VOLUME 40 | NUMBER 3 | SUMMER 2021



IN THIS ISSUE:

Washington Update pg. 14-18

TREA GIVES pg. 22

Annual Membership Meeting Info and Registration Form pg. 26

ISERVED FOR his future

With USAA, you've earned access to a membership that can be passed down from generation to generation. So no matter what reasons you served for, the best reasons are yet to come. Your lifetime membership is a lifelong bond.

JOIN USAA AND BEGIN YOUR LEGACY.

CALL 800-645-9337 OR VISIT USAA.COM/TREA



USAA is proud to be the Exclusive Provider of Insurance and Financial Services for TREA — The ENLISTED Association

USAA means United Services Automobile Association and its affiliates. TREA — The ENLISTED Association receives financial support for this sponsorship. Use of the term "member" or "membership" refers to membership in USAA Membership Services and does not convey any legal or ownership rights in USAA. © 2018 USAA. 249150-0318



TREA FOUNDERS

George Skonce, 1915 - 2000 Dean Sorell, 1921 - 2004

2020-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Justin Jump president@trea.org

1st Vice President Deborah Oelschig 1stvice@trea.org

2nd Vice President Walt Colev 2ndvice@trea.org

3rd Vice President Clarence 'CJ' Johnson 3rdvice@trea.org

Treasurer Kyle Carpenter treasurer@trea.org

Two-Year Directors Garry Turks directorturks@trea.org

Butch Liebaert directorliebaert@trea.org

Parliamentarian Charlie Flowers (PNP) parliamentarian@trea.org

TREA Senior Citizens League Rick Delaney, Chairman tsclchair@trea.org

TREA STAFF & SUPPORT

National Executive Staff

Debbie Osborne, Director for Operations dosborne@trea.org - 12200 E. Briarwood Ave, Suite 250, Centennial, CO 80112 - Phone: 800-338-9337, 303-752-0660; Fax: 303-752-0835 - www.trea.org; treahq@trea.org

Washington Executive Staff

Bill McCabe, Director of Legislative Affairs & Communications bmccabe@trea.org Phone: 703-684-1981, 800-554-8732; Fax: 703-548-4876, 866-548-4876 legislativeinfo@trea.org

The Senior Citizens League

Shannon Benton, TSCL Executive Director 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA 22314 Phone: 800-333-8725, 703-548-5568; Fax: 703-740-4017 www.seniorsleague.org; comments@seniorsleague.org

> **TREA National Auxiliary** Barb Coley, President auxpresident@trea.org

CONTENT



2021 Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

PRESIDENT ARTICLE **19** HOLIDAY PROGRAM 20-21 AUXILIARY 8 TREA GIVES

STEP UP AGAIN

11 VOTING DIRECTIONS

12 BALLOT

14-18 WASHINGTON ARTICLE

PRESIDENT AND CHAPLAIN

22 TSCL

23-24 AUDIT & BUDGET

26 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP **MEETING - INFO AND REGISTRATION FORM**

THE VOICE is the flagship publication of TREA: The Enlisted Association, located at 12200 E. Briarwood Ave, Suite 250 Centennial, CO 80112

Views expressed in the magazine, and the appearance of advertisements, do not necessarily reflect the opinions of TREA or its Board of Directors, and do not imply endorsement. The magazine (ISSN 1527-0467) is published quarterly by TREA, a nonprofit organization.

Magazine Staff

The magazine staff can be reached by email at editor@trea.org. Editor-in-Chief, Debbie Osborne Creative Director/Graphic Designer, Gabriela Schechter.

Editorial Office

Please send all written communication to TREA Headquarters at 12200 E Briarwood Ave, Suite 250 Centennial, CO 80112

Submissions

The VOICE accepts articles and photographs on a continual basis, but does not pay for submissions. Please send all articles and photos via email to editor@trea.org or by mail to 12200 E. Briarwood Ave., Ste 250, Centennial, CO 80112. There is no guarantee that any submission will be published. Photos must be high quality in order to be printed in the magazine. Low quality photos will not be printed.

Deadlines

For copy and photos (with captions, please) the deadline is the 15th day, two months prior to magazine release. Next deadline is Sept 15th, 2021.

Advertising

By their appearance, ads must not imply or infer any kind of TREA representation, warranty, or endorsement. For ad rates and a media kit, please email us at editor@trea.org or call 303-752-0660. Postmaster (address change) Please send address changes to The VOICE, 12200 E. Briarwood Ave, Suite 250 Centennial, CO 80112 or by email to treahq@trea.org. Periodicals postage paid at Englewood, CO and other mailing offices.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Justin Jump, National President



Our country is resilient and so too is our organization as we bounce back from the heightened periods during a global pandemic. We truly are returning to a sense of normalcy, but as a people and a nation we will never return to living as we once had pre-covid. Just yesterday, I was visiting Dupont Circle, a popular area and hangout location in our nation's Capital. Reminiscence still lingers of a nation in recovery. We truly will be wearing some type of protective mask, practicing social distancing, and using hand sanitizers for the near future much after the pandemic has been relegated to our history.

There is no doubt that the last 18 months saw critical if not historic events from a national perspective with a hotly contested national election, civil unrest, economic decline, and a national health crisis. Our nation and our organization have held true and stays the course. During this period, TREA has times of great triumph through the accomplishments of video conferences for our annual membership and national board meetings, expanding voting to all members through the implementation of mail-in voting ballots for our organizations elected positions and a renewed affiliate agreement with TREA National Auxiliary. Truly, while we were making strides so to has our country with shifts from in person to remote working constructs. All the while, news reports from across the country show our humanity as Americans . We are stepping up to help one another. If there is one thing that the past year shows us, it is that "We the People" are resilient and will come together in times of need for the common good to persevere.

So too is our organization proof to such resiliency. Chapters have overcome fears of the unknown and have fully embraced virtual meetings. We have launched a new "TREA Gives" a benevolent program designed to give to those who served as enlisted in the United Stated Military uniformed services, past, present and future. Not only did TREA survive the global pandemic, but we also came out of it with the renewed energy to uphold our promise to support our fellow veterans and to protect promised and earned benefits.

At some point and time our members stood side-by-side, peoples from different hometowns, from different parts of our great country, of different races, religions, and genders with a common goal to defend. Defend one another and our nation. For those of us that served, are still serving and for the family that surrounds us, supporting us, this must always be our takeaway: We fought and continue to fight for one nation, undivided and for all.

United We Stand Justin G. Jump National President



4 - VOL 40 | NUMBER 3

GOD BLESS AMERICA Welcome **Sign Collection**

Lod Bless America

"Welcome" display measures 🔶 over 1 foot wide!

Interchangeable editions hand-crafted with the look of natural stone

Brilliant patriotic eagle imagery from acclaimed artist **Ted Blaylock**

A Bradford Exchange **Exclusive Design**



Look forward to collecting all the editions!

Let the uplifting eagle artistry of acclaimed artist Ted Blaylock and the red, white and blue of Old Glory welcome one and all with a patriotic flair with this originally-designed collection. Interchangable plagues suspend patriotic messages from the "Welcome" display. The best part of all is: your family name is custom printed on one of the plaques!

A Bradford Exchange exclusive order now!

Order each edition at \$44.99*, backed by our unconditional, 365-day money-back guarantee. You may cancel at any time simply by notifying us. You need send no money now. Order today!

