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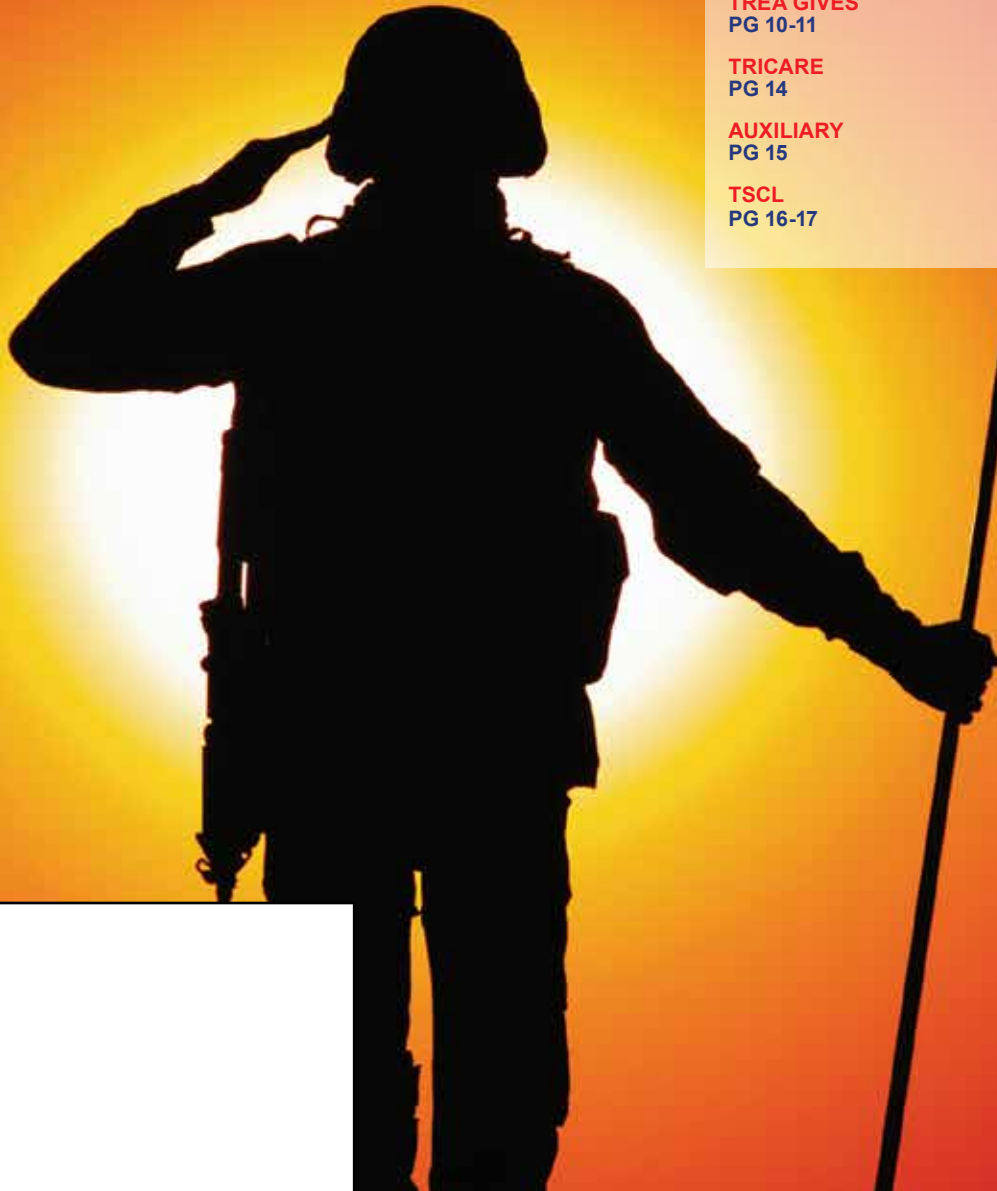
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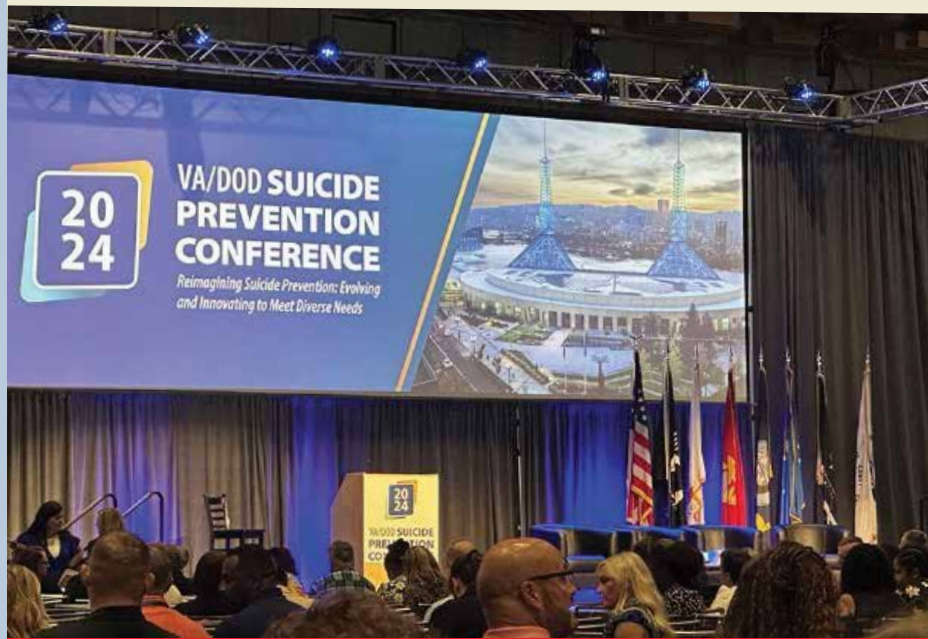
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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Justin Jump, National President



