



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:

President

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Chapter No 39

Member At Large

Part 1 -
TREA
Activities

TREA Life Member since 2007
 TREA National 1st Vice, 2020 - Present
 TREA National Treasurer, 2015 to 2020
 TREA Convention/Annual Membership Meeting Committee, 2018 to Present
 TREA National Finance Committee Chair, 2015 to 2020
 TREA National Membership Committee, 2014 to 2018
 TREA National Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee, 2014 to 2018, and again in 2022
 TREA Benevolent Committee Chair, 2019 to Present
 Legislative Affairs Committee Chair, 2020 to Present
 TREA Gives, Holiday Program Committee 2018 to Present
 TREA National Representative, back up to the President for The Military Coalition
 Participated in Congressional Hearings and Testimonies representing TREA and its mission
 TREA National Representative at the Memorial Day and Veterans events, 2020 - Present
 TREA Memorial Foundation Treasurer, 2015 to 2019
 TSCL Treasurer, 2015 to 2020
 TREA Chapter 39 Treasurer, 2013 to 2017
 TREA Chapter 39 Secretary, 2020 to 2021

Part 2 -
Community
Activities

Worked with Veterans' Puppy for Life (a program that provides service dogs and training to PTSD veterans and their families). 2018 - 2020
 Organized a local holiday program where families were provided food assistance, toys, clothing and general good will. 2014 - Present
 On-site visits to The local VA Hospital, offering hats, socks, scarves to veterans in need. 2021
 Meeting with local Mayor of Aurora, as a representative of TREA, as well as a veteran and discussing the needs and issues facing today's veterans and transitioning military members. 2022
 Attending multiple funeral services for local TREA members, 2017 - current

Part 3 -
Education

Fundamentals of System Acquisition Management
Mission Performance Assessment
Mission Support Planning
Mission Strategy Execution
Shaping Smart Business Arrangement
Simplified Acquisition Procedures
Contract Administration
3 years completed towards Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Finance.

Part 4 -
Military
Service

US Navy; Chief Petty Officer (YNC Retired), August 1985 to June 2007:
Command Chief, Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Denver. Directed all mission-essential operating programs for the NOSC, Denver. Managed Facilities Maintenance and the administration function of six departments (Supply & Logistics, Personnel, Facilities, Medical, Training and Administration and Administration & Career Counseling). Supervised a staff of 55.
Directed the Operations and Facilities Maintenance Navy Budget of \$3.4 million in open market purchases annually. Provided necessary contract training to the Contracting Officers with the authority of up to \$55K. Managed quarterly LOA's Reduced un-liquidated travel funds by 75%; allowing the Reserve Forces to reallocate funds to more efficiently meet their operational mission. (continued under section 6 - Remarks)

Part 5 -
Other
Fraternal
Activities

Actively involved with the Denver Navy Chief Petty Officer's Association (CPOA), 2001 to Present
Active member of the local American Legion Post, 2018 to Present
TREA Liaison for the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado

Part 6 -
Remarks

(continued from section 4 - Military Service)
From 2008 to 2013, Program/Project Manager for Whole Facilities Maintenance Acquisition Team in the Region 8 (Denver) Federal Acquisition Services (FAS) Office. Directed all contract administration for DeCA Commissaries, Air Force Medical Treatment Facilities, Air Force Research Laboratories and Health Facilities, and Health Medical Support with annual revenue of over \$93 million worldwide. Developed annual Operating Budgets, Analyzed all essential data for budget expenditures, requirements and liquidations. Ensured all funds were utilized appropriately. Developed curriculum and provided training classes for Contracting Officer Representatives (COR's). Over one thousand COR's training globally. Hands-on expert in presenting training through a variety of formats (web-based, Power Point and training manuals with concurrent inter-active lecture). Developed Quality Assurance Surveillance Program Management (QASP). Conducted quarterly on-site/electronic QASP audits to ensure all sites were in compliance.

TREA is at a very important and pivotal place and consistency and historical knowledge is key to its future. I have consistently been in the trenches with TREA for the past 7 years and understand the internal workings; from finances to board nuances, to engagement with external VSO's. I believe that my involvement and understanding of the organizational structure and history allows me to not only be productive in the role as President, but to be successful in it as well. If elected as your next National President, it is my solemn promise to you, that I will act responsibly, honorably, and professionally to ensure the best future for TREA. I will always be transparent in nature, clear and concise in my communications and honest in all actions. I will do what is right, no matter how difficult.

Signature

//signed//DOELSCHIG

Date

6/8/2022

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Presidential Candidate Speech

Ladies and Gentlemen of TREA,

It is an honor and a privilege to be running for TREA National President. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you. Many of you may already know me from my time and service to TREA, but for those that don't, here goes.

My name is Deborah Oelschig and I am running for the office of TREA National President.

