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## FROM THE EDITOR

By Kim DeCoste

Dear TREA Members,

Welcome to 2019 and a new year full of possibilities! We have once again revised the format of The VOICE in an effort to make it more cost-efficient to print and still ensuring that you get all of the information you need to understand what your leadership and membership are doing all around the country to serve others and to serve this great organization. We will continue to work with you to ensure that you are up-to-date on the events that effect all of you with respect to legislative developments as well as the ongoing needs of the organization for leaders to help TREA stay strong. We hope you enjoyed the holidays and look forward to a new year working for you!

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Philip Hilinski, TREA National President



Hello fellow, members

I hope that everyone took the time to enjoy the holidays with family and friends and that everyone is excited and looking forward to a new year. I want to tell you about a few of the changes that TREA has gone through –

The new TREA Office was up and running almost immediately. The new phone system gives us upgraded teleconferencing for meetings along with a highly sophisticated IT service; we have now entered the 21st Century. I want to thank the individuals who helped move the many items and completed a professional setup. A special thanks to the staff members for spending hours transferring old records electronically so we do not lose our history and required data. Finally, I want to thank DfO Osborne for being heavily involved in the final sale of the old building that the TREA Board approved of a while back. Ms. Osborne was also instrumental in procuring free office furniture donated to TREA HQ by a local company. What about the old furniture--well HQ had a 'Yard Sale' and used the money for kitchen equipment so TREA did not have to buy any. Welcome new Staff Member Heather Stremel to replace Hazel Simeon on Membership; Hazel is ready to put her full time into the TREA Director position. I would like to thank Kami Griffith for helping us out at the front desk, her assistance has been much appreciated. The TREA Staff is waiting to assist you.

If we can accomplish some budget saving areas for TREA's expenses, I would like to utilize these funds to initiate a new benefit for TREA members. I hope to have the TREA Board provide opportunities for all TREA Members to participate in the 2019 Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Programs, at Arlington National Cemetery. The Veteran's Day 2018 Ceremony attended by myself and several TREA Members, was truly a highlight for all who attended. We will have more information about the 2019 application process in The Voice, the TREA Website and TREA Facebook. The winners will be determined by The Awards Committee. I would like to see MALs participating and Auxiliary Members so keep checking your TREA communications.

The TREA Board has completed setting up their committees which can be found on the TREA Website, and all have begun working in their respective area. You do not have to serve on a committee to give the chairperson an email with your suggestion. In order to accomplish other needed goals that I announced at the last convention, I have set up sub-committees to present the TREA Board with information or required action. So far there are 10 sub-committees with a wide range of activities. Already 3 have completed their mission and they are: 2018 Convention After Action to evaluate improvements needed for future conventions, TREA Board /Office Staff improvements at the two offices; and finally, TREA HQ/DC move to recognize individual achievements. A new committee that was added back to TREA, is the Scholarship Committee. They are already busy accepting applications for the 2019/2020 school year. The applications can be found on the web ([www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org)) – there is a link on the homepage.

Our support groups are going beyond what is expected. The Memorial Foundation (TMF) in conjunction with the TREA Staff have worked hard on the Holiday Gift Program and sent out packages

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to 150 deployed and/or wounded families across the country. (Read more about it elsewhere in this issue.) The TREA Auxiliary is seeking applicants for their Scholarship Program, and don't forget the WEF/Benevolent Program needing your support for things like hearing aids, dental/vision care, medical supplies and dealing with hardships. I am working side by side with the Auxiliary President, and with the help of PNP Delaney, we are in the working stages of putting together a TREA Heritage Cookbook; start collecting your recipes—more details later. I want to give a huge thanks to The Senior Citizens League (TSCL) for their years of supporting TREA through the tough times as well as the good. TSCL continues to keep all members up-to-date on Social Security and other senior benefits. TREA Members, if you are not already a TSCL Member, consider being one just by a small donation. Keep in mind, TREA Chapters or individuals can donate directly to these fine TREA groups.

Our work is far from over. Some of it is just beginning. The TREA Board will soon be addressing the following: our membership issues with our Marketing Sub-Committee looking not just at what type of marketing group will assist us best, but what goals need to be accomplished; our Legislative Affairs Office is re-organizing with evidence in the last issue of The Voice about TREA Legislative Accomplishments; a newly formed VSO Committee with an eager TREA VSO not only willing to help with veteran issues while trying to recruit them, but also make it a TREA selling point; our Exchange Retiree Advisory Council (ERAC) with PNP Hyland is looking into ways to connect with the exchange for the benefit of TREA; our 2019 Convention Committee will be meeting for the first time this January with some exciting announcements to follow; and finally TREA finances with our experienced Treasurer has had me involved every step of the way for programs and improvements with TREA, TSCL and TMF.

TREA Membership and Finances continue to be our biggest challenges. Even though membership difficulties are widespread with other VSOs, TREA will be developing our many advantages with more promotion, and you can help. Membership Chair 2VP Justin Jump will be looking for ideas to grow; think about someone you recruited, write it down and send it to [2ndvice@trea.org](mailto:2ndvice@trea.org). For our financial picture, I firmly believe in our budget. Yes, budgets can be changed; however, the Finance Committee takes it seriously in order to earmark spending and budget changes backed by quality research.

Remember, you don't have to wait until convention to give your opinion. Call TREA HQ and give them your name and contact information along with a time to call you back. Don't forget that positive comments are welcome as well; you can also send a comment to me by emailing [President@trea.org](mailto:President@trea.org) anytime.

Phil Hilinski  
National President

## FIRST OFFICIAL ACT AS TREAN NATIONAL PRESIDENT –

Phil Hilinski wasted no time jumping into the important role as TREAN National President. With only a few short weeks under his belt, he attended the Veteran's Day Celebrations and Ceremony in Washington DC.



The day began as President Hilinski and his wife, Judith attended a breakfast meet and greet with the Secretary of VA, Robert Wilkie (photo left) and ended with President Hilinski presenting the TREAN wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, (photo right and bottom). He was accompanied by Chapter 111 member Andrew Franko (far left), TREAN National Treasurer Deborah Oelschig (far right) and Auxiliary President Pat Winds (second from right). This is both an honor and privilege to be a part of such a respected ceremony.