ORDER TODAY AT BRADFORDEXCHANGE.COM/PATRIOTICSIGN ©2021 Blaylock Originals, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Where Passion Becomes Art ©2021 BGE 01-33943-001-BD ESPOND PROMPTLY SEND NO MONEY NOW Mrs. Mr. Ms. The Bradford Exchange P.O. Box 806, Morton Grove, IL 60053-0806 Add YES. Please accept my order for the God Bless America Welcome Sign Collection as City described in this announcement. I need send no money now. I will be billed with shipment.

This Land is

"Welcome" display shown smaller than actual size of appr. 81⁄4 in. high x 12½ in. wide. Each patriotic display measures appr. 4 in. high x 10 in. wide. Intended for indoor use only.

ree

Because of th

Ple	Please indicate below the family name that will appear on the plaque.															
Г																
Ma	ximur	n 18 a	hara	cters	inclu	ding	space	25.				PLEAS	e prin	T CLE	ARLY	

Bradford Exchange

the

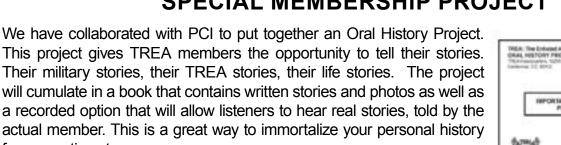
Name	(Please Print Clearly)		
Address		C 100 Control 1	
City	State	Zip	
Email (optional)			
*Plus a total of \$8.99 shipping and servic A limited edition restricted to 295 casting d All sales are subject to product availability a	lays. Allow 4-8 weeks for		922654-E27961

SUMMER 2021 - 5



6 - VOL 40 | NUMBER 3

for generations to come.



In the process, PCI is assisting us in ensuring that the membership information that we have on file is up to date and accurate. Up-to-date mem-

ber information is critical in helping to serve veterans, their families and their communities.

If you get a call, an email or a postcard from PCI asking you to respond, please know that this is a legit request and that we are working together to service our membership.

If you have any questions, please call TREA National Headquarters at 303-752-0660 today.

physical traveling bags. It is important to check your spiritual and emotion-

al baggage as well. These are the things that we carry around, in our hearts and in our minds they are a burden to us and prevent us from achieving the maximum level of Gods blessings. Hate, anger, envy, selfishness, regret; these (and many more)

are excessive baggage in our spiritual journey. Let them go - 'CHECK YOUR BAGGAGE'. Sometimes the weight we are carrying holds us back from being and doing what GOD wants us to be and do. Free up your hearts and minds so that you are capable of receiving God's bountiful blessings.

"For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." – Matthew 11:30

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP PROJECT

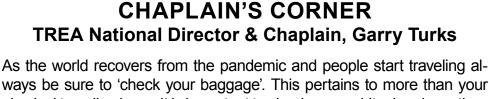
Veterans with hearing loss have a right to communicate

using the telephone—as guaranteed under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Clear2Connect Coalition works with the disability and veteran communities to preserve the quality of and access to captioned telephone service.

To learn more, please visit clear2connect.org

CLEAR 2 CONNECT



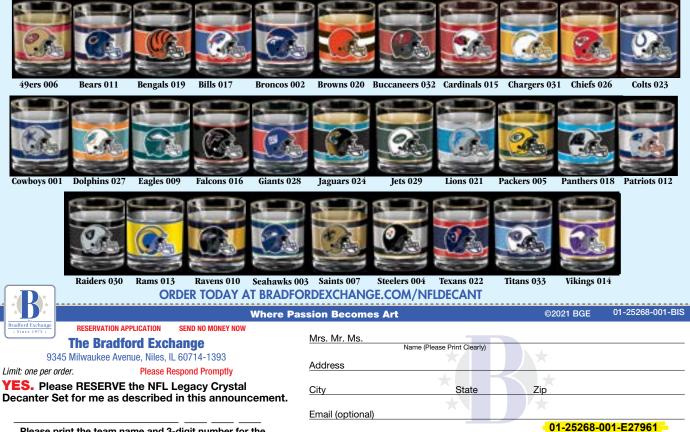




Celebrate YOUR TEAM in Style!



The four crystal tumblers and decanter arrive together in a distinctive, cushioned gift box. But don't delay, or you could miss out! Each team Legacy Crystal Decanter Set is exclusively available from The Bradford Exchange, and sellout demand is expected. Act now to acquire your own team's set in four easy installments of just \$42.50, totaling \$169.99*. The set is backed by our 365-day money-back guarantee. Send no money now. Just complete and return the Reservation Application today!



Please print the team name and 3-digit number for the Decanter Set you wish to order in the space above.

*Plus a total of \$20.99 shipping and service per set; see bradfordexchange.com. A limited-edition presentation restricted to 95 firing days. Please allow 4-8 weeks after initial payment for shipment. Subject to product availability and order acceptance.



TREA GIVES STEPS UP AGAIN Our Benevolent Program in action.... Debbie Osborne, Director for Operations



We meant it when we said that we are here to support our fellow enlisted service members. One way that we did that was to respond to the needs of a young enlisted active duty family who had their household belongings stolen during a PCS move. The Salas family was moving from Virginia to Colorado for a new duty station when their 26-foot moving truck was stolen from the parking lot of the hotel where they stopped to rest for the night. TSgt Salas was put in contact with TREA through a local chapter and we immediately responded to this emergency need. Within 12 hours, TSgt Salas and his family had a check from the TREA GIVES program to help them with immediate needs, such as clothing and personal items. The Salas Family will be included

in TREA's Holiday Program where they will receive items for a Thanksgiving meal and receive gifts and clothing and other necessary items for Christmas. (Go here to read the full story: <u>https://www.thedenver-channel.com/news/contact-denver7/denver7-gives/thieves-steal-military-familys-moving-truck-with-all-their-belongings-inside</u>).

TREA has provided emergency financial assistance to seven veteran/active duty military families since its inception in January of this year. We have provided assistance for rent, utilities, prescriptions, medical, food & clothing. "It's been such a blessing for us to be able to rekindle our desire to truly help others who have served" stated the Chairman of the Benevolent Committee and TREA's National 1st Vice, Deborah Oelschig. "It's what we are supposed to do".

If you are an enlisted service member with a financial emergency, and are retired, honorably discharged, active duty or Guard & Reserve, we are here to help. Go to <u>www.trea.org</u> for our online application or call the Headquarters at 303-752-0660 and we will send you a printed application.

This is a great program with the potential to really make a difference for those who have served our country. It is alive and it is strong, but we cannot do it alone. We need you to help us. Please consider being a part of this wonderful program by filling out the bottom form and sending it with your tax-deductible donation to TREA GIVES today. 80112)

YES! Taking care of my fellow service members is important to me. You can count on me to help build this program.

I am sending \$	today.	
Check #	C/C #	/ Exp
Signature for C/C:		Make me a monthly donor?
Mail to: TREA GIVES	- 12200 E. Briarwood A	ve, #250 – Centennial, CO 80112

WEAR YOUR ALLEGIANCE WITH PRIDE



U.S. **ARMY®**





U.S. AIR FORCE.

Embroidered Branch Insignia on the Front **Appliqué of the Branch Emblem on the Back**

PAY TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVE

No matter your service allegiance, now you can show your support in style with our "Proud to Serve" Military Men's Hoodie, an original design available in four military branches. Crafted in an easy-care black knit fleece, the hoodie features a large appliqué patch of the official branch emblem on the back, framed with branch motto and slogans, plus the year established, in golden embroidery. An embroidered branch insignia is proudly displayed on the front. Detailing continues throughout this apparel design, like an embroidered flag patch on the left sleeve, light gray thermal knit lining in the hood, kangaroo pockets, rib knit cuffs, hood drawstrings

and a full front zipper. And it's available in 5 sizes, medium to XXXL. Imported. A Remarkable Value...