I am a retired Navy Chief and served on Active Duty for 22 years and retired in 2007. I joined TREA in 2007, and became a life member in November of 2010. I became a very active member of TREA Chapter 39 in Aurora, Colorado and served on their board of directors for several years. In 2015, I was voted in by the membership to be the TREA National Treasurer. I served in that position until 2020, when I was voted in as National 1st Vice. I have immersed myself in TREA, not just learning what was done in the past, but trying to understand why it was done. Understanding is the key to going forward. I have been a consistent and constant TREA advocate for the past 15 years – never waning in my belief that TREA is an amazing organization.

I have served TREA Nationally and locally with honor, integrity and with the utmost belief in our mission statement of helping military veterans and their families. Knowing that we can and will do more to help our enlisted brothers and sisters. The world has changed and in many cases, those who served this great country have been left behind. It has always been my belief that TREA could be one of the leaders in the fight to change that.

Most people may not understand TREA's true mission statement – it is actually broken down into four parts, 1) to enhance the quality of life for uniformed service enlisted personnel, their families and survivors, 2) To stop the erosion of earned benefits through our legislative efforts, 3) to maintain our esprit de corps, dedications and patriotism, and 4) to continue our devotion and allegiance to God and Country.

TREA has been very successful in achieving our legislative goals. Our foothold is strong. We are well known and respected in Washington and we are getting things done. We have a stake in the legislative game and that is good – I don't want to change that. If anything, I want to add to it – to nurture and expand upon our Washington presence. We should be seen, and heard on The Hill. That would be my goal.

Maintaining our esprit de corps; our fraternal and social side, means we will need to come together as an organization to help this get back on track. Like many other organizations across the country, TREA has fallen victim to a societal shift. A shift away from membership and social organizations. It doesn't have to be this way. There are many things that we can do to combat

this – if we want to. I want to. Many of us joined TREA when Chapters were alive and active. It was our way of being with someone we connected with. Unfortunately, chapters are struggling, not because of anything they have done, but again, because of the shift away from individuals choosing not to participate in or join clubs or groups. I want to give our members as many options as they want to get together with other members, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The age of technology has afforded us unlimited opportunities to make this happen. I see a future TREA with virtual chapters, based on commonalities and likes. Imagine being able to be a part of a group/club or ‘chapter’ that originated from your common membership in TREA, but grew to include your enjoyment and expertise in, let’s say; gardening or baking. How about bowling or golfing? The options are limitless. TREA is currently using Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and the TREA Website to keep you up to date and informed on the latest services and legislative efforts that TREA continues to provide to our membership encourage you to visit these sites and give us your ideas or your input on where TREA is going today. Best of all - it’s a way to start, a way to connect and re-connect members.

We could plan a TREA Reunion that would allow for everyone to get together again and share where they have been, how they are doing and share ideas of what TREA can and will be in the future. Events and activities can and will grow from there.

I am a strong advocate of financial stewardship – it has been my responsibility as a National Board Member for the past 7 years. We are accountable for the way we use our funds. The funds that are given to us, not just through membership dues, but through donations, from people, many who are not TREA members, who trust us and believe in what we stand for and what we do. We need to respect and honor that trust. We need to use our assets in the best way possible that allows for us to continue carrying out our mission for many years to come.

Our mission to enhance the quality of life for all uniformed services enlisted personnel, their families and survivors is an essential piece of what we do. This includes retirees and all Guard and Reserve personnel. Yes, we are accomplishing this through our legislative efforts – creating laws and protecting benefits, but there is more that can be done, and I believe it is our duty and our responsibility to do it. I have fought hard for the past 7 years to ensure that TREA had a program that provided assistance to enlisted veterans, active duty, retirees, Guard and Reserve members. I am very proud of the work and effort that was put into creating and getting the TREA GIVES 501(C)(3), benevolent program up and running in this last year. I believe that this program, along with the current membership program will solidify TREA’s success for the future.

It will take a team – a great team. I have worked alongside other TREA Board members who, like me, have the best interest of TREA as their only goal. My objective is to continue to work alongside these wonderful individuals, and as their, leader, take them and TREA into the next phase of what TREA can become. It is important that we stand alongside one another as

veterans and comrades, and support one another, the best that we can. If a fellow veteran (retiree, active duty soldier) cannot count on one of their own, who can they count on. We need to be there for them.

As TREA National President, I will bring my active duty military, civilian and veteran experiences to TREA and will draw from them, and the experiences of others on the board, expanding TREA from what it is, into what it can become, without distracting from or taking away any of the wonderful and unique things that made it so great for the past 59 years. One thing is for certain, times have changed and continue to change. If we do not change with it, we will be left behind. That is not something that I believe any of us want to see happen.

If elected as the next TREA National President, I can promise you complete transparency, full accountability and the true fact that nobody will work harder for the organization, its members and the entire veteran community than I will.

I have had some very amazing people stand with me in my journey and service to TREA. Mentors like TREA PNP, Charlie Flowers, past National Treasurer Edward Cates, who have continued to encourage and advise me all along the way. A great man once told me “keep doing what you are doing – it’s working”. I promised him that I would. That man was TREA PNP, George A. Smith. I know that if he was still here with us, he would be standing beside me cheering me on. I hope that you too, will stand with me, beside me in my efforts to keep TREA strong, relevant and an organization that makes a difference.

Thank you,

Deborah Oelschig