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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Deb Oelschig, National President



You will be receiving this issue of *The VOICE of the Enlisted* as we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day. A day set aside to remember, honor and show respect for those who lost their lives while defending our great country. It's staggering to think that more than 1,311,784 lives have been lost in the self-less act of defending our freedom since 1775. We all love these United States - that is why we joined the service - to protect it. Regardless of your opinion on the current state of the countries finances, foreign policy, leadership or immigration; it is my sincerest hope that we can all come together, as the soldiers/sailors/airman/marines/guardsmen and reservists that we were (and still are in our hearts) to push forward and promote fairness and solidarity for our country, our families and our future. Divided we are weak, together we are strong. On Memorial Day, May 27, lets take a moment to remember all those lives lost in, and as a result of, military service, and the families that they left behind, and be forever grateful that we are still here to continue their fight. I will be at Arlington National Cemetery offering my respect and gratitude on behalf of every TREA member and I thank you for the amazing privilege to be able to do so.

I hope you read through this magazine, there is a lot of good information that we are happy to share with you - from our Legislative Advocacy Activity, to TREA GIVES new service dog-in-training. We have been front and center in supporting and protecting YOUR earned benefits from your time in service for the last 61 years, and we are not going to stop! This year is a pivotal year for the TREA National Board as all 7 positions are up for election. I do hope to continue my support of TREA's mission in whatever capacity that ends up being, as there is still much to do in Washington and with our benevolent program (TREA GIVES). I encourage all of you to get involved with what we do - join a committee, run for a national position, send in a letter of support, or, let us know what you would like us to do. TREA is your organization and the National board works for you, the membership. We really would like to hear from you. There is a member survey on our website - it's easy, it's free and it will make a difference.

We are here for all enlisted who served: past, present & future - please consider joining us in our fight.

Deborah Oelschig
National President

UNITED WE STAND



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Garry Turks, National 3rd Vice & Chaplain

Faith... or ... Belief

Faith and belief are often used confused with each other and used interchangeably, but they are not the same. Belief is a strong opinion about an idea, often derived from what you read, hear or see. Beliefs often change over time as you grow and learn new things. Faith is not something that your start and build on; faith is given to you by God. Faith is not without doubts and questions, but it remains intact. We can grow in our faith, using the foundation that never changes.

Hebrews 11:1 says "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Faith does not mean that you have all the answers or that you do not have worries. Faith is being able to trust God for what He has promised in His Word.

I pray that you grow in your faith and that it allows you to trust in the Lord in every situation and every circumstance.



ADDRESS CHANGE

Please note the new address for
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INTRODUCING TREA GIVES NEWEST SERVICE DOG – ‘SKONCE’



TREA GIVES is very excited and proud to announce it's newest service dog. Named in honor and memory of TREA co-founder, George Skonce, 'Skonce' will be trained to provide support and assistant to his veteran partner.

Skonce was given a second chance at life and is a rescue from the San Antonio, TX Metropolitan area. He is a Terrier/Brindle mix, and, as you can see, has beautiful brown eyes. He is currently in training and learning the ropes on how to be a significant and valuable life asset to a worthy and deserving veteran.

Skonce is a product of K9s for Warriors, whom TREA GIVES partnered with to provide a deserving veteran with life-changing canine support. TREA GIVES strongly believes in the mission of K9s for Warriors, which is to end Veteran suicide. K9s For Warriors is the nation's largest provider of trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the

majority of dogs being rescues, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery. This treatment method is backed by scientific research from University of Arizona's OHAIRE Lab demonstrating Service Dogs' ability to help mitigate their Veteran's symptoms of PTSD while simultaneously restoring their confidence and independence. Founded in 2011, K9s For Warriors remains committed to bringing widespread awareness to veterans' mental health and contributing to policy-level reform. The organization's facilities include: K9s For Warriors Shari Duval National Headquarters (Ponte Vedra, FL), Davis Family Mega Kennel (Ponte Vedra, FL), Petco Love K9 Center (San Antonio, Texas), and the Warrior Ranch (in Helotes, Texas).