## **ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END – A FOND FAREWELL TO THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

Butch Liebaert, Foundation Chairman

Talk to any not-for-profit organization today and you will hear the same thing – that fundraising has dropped off – in drastic amounts. With fundraising being its only source of income, the Memorial Foundation has been hit extremely hard by this social shift. This combined with fact that our fundraising entity, which we have been with since inception closed up shop and went out of business, left the Foundation in a precarious situation. Without the necessary funds to take our program elsewhere to start up a new mail program, it was in the best interest of the Foundation to gracefully and respectfully close its doors to the current program.

In the very real effort to be honest and provide transparency to all things we do, and to stop rumor before it can create a stronghold, there is an outside influence that had a major impact on this decision. A program that the Foundation created many years ago was brought under investigation by a State Attorney General's office. They did not like the way the program was managed or ran and launched an investigation into the program. The program was for pre-paid phone cards to be given out to veterans and their families to allow them to stay connected through deployments, hospitalizations, therapy, rehab, etc., Now for the record, and so that everyone knows the facts --- the program was in place, it did purchase the phone cards and it did give them out as applications came in. As you can imagine, with the quick advancements made in technology, especially with the capabilities of the cell phone, Skype and Facetime (to name a few), the need for prepaid phone calls dwindled down to nothing. This caused the program to come to a standstill. Applications stopped coming in and the ability to hand out the phone cards according to how the program was set up literally stopped. The mistake that was made was that the process and procedure for handing out the phone cards was not changed quick enough. An honest oversight – absolutely, but it meant that a large number of phone cards have been kept in inventory for several years. Again, to reassure everyone, there was no malice or intent to do anything but provide a product to veterans and their families. Unfortunately, the need was simply not present. When all this came to light, the phone cards were accounted for and donated to the Denver VA Hospital to be distributed across the country.

As with anything, if it offers a political stage it is grabbed quickly. As in this exact case. It was used as a political move for a young Attorney General looking to advance to Governor. Not sure it worked as planned on that end, but it did cause the Foundation to take a long, hard look at where it is and where it was going. It was set up as a benevolent, a giving entity with the mission of helping veterans and their families. It was not created with the ability or the desire to spend unlimited funds on a legal battle. We are confident that if this did end up in a court of law, that the Foundation would have been victorious – but to what avail? The funds raised for veterans and their families would have been depleted and we would not have helped anyone at all.

After much thought and contemplation (and of course legal advice), the Memorial Trustees made the hard decision to do what was right in the eyes of our donors and that was to use the funds as intended --- to give the money to veterans and their families. In order to have control over where its money went, the Foundation had to agree to close down its current operation. As hard as this decision was, it was the right decision. Giving all its funds to a State Attorney General's Office to help advance their political career is not what the funds were meant for. The Foundation will leave this fight with its head

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Butch Liebaert, Foundation Chairman - CONT

held high, knowing that we stuck to our mission of helping veterans and their families. Doing the right thing is not always easy – but it is right.

As this process unfolds, please do not forget the millions of dollars that the Foundation has given to veterans and their families over the years. It has been a wonderful program that started with the passion and desire to give back to those in need. Through the years, the Foundation has provided medical care, housing, food, transportation, scholarships, clothing and other financial support. Hundreds of care packages have been sent to those deployed offering peace and comfort to those actively fighting for our continued freedom. Hundreds of families have received Holiday packages consisting of food cards, clothing and gifts – these families would have had nothing if it were not for the good works of the Foundation. There has been so much good done and we hope that all of you can find the solace and peace of mind in knowing that you, through TREA, were involved in a great program that helped so many.

Our special thanks and acknowledgements go out to the current Board of Trustees who held strong throughout this process and made the hard decision to do the right thing to help the Foundation end the day with respect and dignity. This battle was not their battle, yet they handled it properly and with the best interest of those who we promised to serve. Thank you Chairman Butch Liebaert, Vice Chairman Lanny Eller, Secretary Bill Neurauter, Treasurer Deborah Oelschig, Trustee Marie Smith and Trustee Doug Kasel.

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### NATIONAL AWARDS

IPNP John Adams, Award Committee Chair

Reference TREA National Standing Rules, Section 8.

The National Awards are due to TREA: The Enlisted Association, 12200 E. Briarwood Avenue, Suite 250, Centennial CO 80112 on or before 31 March 2019.

The member awards are for all members, so if you know of any member that deserves an award, please send us the name of the member, a writeup pertaining to the award/certificate. Send this to [treaHQ@trea.org](mailto:treaHQ@trea.org).

The committee members are John I. Adams, Ed Cates, Deborah Oelschig, Jerry Bryant, Doug Osborne, and Phil Hilinski. TREA staff member Misty Siggins is the staff advisor. If you want to be member of this committee please let me know ([ipnp@trea.org](mailto:ipnp@trea.org) or [t.r.e.a.\\_jia@q.com](mailto:t.r.e.a._jia@q.com)).



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## TREA'S LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Submitted by Ken Greenberg, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs

While the partial government shutdown continues at the time of this writing, both the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs are fully funded for FY 2019 and not impacted by the shutdown.

The Department of Homeland Security including the U.S. Coast Guard, is not funded and employees are either working without pay or are furloughed and without pay. **TREA wrote to Congressional leaders and supports legislation** (S.21 and H.R. 350) to pay Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric employees during the shutdown as well as pay Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration employees. Congress also passed legislation so that government workers will receive back pay once the shutdown ends.

### Congressional Support and Inaction for Veterans in Final Days of 2018

The good news is that Congress passed and the President **signed into law** the Veterans Benefit and Transition Act of 2018. **TREA strongly supported** the legislation,

This legislation will:

- Help protect student veterans when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is late making payments to schools;
- Improve burial access to national and tribal cemeteries for family members of active duty service members and veterans;
- Require the VA to provide standardized debt notices to veterans;
- Provide protection to Gold Star Spouses;
- Expand benefits and support to military spouses and families;
- Expand eligibility for the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program; and
- Study best practices at community programs providing transition assistance for veterans.

The student veteran provision is important as it would aid student veterans who are using the Forever GI Bill. It would make schools ineligible for GI Bill tuition payments if they penalized any student with late fees, dropped classes or other punishments as a result of VA failing to make tuition payments on time. If schools do not agree with the new rules, they cannot keep enrolling students using the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Further, military spouses can now elect to use the same residence as their active-duty spouse for state and local voting purposes, regardless of when or where they got married and whether they are currently living in the state because of military orders. Previously the law required a spouse to meet state residency rules for voting.