It is with great honor that I message you today, having just been elected as TREA's next National President at our annual membership meeting. There will be many milestones achieved in these upcoming two years as there have been in the past few years. Especially seeing that this election is its first in its kind for a Past-National-President to be elected for a second term.

As was in the past during my first term as TREA National President (2020 – 2022), will be in my next. I will stand firm on my commitment to enhance TREA's legislative advocacy activity and veteran outreach initiatives in holding firm on TREA's mission to protect the earned benefits of those who so bravely served this great country in military uniform. Together, the newly seated board and I are united for the future and betterment of TREA and its benevolence, TREA GIVES. It is our responsibility and duty to honor, support and protect our fellow service members and least forget their voluntary national service.

In focus, these upcoming two years will present challenges, both from inside our organization as well as from outside. It will be difficult for members to understand the extent of this change and its importance for being imperative to our existential existence. These internal changes are a direct result of the external societal shift that all are experiencing in our country today. The shift away from membership/fraternal organizations is undeniable and is being felt by all veteran organizations across the country and globe. TREA is facing these albeit uncomfortable changes, for some, and challenges head-on in preserving and protecting the 61 years of success and legacy. My pledge is to provide the utmost of transparency in this process.

The past leadership of TREA, its vanguard, those women, and men of who made it what it is today deserve nothing less than that we serve our oaths, ensuring TREA's success and that we do not disappear into the annals of history. TREA legacy will remain in service to support and protect service members hard fought for and earned benefits.

Doing this will take effort – yours and mine, but I know that together we can ensure that TREA lives on in history for what we have done in the past (Tricare for Life) and for what we continue to do in the present (Richard Star Act). It will take all of us to make this happen and I know that I can count on you to continue to support our efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin Jump".

