



The Voice of the Total Enlisted Force
*Active Duty ** Veterans ** Retired*
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RESUME FOR CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE

I hereby submit my resume and announce my candidacy for the TREA office of:

Director

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Chapter No 119

Member At Large

Part 1 - TREA Activities

Life Member since 1997. I originally joined TREA Chapter 97 in Dallas, TX, but lived in Superior, WI. I decided to organize a Chapter in Superior and formed Lake Superior Chapter 119 in three months chartering the chapter with 42 members in June 2002. We now also have Retired Active Component members in the Chapter. The Chapter is very active and have received the Small Chapter Award four times. I have also received the Small Chapter President Award four times. I have always looked out for the Veteran's. I represented the Chapter and TREA at a rally to save and support the VA Outpatient Clinic in Superior 26 years ago. I also spoke out when the lease renewal came up for the clinic which was renewed for another 25 years. I am still involved with them looking out for their welfare through TREA's organizations and other Veteran Organizations. You will see more on this in the Community Activities section.

I have served previously on the TREA BOD from 2005 to 2013 and again from 2020 - 2022. I have served on numerous committees during this time, most recently as the Scholarship Committee Chairman. I have also served on the TREA Memorial Foundation from 2014 to 2019 and served on numerous Foundation committees. Elected as Chairman of the Foundation from 2017 - 2019. I was responsible for proper recording and accounting of the Foundation's finances. The Foundation gave out hundreds of thousands of dollars to Veteran's who needed help each year. In 2017, I approved the creation of the Foundation's Holiday Program - a program that provides food, clothing, gifts and financial support to for the families of deployed and wounded soldiers .

Part 2 - Community Activities

- * Member of Plumbers & Fitters Local 11, 1965 - present. Recording Secretary Position 1978 - 2022.
- * Youth coach for the Superior Amateur Hockey Association for 23 years. I also coached boys and girls in Superior's City Youth Baseball Program.
- * Member of the Douglas County Veteran's Commission since 2013.
- * Member of the Elks Lodge 403 Veteran's Committee.
- * Joined the John L. Banks American Legion Post 418 in 1972, transferring to the Richard L. Bong Post 435. Appointed to 2nd Commander in 2018. Elected to the 1st Vice Commander position in 2020 and to Post Commander in 2022.
- * Member of the planning committee for Memorial Day activities.
- * My wife, Cheryl, and I go to Wisconsin's Northern State Veteran's Cemetery and provide the POW/MIA Ceremony for the general public.
- * I have planned and acted as Master of Ceremonies for several deployment send offs.
- * During deployments, I have planned Christmas Parties, Valentines Parties, etc. for dependent families.
- * I have planned and acted as the MC for Retirement Appreciation Days in the area for the last 11 years.
- * I assisted with Veteran's Workshops at the University of Wisconsin Superior.
- * I have helped with 5K runs, Military Balls, etc. to raise money for the Douglas County Service Office Sailors & Soldiers Relief Fund to help Veteran's in need of financial help.

Part 3 -
Education

1958 to 1962 - Cathedral High School, Superior, WI.
1962 to 1963 attended the University of Wisconsin Superior (19 semester hours) I took some on line classes for 10 semester hours.
I attended many different military classes during my time in the Wisconsin Army National Guard (WIARNG) to include Recruiter and Career Counselor learning salesmanship, management skills, public relations, and the greatest asset, being a self starter.
I learned to plan out and use my time appropriately. This is the only way for programs to work. If one cannot use your time correctly, than you have failed because time is your biggest asset and once wasted, cannot be recovered.

Part 4 -
Military
Service

May 1965 to December 1995 , completed 30 years, six months of duty with the WIARNG. 1965 to 1981 - attended weekend drills and two weeks active duty training. November 1965 - awarded Bulldozer Operator MOS62E. 1971, I was promoted to E-6 and given the Equipment Section Supervisor Position and remained there for 10 years. Given accelerated Promotion to E-7 on December 28, 1973 because of work ethic and performance. In December 1981, I Started Active Duty Active Guard Tour (AGR) under Title 10 until retiring in December 1995. I attended many Military and Motivation schools to include Sales Management Training of Atlantic, Inc., Career Planning and Workshop Programs, Career Planning Workshop International Seminar, Reserve Components Instructor Course, Army National Guard Attrition Course. I received many awards during my time in the service to include State Retention NCO of the year for 1991 and went on for the National Guard Retention NCO of the year, but was eliminated at National level.

Part 5 -
Other
Fraternal
Activities

Disabled American Veteran's (Life Member), American Legion for 40 years, Fraternal Order of the Elks Lodge 403 for 37 years. The Order of The United Commercial Travelers of America - an International organization; member since 1970. I served as Chaplain on the International Level from 2015-2016. I served as President of Board of Directors for UCCT Council 333 for many years. I also served as Secretary for six years at the State Level and than returned and went through the chairs as a line officer and served as State President. I am also a member of the International Secretaries/ Treasures Assn: and served as Secretary for 12 years. I have been a member of the Belgian Club for 53 years, on the Board of Directors for the past 52 years. I am a former member of the Iron River Lions Club in Iron River, WI. I am also a member of St Anthony's Church in Superior and have served on several committees for the church. I presently serve as an usher and Eucharistic Minister.

Part 6 -
Remarks

When I made my first TREA Convention back in 2002, I decided I wanted to become a more active member in TREA. I was first appointed as an BOD Officer in 2005. In 2006 I was elected as 3rd Vice President and thus my involvement in TREA really started. I gained a lot of knowledge on how TREA works day by day over the years. I hope to use this knowledge and what I have learned from other organizations to help bring TREA forward.
The BOD has made some hard decisions over the last couple of years in the effort to keep TREA moving forward. We need to find ways to attract the Veteran's leaving the service of our country. We also need to find ways to keep our losses down. Hopefully, the Bylaw and Standing Rule changes submitted by the Board will pass so they have more tools to accomplish this with.
Many of the Veteran's have not heard of TREA and it's Mission to help them, so we need to find ways to get this information to them.
I have represented TREA at the local level, the Chapter level and the National Level. I represented the the Memorial Foundation at many functions; there by putting TREA's name out in the public sector. It takes all means possible and anyone and everyone who holds a position on the National Board needs to be comfortable and willing to go out in to the community and share our name and accomplishments.

I am asking for your vote for National Board of Director so I can help place TREA's name out to the public and and be part of the Team working to fulfill the mission of TREA.

UNITED WE STAND

Signature

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Date

6/10/2022



BUTCH LIEBAERT

Running for TREA National Director

I made most of my comments under Section 6 (Remarks) on my TREA resume (TREA Form 100-3), but I want to reiterate my desire to continue on in the position of TREA National Director.

As you have read, I have 20 years of experience with TREA. I have served both at the local/chapter level and at the National level. Being involved at the National level, I have not only witnessed the changes that TREA has gone through, but more importantly, I understand why these changes were necessary.

VSO organizations are not what they used to be – they have changed... they have had to change if they want to stay alive and continue to support, protect and advocate for their members.

While I absolutely believe that new blood needs to be brought into leadership, to learn and to grow with the organization, I think it is just as important that we keep continuity, experience and knowledge. Both are needed to be successful.

I believe in TREA and in its mission and I want to ensure that we do all that we can to keep going for another 60 years.

I ask for your vote to keep me on as National Director.

Thank you.