Licensed

Available for a Limited Time

The "Proud to Serve" Military Men's Hoodie can be yours now for \$99.95*, payable in 3 convenient installments of just \$33.32 each, and backed by our 30-day, money-back guarantee. Sizes XXL-XXXL, add \$10. To reserve yours, send no money now; just return your Priority Reservation. But don't delay! This custom hoodie is only available from The Bradford Exchange, and this is a limited-time offer. So order today!

^{TMO}Officially Licensed by the Department of the Navy. TMDepartment of the Air Force. Officially Licensed Product of the Air Force (www.airforce.com). ^{TMO}Officially Licensed Product of the U.S. Army By federal law, licensing fees paid to the U.S. Army for use of its trademarks provide support to the Army Trademark Licensing Program, and net licensing revenue is devoted to U.S. Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs. U.S. Army name, trademarks and logos are protected under federal law and used under license by The Bradford Exchange.

	Order Today at bradfordexchange.com/militaryem	blemhoodie	F 🖗 💿 🎔 🕒	©2021 The Bradford Exchang	ge 01-30478-001-BIBMPOR2
	Where F	Passion Be	comes Art		
Bradford Exchange • Since 1973 •	PRIORITY RESERVATION SEND NO MONEY NOW The Bradford Exchange OD45 Million August Nilos II 00714 1000	Signature			
in the	9345 Milwaukee Avenue · Niles, IL 60714-1393 e reserve the " <i>Proud to Serve" Military Men's Hoodie</i> for me service branch selected below, and in the size indicated. -40) L (42-44) XL (46-48) XXL (50-52) XXXL (54-56)	Mrs. Mr. Address	Ms. Name (Please I	Print Clearly)	
	S. Army® 01-30481-001 Hoodie Size			bradfordexchange.com). Pleaseallow 2-8 week to product availability and order acceptance.	Zip s E27961



FROM THE BYLAWS & STANDING RULE COMMITTEE Committee Chair & National 2nd Vice, Walt Coley



Your Bylaws and Standing Rules committee completed revisions of our governing directives and made real progress on achieving our President's vision of making TREA 'Run like a business'. We will be using the electronic ballot system again this year and will provide full text on our website as well as paper copies on request – and hyperlinked copies on the voting website if you vote online. The committee wants you to understand the WHY behind the changes. So new this year will be four (4) Zoom town halls where you will be able to ask questions and understand what the changes mean to TREA. I am looking forward to seeing you.

UNITED WE STAND!

1st BLSR/Membership 'Town Hall' https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227326596

2nd BLSR/Membership 'Town Hall' https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85677129743

3rd BLSR/Membership 'Town Hall' https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81470478542

Final BLSR/Membership 'Town Hall' https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83882364424

August 8, 2021 @ 3:00 PM (MST) Meeting ID: 882 2732 6596

August 17, 2021 @ 4:00 PM (MST) Meeting ID: 856 7712 9743

August 25, 2021 @ 2:00 PM (MST) Meeting ID: 814 7047 8542

September 3, 2021 @ 5:00 PM (MST) Meeting ID: 838 8236 4424

*if you will be attending using your phone and not the computer, please use the number that is closest to your physical location:

1-669-900-6833 (San Jose) 1-929-205-6099 (New York) 1-253-215-8782 US (Tacoma) 1-346-248-7799 (Houston) 1-301-715-8592 US (Wash. DC) 1-312-626-6799 (Chicago)

If you are unable to attend one of these pre-scheduled meetings, and have questions concerning any of the proposed Bylaws or Standing Rules, please reach out to the committee chair at: <u>2ndvice@trea.org</u>





VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Every TREA member has the ability to have their vote counted in approving/disapproving proposed changes to the National Bylaws and Standing Rules. Unfortunately, this voting process does not pertain to the Ladies Auxiliary. If you are an Auxiliary member, please refer to the Auxiliary section in this magazine for information on your specific voting process.

The voting process is simple and will take only a few minutes. There are two ways that you can cast your vote. Both processes require the use of your unique voting code. This is an 8 digit number that can be found on your mailing label. It will be four numbers, a space, and four more numbers (ex: 1234 5678). Without this code, your vote will not be processed. If you cannot find your unique voting code, please call TREA Headquarters for assistance.

1. By mail - Tear out the printed ballot form on page 12, mark your vote for each question, fill in your 8 digit voting code at the bottom. Affix a stamp to the enclosed self-addressed envelope and drop it in the mail. Your ballot must be mailed in time to be received in New York by September 14, 2021. Ballots received after September 14, 2021 will not be counted. Ballots can be sent immediately – it is never too early to send your ballot.

2. Online. So easy. Go to your favorite web browser – it does not matter which one, they all work the same. Enter this link <u>vote.yeselections.com/TREA</u>. This will take you directly to a TREA log in page. You will need to enter the 8 digit voting code that is on your mailing label and your zip code (this ensures voting integrity and prohibits multiple votes). Once you enter your code and your zip code, click 'continue', this will take you to the actual ballot page. Clicking on an individual Bylaw or Standing Rule does not count as a vote – this simply takes you to detailed information. You have to actually click on the "Approve' or 'Disapprove' button to vote. Once you complete your vote, click 'SUBMIT'. You will be given the opportunity to review and verify your vote. You can click 'RETURN' to change a vote or to fill in a missed vote, or you can continue to submit your vote by clicking 'VOTE'. If you return to make changes, you will once again be given the opportunity to review your decision before making it final by clicking on the 'VOTE' button. Once you click the 'VOTE' button, your vote is final and changes cannot be made. Once your vote is submitted, you will receive a confirmation of your vote with the date and time that your vote was submitted. That's it – it truly is that simple – and quick!

There are 12 Bylaw changes, 10 Standing Rule changes as well as the location choice for TREA's 2023 Annual Membership Meeting. You can view the detailed information on our website (<u>www.trea.org</u>). Click on 'Proposed Bylaw & Standing Rule Changes for 2021', or if you are voting online, you can simply click on the title of each question to be taken to the description/detail page. If you have any questions or would like further information on any of the proposed changes, please contact the BLSR Committee Chair at <u>2ndvice@trea.org</u>.

You must be a member in good standing, which means that your membership needs to be paid up through September 15th, 2021. If your membership expires before September 15th, you will need to renew your membership in order to vote. In these cases, we will provide you with your unique 8 digit voting code that will enable you to vote.

All votes are processed by an outside third party, Elections America. The results are kept anonymous and confidential. A report will be sent to Headquarters showing who voted, but NOT how they voted. This is used for engagement analysis purposes only.

As always, we encourage every member to visit our national website often as updates and changes are posted regularly (<u>www.trea.org</u>).

If you want to participate in the online voting process, but are unsure of the process, or just want someone close by 'just in case' – give us a call. (303-752-0660). Each Headquarter staff member has been thoroughly trained in the process and can easily walk you through each step.