For memorial affairs, deceased spouses and dependents of honorably-serving active-duty troops can now be buried and receive headstones in VA national cemeteries through September 30, 2024. Eligible dependents buried in tribal veterans' cemeteries will also receive VA recognition by adding headstones to unmarked graves.

Congress **failed to pass** the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act. **TREA strongly supports the**

**legislation.** While the House unanimously passed the bill in June 2018, Senators Mike Lee (R-UT) and Mike Enzi (R-WY), blocked the vote and passage in the Senate. The Senators stated that their opposition was based on lack of funding.

The legislation would have enabled veterans who served in the territorial seas of Vietnam during the Vietnam War to receive expedited consideration for VA benefits if they suffer from any of the diseases the U.S. Government has linked to Agent Orange. The herbicide Agent Orange has been linked to health complications, including non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL), various cancers, Type II Diabetes, and Parkinson's disease. Since 2002, "Blue Water" navy veterans have not been entitled to these benefits, despite studies showing they were exposed to toxic amounts of the herbicide.

The same legislation (H.R. 299) is already introduced in the January 2019 new Congress and the House hopes to act swiftly and send to the Senate for action. It is expected that Senators Lee and Enzi will still be opponents. **All TREA members, especially those who live in Utah or Wyoming are urged to contact the Senators and urge support for Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act.** The urgency for passage is that Blue Water veterans are dying because of the diseases they contracted during service.

As we look ahead to the 116th Congress and 2019, TREA will continue to be your eyes and ears in Washington. Major VA/DOD issues look to be: implementation of the **VA Mission Act** (veteran's use of health care access and services in the private sector); **two information technology challenges** 1) implementation of the Forever GI Bill/Housing allowance provisions; 2) Electronic Health Record Modernization (VA/DOD compatibility); proposed changes to **reduce TRICARE** benefits; and any proposal to cut DOD or VA budget.

TREA wants to hear from you on issues of legislative concern. Please share your views and comments to [legislative@trea.org](mailto:legislative@trea.org).

## INTRODUCING KEN GREENBERG AS THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

TREA is pleased to welcome Ken Greenberg as the new Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs. Mr. Greenberg joins TREA after a distinguished career at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Ken has a proven history of achievements and strategic communications expertise. His experience as Director of Operations, Executive Secretariat, Office of the Secretary (OSVA) at the Department and as a Director in both VA's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCLA) and National Cemetery Administration underscores his exhaustive knowledge of Congress, the legislative process and the intersection of public and private constituencies. Serving in these progressively responsible senior positions at VA Headquarters provided Mr. Greenberg with a comprehensive understanding of VA's programs and organizational structure. Ken is passionate in advocating for quality services and benefits for veterans and military members. We welcome his leadership in representing TREA and being our voice in communicating with VA, Congressional and other Veterans Service Organization officials.

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## NOTES FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Greetings,

I trust that each of you had a pleasurable and joy-filled holiday and are ready to begin a bright and prosperous new year.


I was invited by TREA President Hilinski, as National Auxiliary President to represent our organization at the Sixty-fifth Annual Veterans Day National Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery for the Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, on Veterans Day November 11, 2018. What an honor, as well as a heart-filled experience and a wonderful way to represent our organization.

Our Nation has experienced so much lost and tragedy during these past months. We are continuing to lift up our Nation and the families who have seen destruction in fires, storms and other losses. We are holding onto faith that families and communities will be able to recover and move on to renewing and building new lives. Please remember we are here to help. One of the auxiliary's responsibilities is to offer assistance through the WEF/Benevolent (widows/widowers emergency fund) Committee. This service is chaired by Director Betty Love; the primary purposed of the WEF/Benevolent Program is to provide financial assistance to active members of TREA National Auxiliary, whose spouses were members of TREA. Eligible awards may be funded for dental, vision, hearing aids and special medical equipment and supplies. Additionally, this program may provide for disaster or hardship awards to those members who are victims of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes or fires. Please contact 1-800-808-4517 Ext. 1010 for eligibility and award procedures.

Applications for this year's Scholarship Program, is opened as of January 1, 2019. The scholarship chairperson is Audrey McCray. Please go to the website ([www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org)) under the Auxiliary for more information regarding the 2019/2020 Scholarship application, essay question and procedures. The deadline for TREA Auxiliary applications is June 1, 2019. Please remember that applicants must be related to an Auxiliary Member (Parent or Grandparent) who has been a member of the National Auxiliary for at least one year and is currently (or if deceased) was a member in good standing. (Please note there are two posted scholarships applications 1. TREA and 2. National Auxiliary, these are two separate scholarships with different application criteria; both applications information were posted on January 1, 2019).

The Board of Directors and several of the Past National Presidents have engaged in working together. As stated before one of the major goals of the Auxiliary is to develop a stronger rapport with TREA and TREA Auxiliaries to ensure open lines of communication, and support for our Auxiliaries. I am so proud that chairpersons of each committee have reached out to the PNP's to be part of their committees. Several of the PNP's have graciously accepted this challenge and are offering their support, leadership, advice and guidance to make sure we are serving each other to the highest esteem. If you would like to serve as a committee member, please contact the acting chair of the committee you are interested in. Thanks to each of you.

Pat Winds, Auxiliary National President







## **THOUGHTS FROM THE AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN**

Annette Harris

Most of us have far more blessings than we can count, but sometimes, instead of trying to count them, we lose sight of them altogether. We're not intentionally ungrateful; we're simply overworked, over-stressed, and over-obligated. Nonetheless, we should pause at short intervals throughout each day to offer prayers of thanks for our blessings.

May we always give thanks to HIM for His blessings and may we always demonstrate our gratitude by sharing our gifts with others. Let's celebrate this day and the One who created it. And may we invite our family and friends to join in the celebration.