Keep checking the TREA website and future issues of The VOICE magazine for more information and updates on Skonce's training and upcoming graduation.



Skonce with his K-9 Trainer

“Service dogs show us that it is not our disabilities that define us, but our abilities to overcome them” - Unknown



WASHINGTON UPDATE

Deb Oelschig, TREA National President

The President's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

On March 7, 2024, President Joe Biden delivered his final State of the Union Address of his 2020-2024 term to a joint session of Congress amid delayed appropriations from FY 2024. The following week on March 11, 2024, the Biden-Harris Administration released the President's Budget for FY 2025. As the President highlighted in his speech, the budget proposes 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.

As a key pillar of his Unity Agenda, the President's Budget requests \$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 will aim 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.

As the FY 2025 appropriations process begins, TREA will continue to engage the White House, VA, and Congress to ensure your priorities are heard, included, and properly funded.

118th Congress

As the 118th Congress enters its final calendar year ahead of a Presidential election, Members of Congress and their staff are still scrambling to fund the government by way of Continuing Resolutions and, at times, "handshake deals." The recent deal funds the government through September 30, 2024, and includes roughly \$1.1 trillion in funding for the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, State, Treasury, Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. 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 in FY 2024 before beginning the FY 2025 appropriations process.

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act

Since August of 2024, 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:

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- 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. TREA will continue to monitor the progress of the legislative package and urge Congress to pass it without delay.

The Major Richard Star Act

On Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 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 FY25 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





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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. Despite the majority of both chambers supporting this critical legislation, we need your help to get the bill across the finish line.

TREA is requesting that Members of Congress ensure S. 344 / H.R. 1282 - The Major Richard Star Act, will be incorporated into the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Please consider contacting your Representatives to provide our combat-injured veterans with the compensation they have rightfully earned by visiting the following link <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Social Media

TREA has several social media platforms we use in order to keep in touch with our members and highlight our legislative and programmatic efforts. If you are on Facebook, LinkedIn, or Twitter, make sure you are following along.

NATIONAL CEMETERY BURIAL ELIGIBILITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

On September 1, 1973, VA became steward of the 112-year-old National Cemetery System, the forerunner of the National Cemetery Administration (NCA). Today, NCA (www.cem.va.gov) manages 155 national cemeteries in the United States and provides grant-funding to 122 state, territory and tribal Veterans cemeteries. Over 4.1 million Veterans of every conflict—from the Revolutionary War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—are honored by burial in these cemeteries.

NCA has assisted millions of Veterans and their families in scheduling and arranging for burial at national cemeteries for themselves and their spouses. In 2016, NCA developed a Pre-Need Eligibility application to assist families with burial planning. No longer do Veterans or spouses need to wait until the time of death to find out if they are eligible for burial in a national cemetery or for memorial benefits such as a headstone, flat marker, or bronze medallion for use in private cemeteries.

In FY 2023, 55,374 Pre-Need applications were approved. There were 139,360 interments in national cemeteries and 33,556 headstones and markers provided for burial in private cemeteries. Pre-Need applications require the Veteran's social security number, date/place of birth, military status and service history such as service dates, discharge character, and rank—information commonly found on the DD214 or other separation documents. If you do not have discharge documents, NCA staff will help obtain the information needed to determine eligibility. Applicants can apply: online at www.va.gov/burials-memorials/pre-need-eligibility/, via mail or fax using this form www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-40-10007/, or simply search for "NCA Pre Need" on the internet.

If you have questions about future burial needs for yourself or a living dependent of a Veteran, or you need assistance with the submitting an application, please call 800-535-1117 and press 4. NCA's Scheduling Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm EST and Saturday 9:00am to 5:30pm EST except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Telecommunications Relay Services or TTY available at 711.

BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES COMMITTEE IS MEETING SOON

Walt Coley, National 1st Vice & Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee Chairman



Your Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee will soon be meeting to review and evaluate proposed changes to our National Rules. These rules affect all members of our organization. The review process is as follows. TREA members propose changes which are submitted to TREAHQ@trea.org or me, the committee chair at 1stvice@trea.org. The Chairman circulates the proposals to the committee, and we meet soon after to discuss proposed changes. The changes are reviewed for consistency with existing rules and then approved or rejected by the committee. Both approved and rejected proposals are submitted to your National Board of Directors at mid-term. If your board approves the change, it is forwarded to you, the membership, for final approval through the voting system. All members have to opportunity to approve the changes, which once accepted by you the membership, become the law of the organization.

These changes should be compared against the chapter bylaws to see if any changes are required there.

If you have changes to submit, get them in as soon as possible. Why? Because when they reach us determine the votes needed to pass! Article 14 (Amendment of Bylaws and Rules), section 1, contains those dates. The first date, March 31, has already passed.



EXCHANGE

The Home Depot – Now at the Exchange

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is working to make its lifetime shopping benefit for retirees and other military shoppers even more valuable with the addition of top brands.

In recent years, the Exchange has welcomed Old Navy, Gap, Athleta and Sunglass Hut to many PXs/BXs and ShopMyExchange.com. In 2023, the Exchange partnered with another industry-leading brand: The Home Depot.

Military retirees in the continental United States; Oahu, Hawaii; and Puerto Rico can now purchase major appliances tax-free from The Home Depot and schedule best-in-class delivery and installation through the Exchange partnership. Major appliances available for purchase include washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, over-the-counter/built-in microwaves, ranges, cooktops, ovens and hoods. Orders are fulfilled by The Home Depot, which also handles customer service for all deliveries and installations.

Adding brand partners like The Home Depot is a great Quality-of-Life enhancement for military retirees and all Exchange shoppers. Through the partnership, the Exchange provides a significantly expanded selection of major appliances while leveraging The Home Depot's existing capabilities to provide efficient and dependable delivery.

Shoppers can find The Home Depot's branded online page at ShopMyExchange.com/homedepot. While all orders will be placed online, shoppers can visit major appliance showrooms from The Home Depot at 68 Exchanges. The showrooms allow shoppers to view the appliances in person before purchasing. Associates can assist with any questions as well as with the placing of orders.

The Exchange is all in to provide the products our heroes need, whether they are newly enlisted or retirees. It is an honor for the Exchange to serve the best customers in the world.



AUXILIARY



FROM THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY PRESIDENT -

Audrey McCray

Greeting National Auxiliary,

Greeting to all, my term is almost over. As I sit in the Mile High City today enjoying this spring snowstorm and the 10 plus inches of snow, I hope the weather is great wherever you are.

This year the Annual Business meeting will be held at Chapter #3, on September 17th and 18th, 2024. All members that attend will be responsible (for their own arrangements, travel, lodging, and hotel accommodations, as well as any additional days you plan to stay). The Auxiliary encourages all members to please come out and support your Auxiliary, without your attendance there is no Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will provide continental breakfast and lunch at no charge. During the evening of September 18th, 2024, there will be an Installation Dinner, in the Banquet Hall of Chapter #3. You are welcomed and encouraged to reserve your attendance for your spouse or significant other to join us for dinner. For questions, concerns, or further details please contact President McCray mccraya@aol.com. Remember this is an Election year, if you are interested feel open to express your desire. As I have stated earlier in this article, this is an Election year for our Auxiliary BOD. This is a time for us to make a difference in the future of the Auxiliary. A Call for Resumes and Letters was sent out to all our Chapter Presidents, and PNP's, to share with their members and to pass along to all friends who may be MAL's (Members at Large) the following positions will be vacant; President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Director (3). You do not have to be a member of a Chapter; we would love to have Members at Large serve on the BOD. I encourage everyone to please consider running for an office.

Hope to see some or all of you at the Annual Business meeting in Denver September 17 & 18.