2021 Election - Official Ballot

To read a description of each proposed change, please visit our website – **www.trea.org,** for instructions, please see page 10

SECTION I - Bylaws & Standing Rules							Approve	Disapprove
Article II (Object) – Added new Guiding Principle							0	0
Article II (Purpose) - changed 'grandchildren' to 'future generations' as more	desc	riptive.					0	0
Article III Section 3 (Transfers) – moves this section to Article 17 (Chapters) member responsibilities.	beca	use trar	nsfers a	ffect C	hapte	ers and	0	0
	Article IV, Section 5 (Audit) – Adds use of virtual accounting audit to save money and improve efficiency.							0
Article VI, Section 1 (President) – Reflects functional organizational structure	Э.						0	0
Article VII, Section 2 (Duties): - Adds a new paragraph that makes the 5-yea	ar Coi	nmittee	a resp	onsibil	ity of I	the board	0	0
Article IX, Sections 1 & 2 (Nominee Candidates & Candidate Eligibility) – background checks on all candidates seeking a National Office position.	adds	the saf	ety mea	isure c	of requ	uiring	0	0
Article IX, Section 3 (Elections) – Clarifies confusing wording.							0	0
Article X, Section 1a (Membership Sessions) – Increases flexibility of membership conditions.	bersh	ip comr	nittee to	o respo	ond to	real-	0	0
Article X, Section 3 (Members) - States that all voting must be completed by	start	of first	membe	rship s	sessio	n.	0	0
Article XII, Section 1 (Standing Committees) – Removes the 5-Year plan fro	om a s	standing	g comm	ittee			0	0
Article XV (Publications) – Puts full name of the Voice (The Voice of the Enlisted) in Article - eliminates confusion.					0	0		
Standing Rule 1, Paragraph 6-7 - (Financial Conflict of interest and other) – Eliminates conflict with Article 3, Section 11					0	0		
Standing Rule 5, Paragraph 3k - (Benevolent Committee) – Adds committee as permanent Standing Committee.					0	0		
Standing Rule 6 - (Organizational and Management Structure) – Moves functional job descriptions to TREA Procedure Guides (TPG)					0	0		
Standing Rule 7, Paragraph 9 - (Refund of Life Mem Dues to Survivors) – Clarifies who pays refunds to survivors.						0	0	
Standing Rule 8, Paragraph 2 - (Committee composition/duties) – Adds Members at Large (MALs) to committee composition.						0	0	
Standing Rule 8, Appendix 1, #2 - (Group 2, National Chapter Awards) – Adds electronic newsletter to awards criteria						0	0	
Standing Rule 8, Appendix 1, #2 - (Recruiter of the Year) – All members are now eligible for this award.						0	0	
Standing Rule 8, Appendix 1, #3 - (National President's Award) – Ensures MAL's are eligible						0	0	
Standing Rule 8, Paragraph 7 - (Awards Presentation Ceremonies) – Adds flexibility, saves time and money - based on declining attendance						0	0	
Standing Rule 10, All Paragraphs - (Chapter Ceremonies and Protocol Guidelines) – Eliminates this rule. Information will be available from Headquarters upon request.						0	0	
SECTION II - Future Membership Meeting Sites								
For 2023 - TREA's 60th Anniversary - choose ONE	() La	as Ve	gas, N	٩V	C) Virt	ual
SECTION III - Acceptance of the FY 2020 Financial Audit								
I have reviewed the FY2020 audit as presented on page 24 of this magazine and I:	0	Acce	ept			O Do	Not A	ccept
	<u>B</u>		ELEC	TION	COI	DE		
Please print your Election Code found on your mailing label on the front of this magazine				-				

*Your Election Code must be on the ballot in order for your vote to be counted



Good News for Americans, Bad News for Big Pharma.

Millions are expected to benefit from a new technology that's proven to relieve severe joint discomfort in a matter of days.

US- Several pharmaceutical companies could lose millions in revenue as consumers move to a new alternative for joint discomfort.

The alternative, an oral supplement, was recently developed by a Seattle-based company.

They become one of the first to use a brand new technology that's backed by over 8-million dollars in research grants.

The technology is a major advance in health.

Studies have found it can start to provide joint discomfort relief in a matter of days.

Even more remarkable, when used for 30 days, it was shown to provide relief without any adverse events.

So what's the secret behind this new pill called VeraFlex? It's a breakthrough called immune modulation and it's how you can enjoy more comfort, less stiffness and better mobility at any age.

The Science Behind Relief

Research shows that the joint stiffness, soreness and even the discomfort is likely caused by certain enzymes released by the body's immune system

The active ingredients in VeraFlex greatly inhibit the product of these enzymes resulting in a potentially dramatic decreasing in swelling and discomfort.

This enzyme-inhibiting characteristic is what researchers call immune modulation and is why people experience relief so quickly.

"VeraFlex users can generally expect to start to see more flexibility in just a few days...and with continued use, a tremendous improvement to overall joint function that may help them move more like they did years prior" explains Dr. Liza Leal, developer and spokesperson for VeraFlex.

Piling on the Clinical Research

The secret behind VeraFlex is its active ingredient which is protected by 8 patents and is backed by over 8-million dollars in research. It's also undergone two clinical trials.

In the first, 60 participants were randomly placed into four groups.

The data collected by researchers was stunning.

The groups taking the VeraFlex ingredient saw staggering improvements such as flexibility, improved comfort, and joint mobility starting in just a matter of days.

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

Shockingly, both men and women experienced a reduction in joint stiffness two days faster than when using traditional treatments.

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

Faster Delivery, Maximum Absorption

The VeraFlex formula contains



This new technology is now encapsulated in this pill. Participants in clinical studies reported improvement to joint function and comfort... in just a matter of days.

only two active patented ingredients.

The first is Univestin, a powerful immune modulator which inhibits certain enzymes linked to joint deterioration and discomfort and supports healthy inflammation response.

The second is Maxcell[®], an accelerator and clinically studied blend of aloe vera, pepper, jujube, and licorice root that maximizes the absorption and delivery of the plant based Univestin extract in the body.

How to Claim a Free 3-Month Supply Of VeraFlex

This is an exclusive offer for our readers. And so, VeraFlex is offering up to 3 FREE bottles and FREE S&H with their order.

A special hotline number has been created for all residents. This is the best way to try VeraFlex with their 100% satisfaction guarantee, and any free gifts are yours to keep no matter what.

Starting at 5:00 AM today the phone lines will be open for a limited time. All you have to do is call TOLL- FREE **1-800-583-5670**, the special promotion will automatically be applied.

Important: Due to a surge in sales, supplies are not guaranteed beyond the next 48 hours. Call now to not lose out on this offer.

THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DWONDSE, TREAT, CURE OR PREVENT MY DISEASE, RESULTS MAY WAY.





NEWS FROM WASHINGTON Bill McCabe, Director of Legislative Affairs and Communications

Over the last several months, TREA has been involved in many great legislative and ceremonial efforts in Washington, both virtually as well as in-person for the first time in over a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This included an in-person press conference celebrating TREA's efforts to pass the PAWS Act out of the U.S. House, the Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, and a ceremony at the Women's Veterans Memorial in honor of the 73rd anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

2021 Memorial Day Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery



On May 31st, TREA's National President, Justin Jump represented TREA before President Biden, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, and members of the Veteran and Military Service Organization community at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, 2021.

Pictured left: (L - R) TREA President Jump standing beside SEAC Colon Lopez, The Military Coalition's President Jack DuTeil & Lt Col Sheldon Goldberg, USAF (Ret) from MOWW.

2021 WOMEN'S APPRESHEATION DAY

On June 12th, TREA's National President, Justin Jump was proud to participate in a ceremony commemorating the 73rd Anniversary of the Women's Armed Service Integration Act. He joined President CW5 Phyllis Wilson, OptumServe CEO and 43rd United States Army Surgeon General LTG Patricia Horoho, Acting Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Support with the Veterans Health Administration Ms. Deborah Kramer, and Congresswoman Julia Brownley.