## **TREA NATIONAL AUXILIARY BYLAWS/STANDING RULES**

Notice: Any proposed amendments or additions to the existing subjects need to be submitted to the TREA National Auxiliary Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee for review. Submit your suggestions on TREA Auxiliary Form 100-6A, which can be found on our website at [https://trea.org/TREA/About\\_Us/National\\_Auxiliary\\_Publication\\_Forms.aspx](https://trea.org/TREA/About_Us/National_Auxiliary_Publication_Forms.aspx). Deadline for submissions, according to TREA National Auxiliary Standing Rule 8, item 3, is 45 days prior to Mid-Term Meeting, May 6-7, 2019. Submit --- by Mail or E-Mail --- no later than March 15, 2019. If any questions, please contact me.

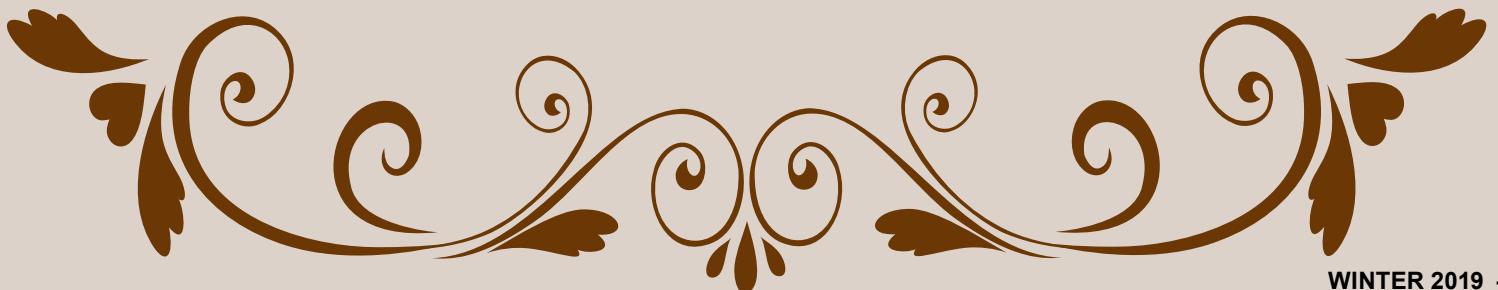
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Note: All recommendations need to be presented to Board of Director (BOD) at Mid-Term Meeting for consideration and vote. You also need to send TREA Parliamentarian, Audrey McCray, E-Mail: [mccraya@aol.com](mailto:mccraya@aol.com) copies of proposed amendments

**The Auxiliary is now accepting applications for the  
2019 Scholarship Program.  
Please go to our website ([www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org)) and click on the  
Scholarship link on the homepage.**



## CHAPTER 80 AUXILIARY PRESENTS GIFTS TO THE STORKS NEST

One of the programs adopted by Chapter 80 in 2009 is the Storks Nest, partnered with the March of Dimes and operated by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

This program provides education to young and first-time pregnancies about preventing birth defects and premature births.

Marie Smith, past national president and Marguerite Sapp, member of both chapter 80 and the sorority, presented ten gift baskets and gift cards to Ginger Pope, Storks Nest Administrator, at the Annual Zeta Phi Beta Christmas Celebration.

Several women of Chapter 80 knitted blankets, caps and socks for the premature babies. Juanita Higginbotham, Chapter 80 Auxiliary Vice President, purchased cute baskets and stocked them for delivery. Elaine Moreland is the Chapter Auxiliary President.



*Pictured are Marie Smith, Past National Auxiliary President and Auxiliary member, Marguerite Sapp, presenting gifts to Ginger Pope, Storks Nest Administrator at the Zeta Phi Beta Christmas Luncheon.*

### NEED a Helping Hand?

### TREA is here for you?



The Widows Emergency and Benevolent Fund of TREA National Auxiliary assists members who are experiencing financial difficulty in getting their basic and health related needs met.

*\*Vision Care   \*Dental Care   \*Hearing Aids  
\*Medical Supplies/Equipment   \*Hardship*

To apply for assistance, please call 1-800-808-4517 Ext. 1010. Leave your name and number and a program representative will call you back.

*You are part of our TREA family and we want to help.*

\*Must be a member in good standing. One-time basis only. Some restrictions apply



## **THE FOLLOWING IS A CORRECTION FROM THE FALL 2018 ISSUE OF THE VOICE –**

These fine young men and women worked hard to receive the Auxiliary Scholarship and they deserve the recognition that is owed to them.

We apologize to them and their families for the errors.



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## CHAPTER 16 MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SALINE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER



*Photo left - Guest Speaker Phil Coleman (center), Management & Sales Consultant and Motivational Speaker talks to chapter members about seminars, handling stress, positive attitude and thoughts for successful living and working. He distributed key point's literature and answered questions. Pictured Wardene Stewart (left), Ella Gier (left), and Treasurer Shirley Wagner (right).*



*Photo below left - Standing Phil Coleman (left) Guest Speaker receives a Chapter 16 Certificate of Appreciation from chapter member Nelson Newell (right) sitting Ronald Sondergard (left) and Roger Thull (right).*

*Photo right - September meeting left to right, Army Veteran Roger Thull new TREA member recruited by Nelson Newell receives a TREA patch.*



## CHAPTER 72 IN PITTSBURGH IS STAYING BUSY –



*Clarence Michael, Jerry Coleman, Mark Mayo & Sandi Mayo*



*John Durbiano, Harry Blackwell, Lydia Williamson & Mark Mayo being sworn in by Bill Seifert*

The annual TREA picnic was held on July 24th, 2018 at the Donaldson Community Park in Oakdale. Hamburgers and hot dogs were purchased by the chapter along with generous contributions of food, and beverages donated by the members. Special thanks to Bill Seifert for securing the pavilion for the group, bringing his gas grill and games to the picnic. Mark and Sandi Mayo bought delicious cupcakes topped in red, white, & blue. Harry Blackwell contributed to the outing by bringing several bottles of his home made wine!

The TREA Chapter 72 polo shirts and hats were distributed to the members who had pre-ordered merchandise. The group may have been small, but the camaraderie was HUGE! Thanks to all who attended and for the contributions each person made.



*Newest Chapter 72 Members: Robert & Nyoka Mollohan*

On August 25, 2018, TREA Chapter 72 was excited to host a special guest speaker: SFC (R) Arthur R. Cooper. Mr. Cooper is a past National president of TREA, and the current Chairman of The Senior Citizens League. As chairman of TSCL's Board of Trustees, Mr. Cooper is responsible for the conduct of TSCL's business affairs and supervises all officers and agents of the organization. His presentation included information on issues related to Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the relationship between TREA & TSCL, and the benefits to joining TSCL. Chapter 72 thanks Arthur Cooper for his visit and all of his dedication to the groups he serves. He currently serves as the state spokesman for the State of Maryland military enlisted retirees. All photos for Chapter 72 submitted by Harry Blackwell.