Peace and Blessing, Audrey H. McCray
Auxiliary National President United We Stand



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN

Barbara Coley

In life, it is easy to get caught up in the challenges and setbacks we encounter. Adopting a mindset that believes the best is yet to come can be a powerful tool for personal growth and happiness. When we have a positive outlook and trust in the future, we will open ourselves to a world of possibilities. Believing that the best is yet to come is about having faith in our own potential and the opportunities that lie ahead. It is recognizing that our past does not define our future and that every day holds the potential for new beginnings. By focusing on the present visualizing your desired future, practicing gratitude, and surrounding ourselves with supportive and like-minded individuals also will play a significant role. From this you can create a life filled with growth, joy, and fulfillment. Embrace the belief that the best is yet to come and watch as your life unfolds in ways beyond your imagination. God's blessings to each and everyone.

Barbara Coley, TREA National Auxiliary Chaplain & Past National 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.

THE IMPACT OF PROPOSED COLA CUTS ON OLDER AMERICANS, MILITARY RETIREES, AND VETERANS

Ed Cates, TSCL Chairman

TSCL's unwavering commitment to advocating for legislation that enhances benefits for older Americans is mirrored by our steadfast opposition to any proposals that seek to diminish these benefits.

Military retired pay is adjusted for inflation by law (10 U.S.C. §1401a). Congress hasn't changed the Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) formula since 1995. However, policymakers often discuss adjusting COLAs to lower costs and payments to retirees.

While COLA to VA disability benefit amounts usually occurred yearly, it was not guaranteed. Each year, Congress had to pass a new bill to increase benefits the following year, and the President had to sign it into law.

That changed last year with the passage of The Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2023. The law directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide a COLA for Veteran's benefits equal to the COLA applied to Social Security benefits annually.

Over the past three decades, TSCL has seen and doggedly opposed numerous legislative bills that would cut benefits for retirees and veterans. Almost all these plans shared one key element: cuts to the COLA.

The most frequently proposed COLA reduction proposal is transitioning the inflation index to a slower-growing 'chained' Consumer Price Index (CPI). This change could significantly impact the COLA system, potentially leading to fewer or smaller benefit increases for retirees and veterans.

The Chained CPI, unlike the CPI-W, incorporates a crucial difference: substitution. It accounts for the likelihood of consumers switching to cheaper alternatives if prices rise significantly. For example, consumers will switch to margarine if butter prices rise significantly. If the cost of brand-name cereals rises significantly, consumers will switch to store brands, etc.

A recent TSCL analysis compared the COLA increases from 2015 to 2024 with hypothetical increases using the Chained CPI. For instance, a \$1,294 starting monthly benefit in 2014 would reach \$1,692.20 in 2024 under current rules. However, with the Chained CPI, it would only amount to \$1,653.10, a difference of about \$39 per month and a total income reduction of about \$1,808 since 2015. This analysis emphasizes the critical impact of our advocacy work.

The difference may seem minor initially, but the impact accumulates significantly over time due to compounding.

TSCL remains dedicated to advocating for the protection and enhancement of cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for senior citizens, military retirees, and veterans.

To learn more about The Senior Citizens League and our work, please visit www.SeniorsLeague.org.



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VA PRESS RELEASES

NEWS RELEASES

400,000+ Veterans enrolled in VA health care over past 365 days, 30% increase over last year
Mar 29, 2024 10:00 am

The Department of Veterans Affairs has enrolled 401,006 Veterans in VA health care over the past 365 days — 30% more than the 307,831 it enrolled the previous year. This is the most yearly enrollees in at least the past five years at VA, and nearly a 50% increase over pandemic-level enrollment in 2020.

NEWS RELEASES

VA opens new osteoarthritis research center at Philadelphia VA Medical Center
Mar 27, 2024 10:30 am

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the opening of the Cartilage Regeneration using Advanced Technologies to Enable Motion Center — the CReATE Motion Center — at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center.