Pictured right: (L-R) SSgt Tamika Woodard, TREA President Jump, TSgt Melissa Morris

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Over the last several months, Washington has begun to settle in, to include many official appointments in the Biden Administration and new leadership in the U.S. Congress. Most notably, TREA has welcomed Mr. Denis McDonough as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Senators Jon Tester and Jerry Moran as Chairman and Ranking Members of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, and Congressmen Mark Takano and Mike Bost as Chairman and Ranking Members of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. In addition, TREA was pleased to welcome retired Gen. Lloyd Austin as Secretary of Defense.

TREA has maintained strong relationships within VA, DoD, as well as both Committees on the Hill and has secured several legislative accomplishments we are proud to report to you



Top Digestive Aid Pill Quietly Slows Premature Aging, Users Report Big Health Boost

Clinical research shows how a gastrointestinal "tonic" can restore GI health and slow an accelerated aging process; studies find the pill helps protect users from metabolic decline, cardiovascular issues, and serious conditions that accompany premature aging

Seattle, WA – A published study on a leading natural digestive aid shows that its key ingredient improves digestive health while supporting healthy inflammation response that slows down signs of premature aging in men and women.

And, if consumer sales are any indication of a product's effectiveness, this 'GI-tonic turned anti-aging phenomenon' is nothing short of a miracle.

Sold under the brand name AloeCure*, its ingredient was already backed by research showing its ability to neutralize acid levels and improve gastric discomfort.

But soon doctors started reporting some incredible results...

"With AloeCure, my patients started reporting, better sleep, more energy, stronger immune systems... even less stress and better skin, hair, and nails" explains Dr. Liza Leal; a leading integrative health specialist and company spokesperson.

AloeCure contains an active ingredient that helps improve digestion by acting as a natural digestive aid that improves the pH balance of your stomach.

Scientists now believe that having optimal acid levels could be a major contributing factor to a healthy immune system.

The daily allowance of AloeCure has shown to optimize the acid levels needed to manage healthy immune function which is why Aloe-Cure is so effective.

It relieves other stressful issues related to GI health like discomfort, excess gas and bloating, and bathroom stress.

Now, backed with new scientific studies, AloeCure is being doctor recommended to help improve digestive function, help build better bones, support healthy joint function, and even help reduce the appearance of wrinkles - helping patients look and feel decades younger.

FIX YOUR GUT & SUPPORT HEALTHY INFLAMMATION

Since hitting the market, sales for AloeCure have taken off and there are some very good reasons why. To start, the clinical studies have been impressive.

Virtually all participants taking it reported stunning improvement in digestive symptoms including gastric discomfort.

Users can also experience higher energy levels and endurance, less discomfort and better sleep, healthier looking skin, hair, and nails.

An unhealthy gut can wreak havoc on the human body. Doctors say this is why AloeCure works on so many aspects of your health.

AloeCure's active ingredient is made from the famous polysaccharide compound found in Aloe Vera. It is both safe and healthy. There are also no known side effects.

Scientists believe that it helps improve digestive health by acting as a natural digestive aid that improves the pH balance of your stomach and helps the immune system maintain healthy functions.

Research has shown that acid imbalance contributes to premature aging and is why AloeCure seems to be so effective.

EXCITING RESULTS FROM PATIENTS

To date millions of bottles of AloeCure have been sold, and the community seeking non-pharma therapy for their GI health continues to grow.

According to Dr. Leal, her patients are absolutely thrilled with their results and are often shocked by how fast it works.

"For the first time in years, they are free from concerns about their digestion and almost every other aspect of their health," says Dr. Leal, "and I recommend it to everyone who wants to improve GI health before considering drugs, surgery, or OTC medications."

"All the problems with my stomach are gone. Completely gone. I can say AloeCure is a miracle. It's a miracle." Another user turned spokesperson said, "I started to notice a difference because I was sleeping through the night and that was great. AloeCure does work for me. It's made a huge difference."

With so much positive feedback, it's easy to see why the community of believers is growing and sales for the new pill are soaring.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND ALOECURE

AloeCure is a gastric and digestive tonic. The pill is small. Easy to swallow. There are no harmful side effects and it does not require a prescription.

The active ingredient is a rare Aloe Vera component known as acemannan.

Millions spent in developing a proprietary process for extracting acemannan resulted in the highest quality, most bio-available levels of acemannan known to exist, and it's made from organic aloe.

According to Dr. Leal and leading experts, improving the pH balance of your stomach and restoring gut health is the key to revitalizing your entire body.

When your digestive system isn't healthy, it causes unwanted stress on your immune system



and that might lead to unhealthy inflammation.

The recommended daily allowance of AloeCure has been proven to support digestive health, manage healthy immune function, and promote healthy inflammation response without side effects or drugs.

This would explain why so many users are experiencing impressive results so quickly.

REVITALIZE YOUR ENTIRE BODY

With daily use, AloeCure helps users look and feel decades younger and defend against premature aging that can make life hard.

By helping acid levels stay optimal and promoting gut health, AloeCure's ingredient supports joint health...helps skin appear smooth... maintains healthy cholesterol and oxidative stress...improves sleep and associated weight loss....and supports brain function by way of gut biome...without side effects or expense.

Readers can now support their energy, vitality, and youth regardless of age.

AloeCure Taken Daily

- Helps End Digestion Nightmares
- Reduces appearance of Wrinkles & Increases Elasticity
- · Supports Healthy Immune System
- · Supports Joint Health
- · Promotes Healthy Inflammation Response
- · Supports Bowel Health & Regularity

HOW TO CLAIM A FREE SUPPLY TODAY

This is an exclusive offer for our readers. And so, AloeCure is offering up to 3 FREE bottles and FREE S&H with their order. While supplies last you may also receive a FREE book on Aloe Vera health benefits.

A special hotline number has been created for all residents. This is the best way to try AloeCure with their 100% satisfaction guarantee, and any free gifts are yours to keep no matter what.

This special give-away is available only for a limited time so don't wait. All you have to do is call TOLL- FREE 1-800-746-2801, the special promotion will automatically be applied.

Important: Due to a surge in sales supplies are not guaranteed beyond the next 48 hours. Call now to not lose out on this offer.



TOXIC EXPOSURES, BURN PITS, AND AGENT ORANGE

TREA continues to be a leading advocate on Toxic Exposures related legislation and was at the forefront during the historic introduction of two consequential healthcare bills in both the House and Senate. In the Senate, The Cost of War Act was introduced, with TREA shown as a lead advocate on the bill by Chairman Jon Tester's office (pictured below). In addition, TREA has supported the introduction of the PACT Act in the U.S. House, which incorporates similar provisions as its Senate counterpart that TREA has worked on with the Toxic Exposures in the American Military (TEAM) Coalition for nearly two years. More on the bill below.



Concurrent Receipt (Fixing VA Disability Pay + DOD Retirement Pay Offset)

S. 344, The Major Richard Star Act: TREA is proud to report that S. 344 was successfully re-introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate. Since then, TREA has been hard at work securing cosponsors in both chambers to ensure successful passage this year, with now 49 cosponsors in the U.S. Senate, and 105 cosponsors in the U.S. House! As you may know, this bipartisan legislation would finally provide combat-injured veterans that were forced to medically retire with less than 20 years of military service their full benefits, meaning they would receive both their earned DoD Retirement Pay, and their earned VA Disability Pay, with no offset. This legislation is a very positive step in correcting the larger concurrent receipt issue.



ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME – WASHINGTON, D.C. AND GULFPORT MISS.

Affordable Independent Living for Eligible Veterans

The Armed Forces Retirement Home is an affordable retirement community for eligible veterans who served primarily in the enlisted ranks.

Whether it's at our scenic, wooded campus in Washington, DC, or on the beach-side campus in Gulfport, Miss., AFRH offers supportive care and shared camaraderie.

INCLUDED:

Services & Amenities:

Medical, Dental & Vision Care Private Room & Shower Occupational/Physical Therapy Secure Gated Community Dining Room & 3 Daily Meals Recreational & Social Activities Library & Computer Center Banking & Mail Room Services Campus NEX/PX & 24/7 Canteen Swimming Pool & Fitness Center Barber & Beauty Salon Transportation Services

AFRH WELCOMES NONCOMMISSIONED VETERANS!

Regular, Reserve, & Guard Members are eligible from the following categories:

Receiving Retired Pay & Benefits Service-Connected Disabilities War Theater or Hostile Fire Pay WWII Women's Component

> for Enlisted Personnel Limited-Duty Officers Warrant Officers

FOR MORE INFORMATION Limited-I Please Call 800.422.9988 Warrar admissions@afrh.gov | afrh.gov 3700 N. Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011 Gulfport, Miss: Walking Path to Beach Outdoor Swimming Pool Ocean-view balconies

Washington, DC:

9-hole Golf Course Stocked Fishponds President Lincoln's Cottage Scenic Walking Paths





MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



H.R. 1448, The PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act: On May 13th, TREA's Director of Legislative Affairs and Communications Bill Mc-Cabe (pictured center) stood with Congressman Steve Stivers (pictured right), Senator Thom Tillis (pictured left), Congresswoman Kathleen Rice, Congressman Mike Waltz, Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, Congressman John Rutherford, Semper K9 Assistance Dogs, K9s For Warriors, and others in celebration of H.R. 1448, "the PAWS Act" passing the U.S. House. Passage of this bill is a big win for veterans who are suffering from the invisible wounds of war who wish to seek these scientifically proven alternatives of treatments, such as PTSD, at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 1467 - VA Medicinal Cannabis Research Act of 2021: TREA has officially supported research to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a series of clinical trials on the effects of cannabis on certain health outcomes of veterans with chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder. TREA strongly supports alternative treatment options to augment traditional methods, giving veterans every option

possible when confronting the debilitating effects of PTSD and injuries from their military service.

Military Families

S. 781 – The Elaine M. Checketts Military Families Act: On April 21st, TREA sent an official letter of support and press release endorsement to Chairmen Jack Reed and Adam Smith, and Ranking Members Jim Inhofe and Mike Rogers of the U.S. House and Senate Armed Services Committees requesting that S. 781 be included in the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). As quoted by TREA's National President, Justin Jump: "No servicemember should have to return to work the day after losing their child. The Elaine M. Checketts Military Families Act would rightfully provide commanders the necessary authority to support military families who are grieving tragic loss. TREA applauds this bipartisan effort and firmly believes that family readiness is essential to the overall readiness of the total force." To read our letter of support and learn more about the bill from our press release, you may view it on our website under the legislative tab, in our e-newsletter, or on our social media platforms.

Call to Action Emails

We would like to thank you all for your willingness to participate in our Call to Action requests. These efforts are critically important to ensure Congress feels the pressure and hears directly from you. When you see these alerts in your inbox, please consider following the prompts to write to your representatives in support of the highlighted legislative effort. The platform called "VoterVoice" will automatically send it to your respective Senators and Congressman based on the zip code you provide when filling out your contact information. We also include a sample message that you may edit accordingly based on your personal opinions and experience with the issues.

Social Media

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

Facebook: @TheEnlistedAssn

Twitter: @TREA_DC

LinkedIn: @TheEnlistedAssociation







CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST?

Of Course! We are excited about TREA's Holiday Program and are gearing up for another successful year. This will be our 6th year for this program and in those 6 years, we have sponsored over 470 families; providing gifts, food, clothing, stockings, candy and good cheer. We work with Soldiers' Angels (a resource organization for veterans and service members) to provide us with the names of families of deployed or wounded service members. This program is not a financial assistance program; this program is a THANK YOU to the service member and their family for their service and sacrifice.

If you know of a family of a deployed or wounded service member and you would like to submit their name(s) for this program, or if you want to participate in this program by adopting a family or contributing monetarily, please reach out to TREA Headquarters (303-752-0660).

All donations are tax-deductible and go 100% to the military family.



NEWS FROM THE EXCHANGE

Retirees & Veterans Support Military Community by Shopping Exchange – in Store or Online

Tom Shull, Army & Air Force Exchange Service Director

All service members are part of the military family for life – and they keep their Exchange benefit for life. Whether a retiree or a Veteran, Warfighters can shop the Army & Air Force Exchange Service online for tax-free savings and military exclusive pricing.

All honorably discharged veterans, regardless of their length of service, can use their Exchange benefit at ShopMyExchange.com. Over 77,000 veterans have taken advantage of this benefit by placing 1 million online orders, resulting in over \$600 million in dividends to military communities for critical Quality-of-Life programs in the last three years.

If you do not live near a brick & mortar Exchange PX or BX, you can take advantage of free shipping directly to your home (with orders of \$49 or more). Use your MILITARY STAR card and shipping is free, regardless of the order amount.





A MESSAGE FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Hello members, and again welcome! 2021 has really flown by and Summer has arrived by the time as you read this. Where has the time gone? As you all know by now, I live in Goodyear, AZ, and it has been extremely hot, and I mean hot! It has reached 118 degrees starting out in June. One thing that I have learned living here over the last 6 years, is to drink plenty of water and stay inside as much as I can. Moving on to you dear members wherever you may reside, I hope to find you all are safe and doing well.

I would like to tell you some important business at hand. This year's TREA Annual Membership Meeting is being held in San Diego, CA, on Wednesday, September 15, and Thursday, September 16, 2021. Just a reminder that the Auxiliary will not be attending due to budget constraints. I am excited to say that the TREA Auxiliary Board of Directors (BOD) will hold our Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, September 23, and Friday, September 24, 2021, in-person and will also be virtual via Zoom Teleconferencing. Our Location: TREA Local Chapter 1, 3065 S Academy Blvd, Colorado Spring, CO, 80916. TREA Local Chapter 1 is hosting this event for us.

Registration will be sent out to all our Local Chapter Presidents and MAL's. All members that attend will be responsible for their own arrangements (travel and hotel). Members, please come out and support us. We are in the process of working on finding a hotel with a great rate and will try to hold some rooms aside along with a nice restaurant for our members to join us for Thursday and Friday evening.

A reminder that the WEF/Benevolent Program Assistance Fund is available to our widows/widowers. Direct your questions to Chairman, Pat Winds, at pmitch2121@gmail.com.

Local chapters really support our National Auxiliary with their donations. I do know that some chapters have not been meeting regularly during the COVID 19 pandemic. I have also found out some Chapters are meeting again, and I am so excited that this is happening. Do not forget we still need your donations. Local Chapters and MALs members that are planning to attend our meeting, you can bring your donations for our Scholarship Program and it will be greatly appreciated. If you are unable to attend our meeting, you can send your donations to me at P.O. Box 5852, Goodyear, AZ, 85338.

Again, I would like to say our membership continues to go down. Please members, I am asking each one of you to reach out and tell someone what TREA Auxiliary is about. We also have an opening for a Director. Please apply and consider becoming a member on our BOD.