*l-r: Joyce Brown, Arthur 'Coop' Cooper, Daisy Brown*

## CHAPTER 74, TACOMA, WA

A few days after the December 1, 2018 earthquake that occurred in Anchorage, AK Chapter 74's President CC Cameron decided to give one of the chapter's members John (JY) Youmans who works and lives in Anchorage, AK most of the year a call. When JY answered the phone he told President Cameron that he was in Panama City, FL (on cell phone) getting some paperwork taking care of and wasn't in Anchorage when the earthquake happened. He was in Panama City because his home there had been destroyed by Hurricane Michael back on October 11, 2018. The only things that were left standing on his house in Panama City were some Solar Panels that were installed about two years ago.

On December 1, 2018 in Anchorage, AK JY's house there had received major damage while he was in Panama City and when the house in Panama City was destroyed by Hurricane Michael JY was in Anchorage, AK. JY wants the TREA family to know that he and his family are unharmed physically. JY doesn't want any donations he said he has good insurance, but wanted TREA: The Enlisted Association family to know of Chapter 74's member disasters.

## CHAPTER 76, SHEBOYGAN, WI



CHAPTER 76 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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TODD RICHTER-ASSISTANT VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICER  
GUEST SPEAKER ON RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAMS



CHAPTER 76 2019 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS



## CHAPTER 98 IN SCOTTTDALE, PENNSYLVANIA CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS -



*Auxiliary Members*



*Chapter members enjoying the holidays*



*Incoming President Frank Cross presents outgoing president Dennis Klepsky with a plaque of appreciation for his service to the chapter*



*President Dennis Klepsky presents the Small Chapter Website of the Year award to webmaster, Barb Kovacs*

## CHAPTER 119 IN SUPERIOR, WI



Chapter members and friends volunteer for the Bentleyville Tour of Lights on November 28th before working concessions and fire pits for the evening. (Photo above left, l-r: Larry Lockett, Gary Foix, Darcie Jessen (friend of Gary), Jim Korkolo, Terry Maki and Butch Liebaert).

Chapter 119 sponsored the Retiree Appreciation Day Seminar on September 28th, 2018 at the Black Bear Casino. (Photo above right) The Fond Du Lac Color Guard stands after presenting the colors while the Cedar Creek Drum Group played a ritual for the Invocation.

On December 6th, 2018, Chapter 119 members traveled to give a Guard member from Superior, IW a surprise Christmas present. The member was in a car accident at the end of October and has not worked since. (photo right). Pictured is (l-r) Larry Lockett, Guard Member Caleb Pocerinich who received a check for \$500.00, and Jim Potthier. Chapter President Butch Liebaert took the photo.





# Good News for Americans, Bad News for Pain Drugs

*Millions are expected to benefit from a new technology that could relieve years of severe joint discomfort; reprograms the body to block slow burning inflammation instead of creating it*



By Casey Law, Health News Correspondent

**NATION-** Several of the major drug companies behind popular pain relievers may take a financial hit as manufacturing of a new pill is now complete.

Using a new technology, the pill could be safer and more effective than many store bought brands.

The pill, *VeraFlex*, was developed in May of this year by a private company in Seattle.

Functioning primarily as an immune modulator, the pill targets the body's immune system which can decrease pain in the body.

## The Science Behind Relief

Research shows that the joint stiffness, soreness and discomfort associated with arthritis is caused by inflammation which attacks healthy cartilage and protective tissue.

And according to leading medical scientists, this inflammation is caused by two inflammatory enzymes released by the body's immune system.

Remarkably, the active ingredients in *VeraFlex* help to block the production of both these enzymes, resulting in a dramatic decreasing in swelling, inflammation, and discomfort.

Right now, the leading over-the-counter pills are only able to block one of these enzymes!

It's why so many sufferers fail to ever find relief.

## Years of Discomfort Relieved in 5 Days

"*VeraFlex* users can generally expect more flexibility in three days...their joint pain alleviated in five days...and in just seven days, a tremendous improvement in overall joint function that may help them move like they did years prior" explains Dr. Liza Leal, developer and spokesperson for *VeraFlex*.

"It's an incredibly powerful little pill. And with the addition of a patented absorption enhancer, it packs an even greater punch. That's why I'm so excited to be the first to share these results. It's giving sufferers their life back."

## A Safer, More Effective Avenue to Amazing Relief

Its widely accepted through the medical community that inflammatory enzymes are the primary cause of pain and suffering in millions of Americans. It's why most prescriptions and even nonprescription pills are designed to block them.

However, what most people don't know is that even the most advanced ones can't block both!

And yet, that's exactly what *VeraFlex* is designed to do and why it works so well.

"Top pharma companies have struggled to create a drug that blocks COX and LOX; the medical names for the two inflammatory enzymes in the body. Consider the top seller Celebrex, it only blocks one variation of the COX enzyme" explains Leal.

"And that's because they have focused on using chemicals instead of natural substances like *VeraFlex*."

"Every *VeraFlex* capsule contains an ultra-high dose of a patented plant extract which has been clinically shown to block both enzymes, bringing relief to every joint that hurts!

"The kind of relief most people have never experienced. I often say two enzymes, twice the relief. People think I'm kidding until they try it."

## Piling on the Clinical Research

Remarkably, the key ingredient in *VeraFlex* is protected by 8 patents that spread from the US into Canada. And as would one guess, it's backed by an enormous amount of research, including two patient clinical trials.

In the first, 60 participants with rheumatoid arthritis and/or osteoarthritis were randomly placed into four groups.

Two groups were given the patented ingredient in *VeraFlex*, one was given the drug Celecoxib, and the last group a placebo. The results were monitored at 30, 60, and 90 days.

The data collected by researchers was stunning.

The groups taking the *VeraFlex* ingredient saw staggering improvements in arthritis symptoms such as flexibility, discomfort and function.

And even more astonishing they experienced a dramatic reduction in pain by the 30-day mark that was even better than Celecoxib, a powerful drug!