PRESS CONFERENCES

VA Secretary press conference March 26, 2024
Mar 26, 2024 2:00 pm

Terrence Hayes (VA Press Secretary): Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. It's great to see you all again. Today we have Under Secretary for Health, Dr. Shereef Elnahal and VA Boston Health-care

System Chief of Staff, Michael Charness, joining Secretary McDonough to share how we have expanded access to care across the nation.

NEWS RELEASES

VA increases access to health care for thousands of Veterans through nationwide access sprints
Mar 26, 2024 2:00 pm

The Department of Veterans Affairs has made it easier and faster for Veterans to access VA health care nationwide through VA's Access Sprints — an initiative to expand access to care by offering night and weekend clinics, increasing the number of Veterans scheduled into daily clinic schedules, and more.



The PACT Act is perhaps the largest health care and benefits expansion in VA history. Below are just some of the measured impacts of the PACT Act in terms of its expansion of health care and benefits.

Top 5 Most Frequent Conditions on PACT Act Related Claims				
Condition	# of Claims	# of Issues	% Granted	% Denied
Hypertensive Vascular Disease	301,919	306,552	72	28
Allergic Rhinitis	202,579	205,672	80	20
Maxillary Sinusitis	99,590	100,377	52	48
Bronchial Asthma	94,524	86,232	48	52
Chronic Bronchitis	54,038	55,428	23	77

Data Analysis (8/10/2022 - 3/24/2024)

Current Enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population	4,015,580
New enrollees in the PACT Act Planning Population	278,155
Cumulative Total PACT Related Claims Submitted	1,513,053
Cumulative Total PACT Related Claims Completed	1,149,438
Total PACT Act Claims Approved	862,818
Approval Rate for PACT Act Related Claims	75.10%
Total Pending PACT Act Related Claims	429,776
Average Days Pending for PACT Act Related Claims	140.9
Total Pending Non-PACT Act Related Claims	549,432
Average Days Pending for Non-PACT Act Related Claims	103.1
PACT Act Claims Submitted Electronically	28.80%
Electronic Claims Submitted by Veterans	91.80%
Electronic Claims Submitted by Power of Attorney	8.20%
PACT Act Claims Submitted by Mail	71.20%
Mailed Claims Submitted with a Power of Attorney	85.30%

Total Toxic Exposure Screenings (9/6/2022 - 3/24/2024) 5,342,943

PACT Act Website Activity (8/10/2022 - 3/24/2024)

Total Page Views	23,316,604
Total Clicks on Call to Action to File a Disability Claim Online	969.857
Total Clicks on Call to Action to Enroll in Health Care	211,391

VA.gov/PACT



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- **Membership:** Any honorably discharged enlisted person – retired, active duty, National Guard or Reserve, or the spouse/widow/widower of an honorably discharged enlisted person - retired, active duty, National Guard or Reserve shall be eligible for membership. Membership entitles the person to all privileges of membership including attending business meetings, making motions and holding office.

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 Veteran Active Duty Spouse/widow/widower of a veteran

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).

Proof of eligibility falls on the applicant and not TREA.

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

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- One Year - \$30
 Two Years - \$55
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Need a helping hand?

Our 'TREA GIVES' program can help. This program is set up to help enlisted retirees/veterans/active duty and their families in times of need by providing:

Benevolent funds

- Financial assistance during death in family
- Help with mortgage/rent/food/utilities and other necessary bills

Disaster relief

- Home loss/destruction from natural disaster
- Housing aid while home is repaired

Emergency aid for families

- Medical Care
- Travel Assistance

Scholarships

- \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 awards
- For children and grandchildren of TREA members

Fillable applications are available on our website (www.trea.org), or by calling TREA headquarters at 303-752-0660.

If you are able to help us help a fellow servicemember (past or present), please send your tax-deductible donation to: 'TREA GIVES', 12200 E. Briarwood Ave #170, Centennial, CO 80112, or call to use your credit card.
No amount is too small.