UNITED WE STAND



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Garry Turks, National 1st Vice & Chaplain

A new National Board – A new Beginning

Our prayer today is that God will bless the new leaders of TREA. That He will guide their discussions and decisions and lead them in the right direction that will benefit the organization, its members and those we vowed to serve and protect.

As your National Chaplain, I am here for you - to provide comfort and support, encouragement and counseling. I am here to share in your good times and to help bear the weight in your difficult times. If you are in need of Chaplain services, please reach out to me at: chaplain@trea.org, or TREA Headquarters (treahq@trea.org).



Become a Legacy Donor

Our Legacy Donor Program enables you to leave a legacy for future military generations with planned charitable gifts through your will and estate planning. When you leave a bequest to TREA or TREA GIVES in your estate plan, your generosity secures the continued support to enlisted veterans and military members, and their families for years to come.

The military has always been a family, and this is a great way to take care of your brothers/sisters-in-arms. Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.

Donations to both TREA, and TREA GIVES are 100% tax-deductible. The following link has been created to make this process quick and easy.

<http://voice.trea.org/pdfFiles/Legacy-Donor-web-page.pdf>



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2024 – 2026

(As elected at the Annual Membership Meeting held on September 28, 2024)

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Justin Jump

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Garry Turks

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Ron Buatte

Thank you to all the TREA members who voted!

*The second Director position is currently vacant (as of publication). The National Board is reviewing resumes for this position. The new Director will be announced in the February 2025 issue of The VOICE magazine.





WASHINGTON UPDATE

TREA National President, Justin Jump



As lawmakers are poised to return from their October recess on November 12, the final months of the 118th Congress are swiftly coming to an end. Since the 118th began on January 3, 2023, Congress has experienced historic gridlock, ultimately leading to Continuing Resolutions (CRs) to fund the government that will likely carry into 2025.

While Congress has introduced several key pieces of legislation that would improve the lives of enlisted servicemembers, veterans, and their families, very few have been signed into law. As we begin Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and wrap up the 118th Congress and the first term of the Biden-Harris Administration, TREA must continue to ensure our members voices are heard.

Memorial Day 2024

On May 27, 2024, TREA's former National President, Deb Oelschig, was honored to join President Joe Biden, First Lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Second Gentlemen Doug Emhoff, and members of the Presidential Cabinet at an event honoring our nation's fallen servicemembers and Veterans at The White House.

Directly proceeding the event, she joined Executive Director Debbie Osborne to participate in ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, where they heard from President Biden and Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin. After the ceremony, they were honored to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of enlisted servicemembers, Veterans, and their families.

The President's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

On March 11, 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration released the President's Budget for FY 2025. The budget proposed critical resources to help the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continue providing more care and more benefits to Veterans than in previous years. The budget requested \$369.3 billion for VA care and services, a \$33 billion (+10%) increase above the FY 2024 Budget estimate level, including a discretionary funding request of \$134.0 billion and a mandatory request of \$235.3 billion. Most notably, the proposal includes \$24.5 billion from the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF), for a total increase of \$41.8 billion (21.6%) above fiscal year 2024.

At VA, the proposed Budget aims to expand health care and benefits for Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving our country, support the delivery of health care for Veterans across America, prioritize mental health care and suicide prevention for Veterans, support health care for women Veterans, bolster efforts to end Veteran homelessness, and invest in claims processing and benefits delivery for Veterans. To date, Congress has already appropriated the vast majority of the FY 2025 funding for VA and will now start to consider an advanced request for FY 2026.

As the FY 2024 appropriations process continues into the new year via Continuing Resolutions (CRs), TREA will continue to engage the White House, VA, and Congress to ensure our priorities are heard, included, and properly funded.



United States Congress

As the 118th Congress enters its final months amid a Presidential election, Members of Congress and their staff are continuing to scramble to fund the government by way of Continuing Resolutions as noted above. The most recent deal has funded the government through December 20, 2024, which included roughly \$1.1 trillion in funding for the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, Treasury, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. As the deadline quickly approaches, Congress is currently in negotiations to pass another CR to avoid a government shut-down. Despite their “kicking the can down the road” approach to FY 2024 funding, TREA has urged and will continue to push Congress to fully fund the government before the new year.

