

Remember, the general membership general meeting and holiday luncheon is Dec. 21 at the Colonnade Restaurant on Bayshore Blvd. in Tampa. Our nominating committee will select the officers to serve on the 2014 board of directors, and swear them in.

We have had the same officers for several years and really would like to see some new faces on the board of directors. We know your time is valuable, but we need your help to keep the chapter alive. Come to the luncheon and volunteer—we accept nominations from the floor.

The future of Tampa Bay Chapter 58

depends on our chapter members, and their participation in our meetings and chapter functions. We are the only chapter in Florida. Please come in and be counted.

UNITED WE STAND

Louis A. Arana



Louis Arana, President of TREA
Tampa Bay Chapter 58.

[Streamlining the VA Process](#)

Currently, when Veterans attempt to appeal their VA rating decision, they must contact the VA and request an appeal form. This adds additional time to the already lengthy process. U.S. Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) and Jon Runyan (R-NJ) introduced H.R. 1405, to streamline a Veteran's appeal to their VA rating. This bill requires the VA to include an appeals form with every rating decision issued by the department, eliminating having to request the form. The bill would also authorize National Guard and Reserve members entitled to Reserve retirement pay the honor of claiming "Veteran" status. This provision is identical to H.R. 679, The Honor America's Guard-Reserve Retirees Act, introduced earlier this year by Congressman Tim Walz (D-MN). By using the "Write to Congress" feature on the EANGUS Web site, you can IMMEDIATELY write or e-mail your elected officials.

[TREA Chapter 58 Christmas Party and General Membership Meeting](#)

Chapter 58 will hold their December General Membership Meeting/Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21, 2013 starting at 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM at the Colonnade Restaurant on Bayshore Blvd, Tampa, Fl. We will select our food from the menu, each member being responsible for their own selections. Please contact Louis Arana at 813-684-5414 or Juanita Anspach at 813-837-5065 if you planning on attending. We need this information by Dec 13, 2013. All current members who attend the GMM/Xmas Party will receive their 2014 Chapter dues paid courtesy of Chapter 58. We will install our 2014 Board of Directors.



**2013 TREA NATIONAL CONVENTION CHAPTER 58 DELEGATES
AT WORK IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, SEPTEMBER 2013**



TREA Chapter 58 sent four delegates and two proxies to the TREA National Convention held in Colorado Springs, Colorado in September 25-28, 2013. (Top Left Photo) 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson and his wife, Agatha; President Louis Arana and his wife, Luz. (Middle Photo) Mrs. Emelia Atwood and Director Harold Atwood and 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson; (Bottom Left Photo) Mrs. Agatha Johnson, 1st Vice President Leonard Black and 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson. (Top Right Photo) Larry Hyland, Chapter 58 Member.



VETERAN'S CORNER



Interview WWII Veterans!



Do you know someone who served in World War II? Did you know that there are 1.2 million WWII Veterans still living? However, time is running out to hear their stories of bravery and sacrifice that help define our country. The [iHistory WW2](#) video contest is a national competition to inspire teen filmmakers to capture these stories on film. Aspiring young American filmmakers (ages 13-18) have the opportunity to hear and record these stories firsthand, make a mini-documentary, and win coveted prizes for themselves and their school. The total value of combined prizes is over \$11,000. iHistory WW2 is working with the Library of Congress to preserve the interviews in their archives. For details about the contest and the Official Rules please visit: Heroes-ww2.org.

MACDILL AFB HISTORY.....

MacDill AFB was officially activated on April 16, 1941.

The first mission was training Airmen in the B-17 Flying Fortress and B-26 Marauder aircraft. Increasing tensions in 1961 led to the activation of the U.S. Strike Command, headquartered at MacDill. MacDill became a Tactical Air Command Training Base with the F-4s and then F-16s. The last F-16s left the base in 1994 and the base had no active duty aircraft for the first time. The 6th Air Mobility Wing was activated October 1, 1996, with the arrival of 12 KC-135 Stratotankers.

COLONEL LESLIE MACDILL

The Air Corps suffered a great loss and grieved to learn of the death of Colonel Leslie MacDill, as the result of an airplane crash on the morning of 9 November, 1938, in Washington D.C. The accident occurred several minutes after his take off from Bolling Field in a BC-1 aircraft. Accounts pieced together from numerous eyewitnesses indicated that something went wrong with the motor.

Colonel MacDill first tried to get back to Bolling Field, and then with death staring him in the face, aimed his plane for a narrow space between two houses. The descending plane cut down telephone and power wires, knocked down a pole, clipped off tree limbs, plunged to the ground and burst into flames. Colonel MacDill and his passenger Private Joseph G. Gloxner were killed instantly. Colonel MacDill was one of aviation's early pioneers, and those who knew him well realized his special ability, his highly analytical mind, as well as his professional attainments. His sound conclusions and helpful advice were constantly relied upon.

Colonel MacDill was born at Monmouth, Illinois on 18 February, 1889. Following his graduation in 1909 from Hanover College with an A.B. degree, and from the University of Indiana in 1911 with an A.M. degree, he was commissioned from civilian life as a Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps on 13 April, 1912. He served with the 6th Company, Coast Artillery Corps from 10 December, 1912, until his detail in 1914 in the Aviation Section, Signal Corps. Upon completion of his flying training at the Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego, California, he was rated a Junior Military Aviator on 2 July 1915, which automatically advanced him to the rank of First Lieutenant. He was promoted to Captain on 15 May 1917; to Major 1 July 1920; to Lieutenant Colonel 1 August 1935; and to Colonel on 26 August, 1936.

COLONEL LESLIE MACDILL

Died: Nov 9, 1938



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

**Hey! It's time to send in
your dues.....**

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:

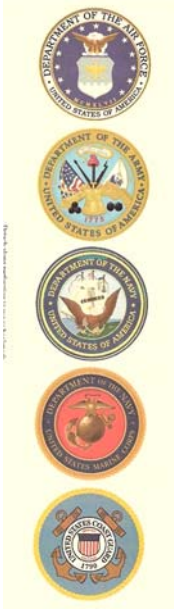
If you need to up - date your National TREA membership, please contact **HARRY JOHN-SON**; 863 -655 -1669, **JAMES LANE**, 727-754-0510; or **LOUIS ARANA**, 813 -684-5414, if you did not receive a notice.

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**2014 MEETINGS****Seascapes Beach Club****MacDill AFB, Florida****1300 hours****Jan 21 BOD****Feb 18 BOD****Mar 18 GGM****Apr 15 BOD****May 20 BOD****Jun 17 GGM****Jul 15 BOD****Aug 19 BOD****Sept 16 GGM****Oct 21 BOD****Nov 18 BOD****Dec 16 GGM/****Xmas Party**



2013 TREA National Convention

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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