A second study was conducted to ensure the data was accurate and again the results participants experienced taking the *VeraFlex* compound blew away researchers.

This time it beat out the drug Naproxen. Shockingly, both men and women experienced a reduction in joint stiffness two days faster than when using Naproxen.

"I have to admit I was surprised when I read the initial findings" explains Leal. "But when you look at the science it just makes sense. It's going to change everything."

## Faster Delivery, Maximum Absorption

*VeraFlex* is mainly comprised of two patented ingredients: Univestin, a powerful immune modulator which blocks the enzymes which cause your joints to hurt and BiAloe, an absorption enhancer (accelerator) that ensures maximum potency.

Research shows that severe joint discomfort arises when the immune system goes haywire and releases COX and LOX into your blood stream, two enzymes that causes tremendous swelling and inflammation around cartilage and protective tissue.

Over time, this inflammation overwhelms the joint and it begins to deteriorate resulting in a daily battle with chronic pain.

Unfortunately, modern day pain pills are only able block only one of these enzymes, resulting in marginal relief and continued suffering.

The Univestin in *VeraFlex* is one of the only known substances which has been proven successful in blocking both enzymes, resulting in phenomenal relief from the worst kinds of discomfort.

The addition of BiAloe, a unique aloe vera extra, maximizes the delivery of the plant based Univestin extract to every joint in the body because it is proven to improve nutrient absorption for maximum results.

Aloe Vera also is proven to support the body's immune system which manages inflammation, further supporting relief.

## How to Claim a Free 3-Month Supply Of VeraFlex

This is the official nationwide release of *VeraFlex*. And so, the company is offering our readers up to 3 FREE bottles with their order.

This special give-away is available for the next 48-hours only. All you have to do is call toll free **1-800-235-5446** and provide the operator with the Free Bottle Approval Code: VF350. The company will do the rest.

Important: Due to *VeraFlex's* recent media exposure, and Dr. Leal's latest book deal, phone lines are often busy. If you call and do not immediately get through, please be patient and call back. Those who miss the 48-hour deadline may lose out on this free bottle offer.

## MAL, DOUG OSBORNE HOLDS RAD IN CASTLE ROCK, COLORADO

## ARTHUR "COOP" COOPER ATTENDING A RAD IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, NOVEMBER 2, 2018



### TEAM TSCL NEEDS CANDIDATES FOR ITS 2019-2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Requirements:** Candidates must have been a member of TREA for at least three years and be at least 18 years of age.

No elected member of TREA or TREA National Auxiliary Boards of Directors may serve concurrently as a Trustee (except The Treasurer, who shall be exempt from all other qualifications).

Interested TREA members should submit resumes on TREA Form 100-3MT, located on TREAs website under Resources/Forms & Documents. Resumes will be accepted until the day prior to TSCL's business meeting at TREAs National Convention in September 2019 in Denver, Colorado. Term Length: 3 Years.

### ATTENTION TREA MEMBERS

Candidates do not have to present to be considered or selected.

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Since 1993 TSCL has faithfully contributed to, and worked with, TREA to promote TREA's mission alongside its own in the belief that TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



## TSCL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON CAPITOL HILL

By Jessie Gibbons, Legislative Director

In December – just before the 115th Congress came to a close – The Senior Citizens League's (TSCl's) Board of Trustees member, Legislative Liaison, Joe Kluck traveled to Capitol Hill to thank lawmakers who sponsored key legislation that would strengthen and protect the Social Security program for current and future beneficiaries.

Mr. Kluck and The Senior Citizens League's Legislative Director met with several congressional offices – including the offices of House Veterans' Affairs Committee Ranking Member Phil Roe (TN-1) and House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee Chairman John Larson (CT-1) – to discuss goals and strategies for the 116th Congress, which officially began on January 3rd, 2019.

The following four bills were the focus of Legislative Liaison Kluck's meetings on Capitol Hill in December...

1. The Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers (CPI-E) Act – Congressman John Garamendi (CA-3) introduced the bipartisan CPI-E Act in the 115th Congress, and in The Senior Citizens League's December meeting with his office, he committed to re-introducing the bill once again in 2019. If adopted, his bill would enhance Social Security benefits by basing cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) on an inflation index specifically for seniors. Under current law, COLAs are based on the way young, urban workers spend their money.
2. The Guaranteed 3% COLA Act – Like the CPI-E Act, this critical bill would base Social Security COLAs on an inflation index for seniors. However, it would also provide much-needed financial relief to older Americans by ensuring that beneficiaries never receive an annual benefit increase that is less than 3%. The Senior Citizens League was disappointed that this essential bill did not gain the support it needed to win passage in the 115th Congress, but in December, the bill's sponsor – Congressman Eliot Engel (NY-16) – confirmed that it will be re-introduced as soon as possible in the 116th Congress.
3. The Social Security Fairness Act – Under current law, millions of teachers, police officers, and other retired public servants see their Social Security benefits cut by hundreds of dollars due to two unfair provisions of the Social Security Act: the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision. TSCL has been advocating for the repeal of these two provisions for several years, and in our December meeting with the bill's sponsor, Congressman Rodney Davis (IL-13) said he will continue to work tirelessly towards its passage in the 116th Congress.
4. The Social Security 2100 Act – In the 115th Congress, Congressman John Larson's Social Security 2100 Act gained the support of more than 170 cosponsors but unfortunately it was not brought to the House floor for a vote. In The Senior Citizens League's December meeting with Congressman Larson's staff, he agreed to re-introduce the bill at the start of the 116th Congress and to convene several hearings on the bill as the new Chairman of the House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee in the 116th Congress. TSCL is confident that it will be advanced by the House of Representatives by the end of this year.

The Senior Citizens League is pleased that key Social Security bills like the four mentioned above will be re-introduced in the 116th Congress, and we look forward to building momentum for them on Capitol Hill in the months ahead. For progress updates or for more information on these important bills, visit our website at [www.SeniorsLeague.org](http://www.SeniorsLeague.org).