Key Legislation

Since August of 2023, the House and Senate Committees on Veterans’ Affairs have agreed on text for an “omnibus” spending package that includes a host of TREA’s priorities, known as “The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act.” This comprehensive package includes a number of bipartisan, TREA backed proposals that would enhance and reform the delivery of benefits and care at VA, including:

- The Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act
- The HOME Act
- VA Community Care Program Enhancements
- The Revised Electronic Healthcare Record Modernization Reset Act
- Funding the VET-TEC Education Program
- Modernizing USERRA Protections
- Cutting “Red-Tape” for Student Veterans Using The G.I. Bill
- Funding a Grant Program for County Veteran Service Officers
- Modernizing DBQ Act

The total score or “cost” the Congressional Budget Office has given the package is over \$11 billion, which has led to further negotiations to find offsets. However, partisan gridlock has halted the progress of the package, likely until after the elections in November. TREA is hopeful the package will reach the floor before 2025, however, we will continue to monitor the progress of the package and urge Congress to pass it without delay.

Key Legislation

In March, TREA proudly stood with members of The Military Coalition on Capitol Hill in support of S. 344 / H.R. 1282, The Major Richard Star Act, to urge Congress to include the bill in the baseline text of the FY 2025 NDAA.

Under current law, servicemembers who are medically retired due to combat-related injuries before reaching 20 years of service are prevented from collecting both their service earned retirement pay and VA disability compensation. These two benefits, established by Congress for entirely different reasons, are nonetheless subject to a statutory offset. The Major Richard Star Act will authorize concurrent receipt of DoD retired pay, for years of service, and VA disability compensation for injuries incurred in service. This legislation is another small step in correcting a larger concurrent receipt problem.





Since its re-introduction in the 118th Congress, TREA has worked hard to ensure the Major Richard Star Act has gained support on Capitol Hill, aiding efforts to secure 73 cosponsors in the Senate, and 326 cosponsors in the House, securing the majority of both chambers' support for this critical legislation.

TREA will continue to urge Congress to pass S. 344 / H.R. 1282 - The Major Richard Star Act in the FY 2025 NDAA this calendar year, and recently signed onto a letter with The Military Coalition urging Senate leadership to consider Senator Crapo's amendment to include it in the defense measure or in a manager's mark.

Key Legislation

Other key pieces of legislation that passed out of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs in FY 2024 include:

- H.R. 5938, Veterans Exam Expansion Act
- H.R. 5890, Every Veterans Claim Act
- H.R. 3722, Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act
- H.R. 1753, Jax Act
- H.R. 522, Deliver for Veterans Act
- H.R. 3738, To establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration
- H.R. 5914, To improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- H.R. 5785, Edith Nourse Rodger's STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act
- H.R. 3790, Justice for ALS Veterans Act
- H.R. 4016, Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act
- H.R. 4190, Restoring Benefits to Defrauded Veterans Act

These bills seek to improve the Transition Assistance Program (TAP), the delivery of education benefits to student Veterans, fix the survivor benefits process for Veterans living with ALS and their caregivers, and to modernize the overall disability claims process.

Communications

TREA has several social media platforms we use in order to keep in touch with our members and highlight our legislative and programmatic efforts, including our VoterVoice platform, including Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Please make sure you are following each account!



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TREA GIVES

Deb Oelschig, TREA GIVES Chairperson

What an amazing year 2024 is proving to be for TREA GIVES. The year is not over yet, but I want to give you an update on where we are and all that we accomplished in the past 11 months.

We started the year with big plans – to grow and to help more military members, veterans, and their families. We accomplished that. Since January 1024, we have received twenty-two applications for assistance. Out of those applications, we:

- Helped two applicants with housing.
- Ensured that three families could buy food.
- Provided financial counseling for three families to help them manage their expenses.