As always, you can reach out to me with any questions you may have to my e-mail at barbcoley@cox.net. I guess that is all for now and I greatly appreciate you taking the time out of your day to read this article and your continued support of our TREA National Auxiliary.

God bless you all. Barbara Coley

UNITED WE STAND



AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN



As each day unfolds, we are surrounded by more opportunities than we can count----opportunities to improve our own lives and the lives of those we love. Each of us possesses the ability to experience earthy peace and spiritual abundance, but sometimes peace and abundance seem to be little more than distant promises.

Do you expect the coming day to be a fountain of opportunities? Are you expecting the best and preparing yourself for it? Or are you expecting the worst and bracing yourself against it?

As we face the challenges that are part of life here on earth, we must not become discouraged. We must, instead, arm ourselves with the promises of God. When we do, we can expect the very best that life---and God---has to offer.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS LEAGUE Did You Know?

By Chairman Rick Delaney



Did you know that retiree costs are rising at a far more rapid pace than the annual Cost of Living Adjustment?

According to a new survey performed by The Senior Citizens

League (TSCL), an affiliate of TREA: The Enlisted Association, an abrupt jump in inflation in February and March wiped out a temporary improvement in the buying power of Social Security benefits. The study, which compares the growth in the Social Security cost of living adjustments (COLA)s with increases in the costs of goods and services typically used by retirees found that, while consumer prices flatlined in 2020 through January 2021, retires will not be benefiting now.

The annual COLA increased Social Security benefits in January of 2021 by just 1.3 percent. While the lack of inflation in 2020 did improve the buying power of Social Security benefits by 2 percentage points through January 2021 — from a loss in buying power of 30 percent to a loss of 28 percent — that improvement was completely wiped out by soaring inflation in February and March of this year. The new study found that consumer price data through March 2021 show that Social Security benefits have (once again) lost 30 percent of their buying power and that loss of buying power could grow deeper

in 2021, should the current inflationary trends continue

The Senior Citizens League has been conducting the study for 12 years. The study looks at 39 expenditures that are typical for people aged 65 and up, comparing the growth in the prices of these goods and services to the growth in the annual COLAs. Based on consumer price index data through April 2021, it appears that the next COLA will be higher in 2022 than in 2021. The Senior Citizens League (TSCL) is



THE SENIOR CITIZENS LEAGUE (CONT.)

forecasting that the 2022 COLA could be 4.7%, making it the highest COLA since 2009. But with such a high level of inflation unpredictability, this estimate will most likely change several times before the COLA is officially announced in October 2021 by the Social Security Administration.

Since 2000, COLAs have increased Social Security benefits a total of 55%, yet typical senior expenses through March 2021 grew 101.7%. The average Social Security benefit in 2000 was \$816 per month. That benefit grew to \$1,262.40 by 2021 due to COLA increases. However, because retiree costs are rising at a far more rapid pace than the COLA, this study found that a Social Security benefit of \$1,645.60 per month in 2020 would be required just to maintain the same level of buying power as \$816 had in 2000.

Item	Cost in January 2000 Average cost S or numeric data'	Cost in January 2020 Average cost S or numeric data*	Percent Increase Since 2000
1. Prescription drugs average out-of-pocket (annual)	\$1,102.00	\$3,875.76	252%
2. Medicare Part B premiums (monthly)	\$45.50	\$144.60	218%
3. Homeowner's insurance (annual)	\$508.00	\$1,389.90	174%
4. Home heating oil (gal.)	\$1.15	\$3.12	172%
5. 10 lbs. potatoes (gold)	\$2.98	\$7.98	168%
6. Veterinarian services	109.300*	272.904*	150%
 Medigap (average monthly premium, all plans) 	\$119.00	\$295.64	148%
 Total medical costs, not including premiums (annual) 	\$6,140.00	\$14,151.00	130%
9. Real estate taxes	\$690.00	\$1,579.06	129%
10. Oranges (lb.)	\$0.61	\$1.34	120%

* Numeric data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is used when national average price data is not available.

The study looks at the costs of goods and services that are typically bought by most Social Security recipients. This includes expenditures such as the Medicare Part B premium, which is not measured by the index currently used to calculate the COLA yet is one of the fastest growing costs that retirees face. Of the 39 items analyzed, 27 exceeded the COLA while 14 were lower than the COLA. "This study illustrates why legislation is needed to provide a more fair and adequate COLA. To put it in perspective, for every \$100 worth of groceries a retiree could afford in 2000, they can only buy \$70 worth today.

To help protect the buying power of benefits, TSCL advocates for legislation that would provide a modest boost in benefits and base COLAs on the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) or guarantee a COLA no lower than 3 percent. To learn more, visit <u>www.SeniorsLeague.org</u>.



TREASURER'S NOTE

Kyle Carpenter, Treasurer



I want to thank TREA members for voting me in as a first time national board member, having the trust and confidence in me. TREA is in a huge transition period to ensure that we will be around for future generations.

TREA was built around social gatherings for its members; unfortunately, the membership is no longer supporting those events and the organization cannot take on that expense to continue holding them for minimal turnout. TREA must change from being an organization about spending money on wine and dining and focus on an organization that takes care of

our veterans and future generation of veterans. TREA can no longer spend money recklessly. We must ensure that our money is well spent, if we want to be around for years to come.

COVID-19 definitely changed the way TREA spent money and we were able to realize a net income of \$23,288 to end FY2020. This result was due to the financial decisions that the TREA National Board of Directors made during this difficult time. In comparison, our audit for FY2019 reported a net profit of \$348,190. This is a decrease in income of \$324,902. While we anticipated the decrease, due to COVID, we must understand the affect that this decrease had on the organization as a whole and take appropriate actions to initiate the processes that will allow for a financial rebound for 2021 and 2022. The fact that TREA was able to end the year with a net profit, speaks volumes to the level of attention and engagement that your Board of Directors and staff put forth. TREA was fortunate to apply for, be approved and receive assistance from the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). While this definitely provided the much needed cash flow for 2020, it remained a liability on the 2020 books and will be realized as income in 2021 when the loan was officially forgiven. The Benevolent program helped bring in donations that will help our future veterans that need some financial assistance. TREA recently was able to help a military family that lost all their military & household belongings when their moving truck was stolen. We were able to jump in and help the family with financial assistance! The Benevolent program is one that will get TREA's name out there and known throughout the country. The FY2020 Audit is presented for your review on the following page. Please take a moment to review it and follow up with your acceptance of the information provided by voting, either online or by mail- in (see information on pages 10 -12). The proposed 2022 budget is also presented for your reference.

TREA board made important decisions, such as keeping a part-time position at headquarters part-time through 2021. This was a hard decision, but it needed to be made in order to provide good financial stewardship of TREA's funds. There is a proposed bylaw change up for vote that will assist the organization in saving upwards of \$30K a year. This change will allow the electronic distribution of The VOICE magazine. The magazine will still be printed for those that choose to continue receiving a printed copy (provided they contact headquarters to notify us of that desire). The more members that go digital, the more TREA can save. National committees have re-assessed their financial needs with many of them decreasing their budgets in response to the need for stricter fiscal responsibility measures. It has truly been a team effort with everyone on board.

As TREA continues to move forward, the need for corporate sponsorship remains a priority. This is a very real goal that will be explored in 2021, especially as the restrictions from COVID lighten up. We need to focus marketing to currently serving military members – they are our future and we need to engage them and enlighten them on that TREA does. For 58 years TREA has been a well-guarded secret – it's time to let the secret out and share our accomplishments and actions. This needs to be done in order to attract new and younger members. Our future depends on it.