*Caption: The Senior Citizens League's Legislative Liaison Joe Kluck visited Capitol Hill on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.*







## WELCOME TO 2019! A YEAR OF POSITIVE CHANGES FOR TREA: THE ENLISTED ASSOCIATION.

As your Treasurer, it is my duty and responsibility to have oversight of the finances of not only TREA, but of the Memorial Foundation and TSCL as well. As you have heard me say in the past, all entities of TREA are facing a very uncertain financial future. Fundraising is down across the country and all of us rely on fundraising to operate and fulfill our missions. Without this income, we are forced to make hard decisions – decisions that nobody wants to have to make but are necessary for the future and the continuation of our programs.

During this time, I ask of you, the TREA member to take the time to find out the facts behind our actions. There will no doubt be talk and discussions that are not grounded in facts and this may cause some concern. I want to assure each and every one of you that our actions have been approved by not only our legal team but by other subject matter experts and finally approved by your National Board of Directors. Many people have bits and pieces to very complex and complicated issues and without all the pieces being known, it is easy to get information wrong. We are trying to avoid this by asking that you bring your questions and concerns directly to a National Board Member. All of us on the Board are happy to answer any question that you might have about a decision or action that was taken. To ensure accuracy, please use us as your information source.

Deborah Oelschig  
National Treasurer



Did you know that exchange shoppers with in-store privileges—active-duty service members, their families and retirees—can now buy items at ShopMyExchange.com and pick them up at their local Exchange—for free.

Shoppers will be notified by email when their order is ready to be picked up. Those based in the continental United States will also have the option to receive notifications via text message. In-store signing indicates where customers can pick up their online purchases, whether behind the customer service counter or in another secure area of the store.

ShopMyExchange.com offers more than 2 million items and military-exclusive pricing—tax free. 100 percent of Exchange earnings, including those from online purchases, support Warfighters and their families through military Quality-of-Life programs and improvements to the Exchange shopping experience.

Visit the site below to see all the great deals that the Exchange is offering  
<https://www.shopmyexchange.com/savings-center/weekly-ads>

**We are now accepting applications for the TREA National Scholarship program for the 2019/2020 school year. You must be the child or grandchild of a TREA member (current or deceased) to be eligible for this scholarship. The full application is available by going to our website, [www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org) and clicking on the link on the homepage.**

**The Auxiliary Scholarship program is also open and the application for this scholarship is available on the same link as above. To be eligible for the Auxiliary Scholarship, the applicant must be the child or grandchild of a current or deceased Auxiliary member.**

**You can apply for both scholarships but can only be awarded one. .**

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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE –**

CD Rice, JR, Nominating Committee Chair

TREA comrades,

In 7 more months the 2019 Convention will take place in Colorado. Many of you know, especially the ones who attended the Florida Convention in September 2018, the conventioners approved changes to the election process for members vying for Board of Directors positions. Hence all positions, except appointed ones, are now voted in for a 2-year term as opposed to a 1-year term. Therefore, in 2019 there will be only two positions open--two 2-year Directors. See Bylaw IX and Standing Rule 3 for eligibility requirements. If you are interested, please send your resume to me at treahq@trea.org. Cheers!!!!



## THE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO SERVE VETERANS –

Butch Liebaert, Foundation Chairman



Even amid the discussions of closing down the Foundation, the trustees were hard at work on the 2019 Holiday Program. A hundred and fifty families were adopted through Soldiers Angels

and the Foundation shopped for, wrapped, wrote personal notes and shipped packages to every one of them.

This was not a one-size-fits-all program. Each family sent in a letter telling us about themselves and what they needed/wanted for Christmas. Every effort was made to



get the exact item(s) that were asked for. Of course gift cards were the 'go to' item with a handwritten note to buy the specific item(s) wanted.

A separate gift card for Christmas Dinner was also included.

The families that were chosen for us this year were all either wounded or deployed. Being able to provide support, encouragement and a hands up to a fellow veteran is what this program is all about. It's a respect

thing and a way of saying thank you to those who continue to fight the fight.

All in all, over \$58,000 was spent on this years' program. It is always heartwarming to read the thank you letters and see the photos that the families send it. It lets us know that we are doing something good.

### Who We Are

*We are The Retired Enlisted Association. We are male and female. Our skin is Black, White, Brown, Red, Yellow. We served our country for over 20 years in The United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. We were at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Since then we have participated in every land, sea and air battle waged against those who would threaten our most precious possession, our Freedom. In so doing, we earned every award and decoration our country has to offer, up to and including the Congressional Medal of Honor. Although we are proud of our accomplishments during periods of hostilities, we are equally proud of our service during times of peace.*

*We have left our footprints on every continent of our planet. We were witness to man's first flight into space and his walk on the moon. Upon our retirement from the armed forces, we passed the torch of freedom to a new generation. We feel secure in the knowledge that they will protect the torch with dignity, valor and honor. Through our Retired Association, we now support the communities in which we live. We contribute our time, talent and financial assistance to those in need through local agencies.*

*Our prayers are for everlasting peace and always include a moment of silence for our fallen comrades.*

*We will always pledge to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. We support a strong National Defense system and vow to use every means at our disposal to help maintain veterans' rights and benefits. Yes, we are*

*The Retired Enlisted Association*

*Bob Hayden  
Dec 1988*

## FROM THE DESK OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Salutations,

As we forge our way into 2019, there are many projects in progress to increase our membership base. As chair of the membership committee, President Hilinski has charged me with two sub-committees in addition to the general duties of the membership committee.



The first sub-committee on Traveling Outreach is in providing a feasibility analysis and framework in establishing traveling envoys to the military communities across the US in hopes to accomplish broad base outreach for membership recruitment. This group of key TREA representation will bring what TREA: The Enlisted Association stands for and how we support our veterans to military installations in the form of townhalls, social events and presentations. We will communicate our efforts to increase the betterment of military veterans and their families during all

aspects of service careers, but also into retirement in such times as the ever-turbulent periods of government austerity. Inevitably this requires representation from all aspects of our membership, both Members at Large and Chapter Members who are scattered across America to assist in volunteering to facilitate this process.

The second sub-committee involves direct liaison between the TREA Headquarters and our Washington D.C, Legislative Affairs Office (LAO). In the process of re-organization, as membership chair, I've been working directly at the request of President Hilinski to shore up the LAO in duties and responsibilities to ensure our legislators are fully aware of TREA, but also to increase our foot hold to champion legislative actions in support of our fellow veterans.