We are proud to announce that we committed to sponsoring another veteran/service dog team through a partnership with K9s for Warriors. And we attended the VA/DoD Veteran Suicide Prevention Conference in Oregon. This was the first step in getting TREA GIVES to become a nationally recognized veteran suicide resource.

To help promote our 'Halt the Hunger' program, we were on-site at a Denver Veteran Standdown with 150 bags of non-perishable food bags. Each bag contained: a tuna & cracker snack pack, a Slim Jim, a granola bar, raisins, a peanut butter snack pack, gummy fruit snacks and a cookie. Everyone loved them. We are set to attend another event, this time down in Colorado Springs. If you know of an event in your area where TREA GIVES could be present, please let TREA HQ know, and they will work to make it happen. Our goal is to attend events throughout the country. (treahq@trea.org)



We are gearing up for our Thanksgiving Basket and Holiday Program – if you know of a military or veteran family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving basket or help through the holidays, please let TREA HQ know. Most of our families come pre-vetted through Soldier's Angels or Family Readiness Centers on military installations, but we are always open to recommendations from our members. Help us help them.



The question I want to address is how we process the applications. As you know, we endure a rigorous financial audit every year and we must prove to our auditor that we are using the donated funds that we receive properly and in accordance with the donor's wishes. To ensure that we meet this fiduciary responsibility, the entire TREA GIVES Board of Trustees is engaged in the review and approval process. It requires at least three positive votes for



TREA GIVES (CONTINUED)



the application to be approved. Every applicant must submit their income & expenses (with documented proof), the reason for their situation and what steps they are taking to fix the problem. Our program was created to help with true financial emergencies, such as: sickness, injury, loss of job, catastrophic event, and in some cases, simply not making enough money to pay their bills and facing eviction or utility shut off. Our program is not set up to provide funds to enable the continuation of irresponsible spending. We do, in these cases, offer financial counseling. We sometimes get applications that do not meet our criteria, such as high incomes, non-essential spending, or dishonorable discharges. These

applications are not approved. This year, so far, we have had eight of these.

Applications sometimes come in without supporting documentation (no income or expense verification). We work closely with the applicants to assist them in providing the necessary paperwork. Sometimes, the applicant decides not to pursue the entire process, and their application is considered incomplete and filed away in our system. So far this year we have had six of these applications. Every application, whether approved, disapproved, or incomplete, are kept indefinitely in our system.

TAKING THE OATH

Swearing in TREA's new Board and TREA GIVES Trustee



New Board Members: Justin Jump - President, Doug Osborne - 2nd Vice, Kyle Carpenter - Treasurer, Ron Buatte - Director, Brian Anderson - TREA GIVES Trustee





TREA GIVES FLAGSHIP DONORS

Special Thanks to those who have generously supported the TREA GIVES program with their 'Flagship' Donation. (donations of \$1,500 or more). These donations enable us to continue our programs; like our service dog partnership, 'Halt the Hunger' Thanksgiving & Holiday and emergency financial assistance. These programs have provided support, encouragement and assistance to hundreds of veterans, active-duty service members and their families.

Rick & Pat Delaney

Donald Epperly

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Robert Hummel

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Doug & Debbie Osborne

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Donald Strazer

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APPROVED BYLAWS & STANDING RULES

Kyle Carpenter, BLSR Committee Chairman

At the 2024 Annual membership Meeting, held in Denver on September 28, 2024, the following Bylaws & Standing Rules were approved by the membership (by mail-in and electronic voting).

They became effective immediately upon closure of the meeting.

Article I – Allowing ‘TREA: The Enlisted Association’ to be used as our official name IN ADDITION to ‘The Retired Enlisted Association’

Article III, Section 1 – Clarifies spouse membership. Only spouses married to the service-member/veteran during active duty can become a TREA member. Spouse members are not eligible to run for National Office.