One team, one fight! UNITED WE STAND





THE RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION, INC. SUPPLEMENTAL CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR, ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 2020

			MEMORIAL	ELIMIN-	CONSOLIDATED
	TREA	TSCL	FOUNDATION	ATIONS	TOTAL
Revenue and Other Support					
Contributions	214,625	4,082,023			4,296,648
Investment Gains	284,022	212,917			496,939
Membership Dues	129,217				129,217
Mailing List Income		54,835			54,835
Royalty Income	84,671				84,671
Life Insurance Saettlements	42,703				42,703
Store Sales	7,601				7,601
Advertising Revenue	15,129				15,129
Trademark	84,330			(84,330)	-
Other - incl In-Kind Donations	979				979
In-Kind Donations	156				156
Total Revenue and Other Support	863,433	4,349,775	-	(84,330)	5,128,722
Expenses					
Public Education	54,606	1,715,794		(30,359)	1,740,041
Government Affairs	172,644	965,840		(53,971)	1,084,513
Membership Services & Retention	220,233				220,233
Membership Education and Training	44,326				44,326
VOICE Magazine	38,917				38,917
Total Program Services	530,726	2,681,634	-	(84,330)	3,128,030
Supporting Services					
Management and General	171,422	225,885	8,155		405,462
Membership Recruitment	18,227				18,227
Fundraising	119,770	1,141,266			1,261,036
Total Supporting Services	309,419	1,367,151	8,155	-	1,684,725
Total Expenses	840,145	4,048,785 ‡	# <u> </u>	(84,330)#	4,812,755
Net Proft / (Loss)	23,288	300,990	(8,155)	-	315,967
Net Assets, beginning of year	3,430,348	435,422 ‡	# 8,155 #	#	3,873,925
Net Assets, end of year	3,453,636	736,412	-		4,190,048

PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET

Revenue Summary

Voice Advertising	10,600
Store, incld JROTC	15,000
Royalties	80,000
Fundraising	265,000
Benevolent Program (RESTRICTED FUNDS)	75,000
Interest/Gain on Investments	150,000
Annual membership Meeting	5,500
TSCL Trademark	75,000
Membership (incl Renewals)	135,000
Life Insurance Settlements	25,000
Memory Project with PCI	30,000
Total Revenue	866,100
Expense Summary	
Five-year Plan Committee	25
Ad Hoc Committee	1,000
Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee	50
Annual Membership Meeting	35,000
Annual Membership Meeting Committee	3,500
Finance Committee	100
Information Technology Committee	25
Legislative Affairs Committee	1,200
Membership Committee	3,100
Parliamentarian	200
Past National President Council/Awards	800
President	4,500
Public Relations	5,000
Scholarship	17,500
The VOICE Magazine (decreased size)	41,050
Washington Office	81,630
Company Expenses (insurance, State Reg fees)	66,900
Death Certificate Requests	20,000
Membership Database	21,500
Headquarters	338,159
Board of Directors	7,000
Life Insurance Premiums	10,000
Renewals	5,000
Fundraising	107,000
Benevolent	80,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	850,739
NET PROFIT / (LOSS)	15,361

Your TREA Membership has value; we want to keep it that way

To secure that value and to prepare for additional membership perks, we now protect certain membership-specific information on our website from non-members. This is done by most VSO's and is a way to ensure that your membership in TREA maintains its value and that we provide you, our members, with information and services that are not available to the general public. This will include things like: The VOICE magazine, TREA-specific forms, TREA Scholarships, Document & Resource Library, Discounts and Offers that are meant for TREA members, access to committee rosters and voting processes/information for BLSR and National Board positions. Starting October 1, 2021, the MEMBERSHIP tab on the TREA web homepage will be locked to non-members. You will need a password to unlock access to all the sub-categories and information under this tab. If you can access your membership file with us now, you will use the same process to access everything under the MEMBERSHIP tab. If you have not set up your online account, now is the time to do that. Please send an email to: membership@trea.org or call 303-752-0660 and ask for Melissa. She is our Membership Specialist and she will get you taken care of.





IT'S ALMOST HERE – TREA'S 58TH ANNIVERSARY & ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This will be the last issue of The VOICE magazine where we will be able to brag about our upcoming Annual Membership Meeting. We hope that you will join us at the Bahia Resort in Mission Bay – San Diego, California on September 15 & 16, 2021. The resort is a family owned property, away from the hustle and bustle of active San Diego. The perfect place to relax and enjoy the beautiful grounds of the resort, but still a short walk to the ocean and activity of the Mission Bay beach and boardwalk.

All TREA members are welcome. There is no cost to attend the meeting; however, there is a cost to attend the beachside dinner on Thursday night (\$85). The meeting will be available via ZOOM for members who want to participate remotely. Registration is required for all attendees, in-person and virtual. This is to verify membership status.

Virtual Attendees: Once registration is received, the ZOOM meeting details will be sent to the email you provide.

In-Person Attendees: To book your hotel by phone: 858-488-0551. Use code 'TREA2021' To book your hotel online: <u>https://www.bahiahotel.com/groupcode?code=TREA2021</u> Deadline for registration is August 15, 2021.

This meeting will provide TREA members with the opportunity to meet with the National Board Members and share their concerns, ideas and suggestions for the successful longevity of the organization. An all-day meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th with Thursday being used for unfinished business, board training and casual round table break out discussions. Detailed information will be provided to all registered attendees and posted on the website by August 15th, 2021. The results of the voting will be announced (see pages 10-12), so be sure to participate in the process. Every TREA member has a vote and all votes count.

6 A. T. A. B. A. B. A. B. A. B. A. B. A. B.	(Required for all meeting attende	
Member #:	, Name (First, Last):	
Mailing Address:	City/Stat	te/Zip:
Phone #:	E-mail:	
The meeting binder will	be in electronic format. A printed binder is	s available for \$15.00
There is no cost to atten	d the meeting. The beach dinner on Thursd	day night is ticket only.
I am planning to attend	the Meeting: 🔄 in person	y virtually
	for a printed meeting binder of \$15.00	
I would like ticket	ts to the Thursday night beach dinner at \$8	5/each. Total \$
Check #	C/C#	



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	Rene	wal N	Membership Nun	1ber:		_
Name:						Birthdate:	
Address:			City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Phone Numbe	er:			E-Mail:			
Spouse:			Your Gr	ade/Rank:		Years Served: from	to
Recruiter Info	ormation: Name:			_ Membership N	Number:		
Service:	Air Force	Army	Navy	Marines	Space Fo	orce 🗌 Coast Guard	Guard/Reserve
I am :	Retired	Veteran	Acti	ve Duty 🔲 Sp	ouse/widow/w	idower of a veteran	
□ One □ Two	Dues (Does not ir Year - \$30 Years - \$55 e Years - \$75		0 1	alls on the applica	ant and not TR	EA	
Disco Amer	er Card over rican Express checks payable to	E		umber:			
	TREA: 7	The Enlisted As	sociation - 12 E	rn your complete 2200 E. Briarwoo E-mail: treahq@tr 3-752-0660 800 www.trea.c	od Ave, Suite 2 rea.org 0-338-9337	a to: 250 - Centennial, CO 80	0112



Need a helping hand?

Our 'TREA GIVES' program can help. This new 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 / 800-338-9337.

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 #250, Centennial, CO 80112, or call to use your credit card. No amount is too small.