Additionally, the membership committee is moving forward in establishing a means for implementation of the wide-reaching Recruiting and Retention Initiatives framework that has previously been established during my tenure as membership chair. The key is keeping this implementation in a reasonable cost-effective posture so to ensure the continuity of our non-profit organization. This will involve re-establishing and nurturing relationships with key personnel at military installations and ensuring TREA's presence is well known and supported among senior military leadership.

In closing, all efforts whether small or large do not come unnoticed in advancement of TREA: The Enlisted Association. Thank you, for support of the enlisted cause and for continued patience as the National Board of Directors and headquarters staff works diligently to ensure our organization is a force for the advancement of all enlisted.

United We Stand!

Justin G. Jump, 2nd Vice  
Chairman Membership Committee

## BYLAWS & STANDING RULES



It is time once again to put out the call to you, our members, for your input on the rules and regulations that TREA is governed by. These rules and regulations are called Bylaws and Standing Rules. Every year we ask our members to look over our Bylaws and Standing Rules and ask them to submit to the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee any changes that you feel need to be made. We, the TREA Board of Directors, represent you and your wishes, but we must operate within the constraints that have been voted on at our yearly national convention by the members in attendance. As a TREA member you have the right to submit a proposed change to either the TREA Bylaws or the TREA Standing Rules. These proposed changes must be submitted on TREA Form 100-16 by March 31, 2019. The Bylaws and Standing Rules are found on the [trea.org](http://trea.org) website under Resources/Forms and Documents. The TREA form 100-16 is found there as well. Look them over, see if there are any changes that you feel need to be made, and submit your proposed change to me. My committee will look them over, put them before the Board of Directors, and then put them before the attendees at the National Convention in September to be voted on.

Hazel Simeon, National Director  
Chairperson of the Bylaw and Standing Rule Committee  
[DirectorSimeon@trea.org](mailto:DirectorSimeon@trea.org)

## 2,500 PHONE CARDS DONATED

TREA Headquarter Staff members, Debbie Osborne, Hazel Simeon, Misty Siggins & Heather Stremel were joined by TREA National 1st Vice Greg Barnett as they presented 2,500 prepaid phone cards to the VA Hospital in Aurora, Colorado. (photo right: L-R: Heather, Hazel, Misty & Greg)



The phone cards were part of a program ran by the Memorial Foundation. Through the years, this program has provided the ability for hundreds, if not thousands of veterans and active duty members to stay in touch with family and friends while deployed or in the hospital for treatment. The sound of a loved one's voice provided comfort and security when it was needed the most.

As stated elsewhere in this magazine, advancements with cell phones and internet based communication programs caused the need for prepaid phone cards to become less and less. Fundraising for the phone card program ended in July of 2017 and this donation of the remaining 2,500 cards was the official end to a well received and much needed (at the time) program.

The phone card program was just one of the many programs that the Foundation ran to assist veterans and their families. When you combine all the programs together (Scholarship, Food Card, Phone Card, Financial Assistance and Aid to Troops), over \$2,081,625 has been given away by the Memorial Foundation. Let that number sink in for a minute. No matter how you look at it, or what your thoughts are on how the program(s) were or were not run – that is a lot of money and a lot of veterans helped. Isn't that the bottom line? Did the Foundation help veterans? Absolutely, without a doubt.



This program began back in September 2017. It is aired on the last Sunday from September to May. The main objective is to feature our fellow comrades in their new walk of life as well as their military experience. The program provides updates on veterans and seniors' benefits and programs as well as an avenue to pay homage to our heroes/heroines. We invite you to join us as we stroll down memory lane, pay tribute to the well-deserved and provide pertinent retirement and SSI information and updates.

There are three ways to catch the show:

- (1) by phone at 347-539-5285,
- (2) online at [www.blogtalkradio.com/gumboforthesoul.com](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/gumboforthesoul)
- (3) archives by logging on to the website (2 above).

Feel free to peruse our Facebook page also entitled Called To Serve. Referrals and recommendations are always welcome. [philphilinski@yahoo.com](mailto:philphilinski@yahoo.com) or [mizdaiz@aol.com](mailto:mizdaiz@aol.com)

## SAVE THE DATES



You're invited to tune in to Called to Serve Hosted and Produced by Ms. Daisy Brown with Mr. Philip Hilinski - Co-Host and Co-Producer 4th Sunday's on TRIBE Family Channel™




**2018 - 2019 Season Dates/Time:**

Sept. 30 - Oct. 28 - Nov 25 - Dec 30

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### SOMETHING'S COOKING.....

"Do you like to cook? Do you have a favorite recipe or recipes you would like share? Share them with The Enlisted Association for publication in a TREA Cookbook. Here's how.

Pick one or more of your favorite recipes and send them to TREA HQ. Be sure to include your name and Chapter information or MAL on each recipe you submit so you can get credit for your submission as that will be printed with each recipe. Any recipe you have is acceptable. You can send recipes for main dishes, sides, vegetables, desserts, crock pot, BBQ, or any recipes you have.

Once you send them to TREA, they will be sorted and put together to be sent to the printer. Now, here is the timeline. Recipes must be received by June 15 as we plan on having them available to sell at the 2019 TREA National Convention in Denver in mid-September. Be sure each recipe includes your name and Chapter information or the fact that you are an MAL.

Where should you send your recipes? You can email them to [recipes@treasoul.org](mailto:recipes@treasoul.org) or mail them to 'RECIPES' c/o The Enlisted Association, 12200 E. Briarwood Avenue, Suite 250, Centennial CO 80112. If you are emailing more than one recipe, please send each in a separate email.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

Membership Number: # \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Grade/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Service: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am : ☐ Retired ☐ Veteran ☐ Active Duty ☐ Spouse of a veteran

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, your signature acknowledges the veteran status of your veteran spouse)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant, please sign here)

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

☐ One Year - \$30

☐ Two Years - \$55

☐ Three Years - \$75

☐ Life Membership (under 70) - \$400

☐ Life Membership (over 70) - \$350

☐ paid in 10, \$42 quarterly payments: \$420 total

☐ paid in 10, \$37 quarterly payments: \$370 total

Payment:

Visa

Master Card

Discover

American Express

Check (Make checks payable to: TREA)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your completed application to:**

TREA: The Enlisted Association - 12200 E. Briarwood Ave, Suite 250 - Centennial, CO 80112

303-752-0660 800-338-9337

[www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org)



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