Article III, Section 1 – Adds Emeritus membership for fully retired members with over 15 years of TREA membership

Article III, Section 7 – Clarifies TREA’s National Expulsion/suspension process

Article IX, Section 2 (a, b) – Defines qualifications for National President and Vice Presidents

Article XVI – Provides directives to chapters for their funds when/if their chapter dissolves

Article XVII – Changes the names from ‘Chapters’ to ‘Chapter & Action Teams’

Article XVII – Modifies the dissolution process for National

Standing Rules

Rule 8 (a), appendix 1,4 – Eliminate JROTC award

Rule 8 (2a) – Changes the dress colors to reflect current conditions

Rule 8, (2a) PNP Name Tag change (old one grandfathered in, but is no longer available)

Rule 8 (2a) PNP ring changes

Rule 8 (2a) adds options to TREA uniform

Rule 9 – adds ‘Action Teams’ to the name

Rule 14 – Adds Strategic Planning Process





Understanding the New TRICARE Contract Region Changes

Starting on Jan. 1, 2025



West Region Contractor Change

TriWest Healthcare Alliance will replace Health Net Federal Services, LLC.



Six States Shifting to West Region

Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin move from the East to West.



East Region Contractor

Humana Military remains the contractor.

West Region



Six States Moving From the East to the West



East Region



⚠ What you need to do:

- Confirm your information in DEERS
- If you pay enrollment or premium payments by credit card or bank transfer, you will need to transfer your payment information by Dec. 31, 2024
- Check if your providers are in the TriWest network starting Nov. 2, 2024

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In the East Region, Humana Military will remain the contractor. In the West Region, TriWest Healthcare Alliance will replace Health Net Federal Services.

Important actions for you to take:

- Before Oct. 25, check your DMDC/DEERS account to confirm that your information is current.
- If you're in the West Region, or in a state above that's moving to the West Region:
 - Update your payment information with TriWest if you pay by credit card or bank transfer.
 - Check if your providers are in the TriWest network (available at tricare.mil/west starting Nov. 11).
- Sign up for [email alerts](#) to get news about the new TRICARE T-5 contract.

From Oct. 25 to Oct. 27 there will be scheduled enrollment freeze for all beneficiaries.

To call your regional contractor

- East Region: Humana Military 800-444-4554
- West Region (including 6 states moving to West Region):
 - TriWest Healthcare Alliance – Call center available after Nov. 11 for Open Season changes
 - Health Net Federal Services 844-866-9378 (for changes not related to Open Season)



FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Audrey McCray



I extend my sincerest appreciation to all PNP members, board members, and attendees for their presence at the 2024 Annual Business Meeting held at Chapter #3, 1599 Dayton Street, Aurora, Colorado 80010, on September 17th and 18th, 2024. We are on the right track, and I am grateful for your trust in me as your President for another year. Thank you for your support.

As we approach the holiday season and the end of 2024, let us do so with a heart full of love and true humility for our fellow human beings. All things come from God, and we are blessed by His hands. This is His directive to us to share our blessings with those around us, giving freely and without expectation of return. Let us do good deeds without seeking recognition or thanks, simply because this is the right thing to do. By doing so, we can make a positive impact on our own lives and the lives of those around us.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW TREA NATIONAL AUXILIARY BOARD 2024-2026

President – Audrey H McCray (1 year) - All committees
Vice President – Sheldria Wallace - All committees
Treasurer - Peggy Carlson - Finance
Director -Reta Ward (1 year) – Bylaws
Director – Rose Milon - Scholarship/Membership
Director- Ruby Smoots Harris - Bylaws
Secretary – Maria Savcedo (appointed)
Parliamentarian -Mary Howard (appointed) Chaplain
APNP - Renee Keener

In conclusion, each of you will carry a significant responsibility, and each will contribute uniquely to the Auxiliary's growth. We will persist in being charitable and making community contributions. As a collective, we are stronger than we are individually. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

UNITED WE STAND

Audrey McCray, TREA National Auxiliary President



The Senior Citizens League (TSCL) is an affiliate of TREA: The Enlisted Association (TREA), governed by TREA members and consists of hundreds of thousands of active senior citizens concerned about the protection of their Social Security and Medicare benefits.

