

Chapter 58 helps make MacDill AirFest a success

TREA Tampa Chapter 58 members helped make a success of the MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., AirFest 2009, held March 28 and 29.

The chapter volunteered to operate two lemonade and two pretzel carts at the open house, which featured a performance both days by the U.S. Air Force Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds.

Seven chapter members, two women's auxiliary members and four family members made fresh-squeezed lemonade and dipped hot pretzels in sea salt for eight hours each day. Volunteer organizations that helped operate food, drink and souvenir booths all received a share of the earnings.

"This is our chapter's major fund-raising event of the year," Chapter President Louis Arana said. "Though MacDill officials don't yet have the final tally, we'll earn no less than \$1,000 for our efforts."

The chapter volunteers were: President Arana and his wife, Luz, a woman's auxiliary member; 1st Vice President Leonard Black and his grandson, Matthew; Treasurer Allen Adams, his wife, Rita, and their granddaughter, Emily; 2nd Vice President Harold Atwood and his wife, Emilia, also a woman's auxiliary member; Past President Efren Pol; Director Geoffrey Parker and his wife, Mary; and chapter member Louis Arana-Barradas.

"We want to thank everyone who showed up, braved the heat and rain, and helped make this a very successful fund-raising event," President Arana said.



TREA Tampa Chapter 58 Chaplain Jerry Torgerson, left, and 1st Vice President Leonard Black, right, received a visit from Capt. Tammy Foster-Knight, operations officer for the 6th Force Support Squadron, center, at the lemonade and pretzel cart they helped operate March 29 at the MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., AirFest 2009. (Photo CH. 58-001 by Emilia Atwood)



TREA Tampa Chapter 58 members, left to right, Director Geoffrey Parker and President Louis Arana, and women's auxiliary member Luz Arana, ran a lemonade and pretzel cart March 29 at the MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., AirFest 2009. (Photo CH. 58-002 by Louis Arana-Barradas)