

# TREA NATIONAL CONVENTION 2011

## RENO, NEVADA



### THE 48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TREA, RENO, NEVADA, SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 1, 2011

The Theme: *A Single Idea Can Become Reality by Working Together.*

Opening ceremonies were held at 7pm on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September in the Silver Baron rooms. The local High School ROTC presented the colors. A reception followed for all TREA members and guests.

Our first business meeting was at 9:30am- called to order by President Cooper. It was a busy morning – reports from the By-Laws Committee with some changes that were voted on- some were approved and some not. The up-dated changes will be sent to the chapters when completed.

There was a joint Awards Luncheon where President Lou Arana was honored for membership and Secretary Juanita Anspach was recognized for her work on our Web Site and the Trooper.

A social hour was on the Mezzanine level that evening. President Cooper's dinner followed – then site presentations for our 2014 51<sup>st</sup> convention. Norfolk, Virginia was the winner over Cleveland, Ohio and Branson, Missouri.

Another busy day on Friday with election of officers. President Cooper was re-elected for another year. The guest speaker was Brigadier General Fran L. Hendricks, Deputy Commanding General and Army and Air Force Exchange Services, who gave an interesting account of the exchange services over the years. I asked him why foreign diplomats could shop at our PX's and BX's and commissaries, but we, as retired military, cannot shop in the overseas commissaries. He said that that matter would have to be dealt with at the State Department level.

On Saturday, we enjoyed a tour of Virginia City, Nevada. The main event was the annual "Out House" Race. Thousands of people attended. Another social hour occurred prior to the Installation Banquet. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Leonard Black won a well-deserved special award for his work with veterans and the Washington, D.C. Honor Flights to the memorials of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The Captain of the U.S.S. Cole at the time she was torpedoed in Yemen was our guest speaker on Saturday evening. He gave a very descriptive account and a slide presentation of the tragedy. As he stated, he and his crew were up for the job, and served proudly in the face of the tragedy that occurred that day.

I can't say enough about TREA, a great organization for retired veterans. In my opinion- a great convention.

*Harry C. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

***Additional pictures of the Convention are located in the December Trooper***



TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 President Louis Arana, left, receives congratulations for "a job well done" from TREA National President Arthur Cooper and received National Recruiting Award. TREA photo



Color Guard for Opening Ceremony. President Arana (2nd row left side) delegate for Chapter 58



Chapter 58 Delegates enjoying Happy Hour before the National Convention Installation Dinner. Left to right: President Louis Arana, Past President Hermon Sharpe (sitting), 2nd Vice President Harry Johnson, 1st Vice President Leonard Black and Director Harold Atwood.



TREA National President Arthur Cooper, right, presents the Chapter Secretary of the Year Award for Chapter 58 Secretary Juanita Anspach to TREA Tampa Bay Chapter 58 President Louis Arana.

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