CHANGES COMING TO YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE SERVICES

Did you create your Social Security online account before September 18, 2021? Do you sign in to access your benefits with a “My Social Security” account? If so, it’s essential that you go online and update your account to maintain access to your online services before a new Social Security Administration (SSA) change takes effect.

This Summer, the Social Security Administration announced that beneficiaries will soon be required to use a new portal to access its online services, such as viewing benefits statements, managing direct deposits, and printing tax forms. The new login service is called Login.gov, and it is designed to provide you with a single login across all government services. The change will also improve your account’s security, says the SSA.

Making the transition from “My Social Security” to Login.gov is easy! You only need to change your existing online account, and you won’t need to open a new one.

Here’s how to make the change:

Step 1: Sign In to Your Legacy Account

To get started, open your web browser and go to www.SSA.gov. There, you should see a button that says “Sign In” in the top-right corner of the page. Click it. From there, if you don’t already have a Login.gov account, you’ll need to click the button that says, “Sign in with Social Security Username,” enter your existing username and password, and select “Sign In.”

The next screen will show you the phone number you registered with your account and ask if you still have access to it. If you can access this number and click yes, you’ll receive a text with a security code to enter on the next screen to continue the login process.

Step 2: Create Your Login.gov Account

Once you’re finished signing in, your screen will automatically show you a prompt that says, “Create or Sign in with Login.gov.” Go ahead and click it. This will take you to a new page that asks for your email and preferred language.

Once you complete the form to create your Login.gov account, you’ll receive an email confirmation to complete the process. Look for a message with the subject “Confirm Your Email,” open it, and click the “Confirm Your Email Address” button inside.



Step 3: Choose a New Password

Once you confirm your email, you'll be directed to a web page to create a new password for Login.gov. The password must be at least 12 characters long.

Step 4: Set Up Authentication

One of the big changes with Login.gov is that it requires two-factor authentication, which is basically a process that confirms that you are who you say you are when you access online services. You'll have to choose how you want to do this—through a phone number, an app, or some other method.

If you choose to use your phone, you'll register your phone number and specify whether you want to receive a call or text to confirm your identity when you sign in. Click the "Send Code" button, and then you'll receive a call or text with a security code you can enter on the next screen.

Now you're all set. You'll just have to click a button that says you agree to share your information with SSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO TREA!

~ 2022 – 2024 Outgoing Board ~



Outgoing Board Members with Executive Director Osborne (L-R): Walt Coley – Outgoing 1st Vice, Butch Liebaert – Outgoing Director, Justin Jump - Outgoing 2nd Vice, Debbie Osborne - Executive Director, Deb Oelschig – Outgoing President, Kyle Carpenter - Treasurer, Doug Osborne – Outgoing Director





VA PACT ACT DASHBOARD



Making a Difference Through the PACT Act

The passage of the PACT ACT marked a transformative step in addressing care gaps Veterans were facing after returning home. Since August 2022, 5.6 million Veterans have been screened for toxic exposures, and more than 740,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care.

Expanding Benefits



1,236,237

Total PACT Act Claims Approved
(08/10/2022–09/14/2024)



1,654,299

Cumulative Total PACT Related Claims Completed
(08/10/2022–09/14/2024)



168.4

Average Days for PACT Act Related Claim Completion
(09/14/2024)



74.7%

Approval Rate for PACT Act Related Claims
(09/14/2024)



36.8%

PACT Act Related Claims Completed ≤125 days
(09/14/2024)

Expanding Care

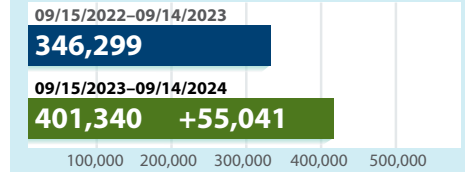


350,204

New Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population
(08/10/2022–09/14/2024)



Total New VHA Enrollees: (through 09/14/2024)



91.8%

VA Health Care 90-Day Trust Score
(06/17/2024–09/15/2024)

PACT Act Claims Submission Methods



27.8%

PACT Act Claims Electronically Submitted
(08/10/2022–09/14/2024)

92.1%

Electronic Claims Submitted by Veterans

7.9%

Electronic Claims Submitted by Power of Attorney



72.2%

PACT Act Claims Submitted by Mail
(08/10/2022–09/14/2024)

85.2%

Mailed Claims Submitted with a Power of Attorney on File with VA

Care Experience



5,788,961

Total Toxic Exposure Screenings
(09/06/2022–09/14/2024)



2,624,436 (45.34%)

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed at least 1 Potential Exposure



540,588 (9.34%)

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed more than 1 Potential Exposure



2,083,848 (36.00%)

Toxic Exposure Screenings where Veterans Endorsed exactly 1 Potential Exposure



350,204

New Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population
(08/10/2022–09/14/2024)

66%

New Enrollees in Priority Groups 1, 2, or 3 (percentage based on the Planning Population)



171,713

Total New Enrollees under a PACT Act Enrollment Authority since 08/10/2022



4,087,796

Current Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population
(as of 09/14/2024)

Priority Group (PG) Change Increases for All VHA Enrollees
(10/01/2022–09/14/2024)



304,054

PG 4-8 to PG 1-3



347,884

PG 1-3



173,151

PG 7-8 to PG 6



Top 5 Most Frequent Conditions on PACT Act Related Claims

(As of 09/14/2024)

Condition	Number of Claims	Number of Issues	Percent Granted	Percent Denied
Hypertensive Vascular Disease	414,790	421,794	68%	32%
Allergic Rhinitis	286,182	290,581	78%	22%
Maxillary Sinusitis	140,904	142,070	52%	48%
Bronchial Asthma	134,710	137,250	46%	54%
Chronic Bronchitis	78,325	80,466	22%	78%

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- **Membership:** Any honorably discharged enlisted person – retired, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, shall be eligible for membership. Spouses/widows/widowers of an honorably discharged enlisted person - retired, active duty, National Guard or Reserve who were married during active duty time are also eligible for membership. Membership entitles the person to all privileges of membership including attending business meetings, making motions and holding office. Spouse members are not eligible to hold National positions.

New Member Renewal Membership Number: _____

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Spouse: _____ Your Grade/Rank: _____ Years Served: from _____ to _____

Recruiter Information: Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Chapter Affiliation: I wish to be assigned to Chapter # _____, I wish to be a Member-at Large (MAL)

Service: Air Force Army Navy Marines Space Force Coast Guard Guard/Reserve

I am : Retired a Veteran Active Duty a spouse/widow/widower, married during active duty time

By submitting payment, I acknowledge that I am an Enlisted U.S. Armed Forces Veteran and as such qualify to be a member of TREA: The Enlisted Association (if joining as a veteran spouse/widow/widower, your payment acknowledges the veteran status of your spouse and that you were married during active military time). ***Proof of eligibility falls on the applicant and not TREA.***

I agree to abide by the TREA National Bylaws & Standing Rules as written. X _____

Membership Dues (Does not include Chapter dues, if applicable)

- One Year - \$30
 Two Years - \$55
 Three Years - \$75

Payment:

Visa
 Master Card
 Discover
 American Express

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CCV: _____

Make checks payable to: TREA)

Please return your completed application to:

TREA: The Enlisted Association - 12200 E. Briarwood Ave, Suite 170 - Centennial, CO 80112

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