



CHAPTER 72 PITTSBURGH, PA

THE ENLISTED Association



September 2022

Dates to Remember

September 5 - Labor Day

**10 - Chapter 72 Meeting
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**Panera - Community Room
(Montour Church Place at the Point)
250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, PA**

11- Patriot Day

15-16 - Annual Membership Meeting

18 - Air Force Birthday

October TBD - Chapter 72 Meeting

13 - Navy Birthday

November TBD - Chapter 72 Meeting

**6 - 30th Anniversary Banquet
TREA Chapter 72
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Gaetano's Banquet Hall
1617 Banksville Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15216**

10 - Marine Corps Birthday

11 - Veteran's Day

December TBD - Chapter 72 Meeting

7 - Pearl Harbor Day

Still Looking for a meeting location.

Chapter 72 - 2022 Officers

President:	William Chandler	412-656-8731
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September 15 - 16, 2022

Virtual Annual Membership Meeting

Registration is required for this year's Virtual Meeting. Please call headquarters 1-800-338-9337 or email treaHQ@trea.org to register.

All registrants will receive an electronic version of the Meeting Book, which includes the agenda, special rules of order that will be followed for the meeting and the committee reports.

Last day to register for this event is Wednesday, September 14th and all Official Ballots must be received by this date also.

Even if you are not attending the Virtual Annual Membership Meeting, you can still vote on the issues being addressed. Your *Official Ballot* was included in the summer issue of the *Voice* magazine. You must vote using the original ballot with your unique voting code which is above your name on your mailing label. (No copies or fax ballots will be accepted.) Or you can vote electronically by going to the website: TREA.org At the bottom of the home page there is a link.

Link to vote electronically:

<https://vote.yeselections.com/TREA>

You will need the code from the mailing label of the VOICE magazine
Call 303-752-0660 if you do not have your code.

CHAPTER 72 PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The year 2022 has produced many news breaking events. Gun violence has been the theme of these tragedies. The mass shooting in Buffalo motivated by the shooter's racial hatred was an inhumane act. Following the Buffalo incident the devastating school shooting in Texas that was absolutely terrifying.

Although these events command the nation's attention, what continues to be overlooked are the members and volunteers of the service organizations that provide much needed assistance and support. These unsung heroes and service organizations deserve greater recognition for their contributions to humanity instead of the news media highlighting the individuals who committed these senseless and horrific acts of unprovoked violence on innocent people.

One of these organizations that hasn't been recognized nationally is TREA. It is imperative that TREA members focus on the promotion of TREA and especially the membership of Chapter 72 in the Pittsburgh area. Our Chapter can let the other Chapters see that the Steel City Chapter Reigns Supreme. Let's do it 72!!!!. Let's make it happen!!!!.



TREA Chapter 72's Mission Statement

- **Follow TREA National's lead by bringing together retired, separated and active enlisted military veterans to enhance the quality of life for all enlisted personnel of the uniformed services, veterans, their families, and survivors. To stop the erosion of earned benefits through our legislative and educational efforts, maintain our esprit de corps, dedication and patriotism, and to promote devotion and allegiance to God and Country.**
- **Locally help provide benevolent support for all veterans in need and to support and encourage cadets in JROTC Programs thru our Outreach and Public Affairs Committees.**
- **Ensure to provide activities that promote camaraderie within Chapter 72 thru our Outreach, Membership and Public Affairs Committees.**

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JOIN US

What can you do to help our Chapter grow? It is everyone's job to recruit others. Good news! Our Chapter 72 Brochure is complete and available for everyone. If you have a color printer you can print your own or even email the file to potential new members. If you need a few copies please see the officers to get some.

Also, all member should now have business cards to hand out. If you need more or never got yours, please see Barbara Harmon.

We have been actively reaching out to others over the past few months. In August we participated in a back to school event and had our brochure on display at that event. The superintendent of the school just happened to be a veteran along with others that attended the event!

Hopefully, we will gain a few new members with our efforts. Let's keep the momentum going and come up with other ideas for other activities or events that we can invite potential new members to participate! Next event - 30th Anniversary Banquet!

We really need to get moving on helping the Public Affairs Committee create a Website/Facebook page for Chapter 72.

Don't forget to pick up some flyers and your tickets at the September meeting for the 30th Anniversary Banquet that will be held on Sunday, November 6th. Tickets are just \$30.00 a person for a nice dinner and a night out. There will be a cash bar at the event, door prizes and auction baskets.

Last day to purchase (or sale) tickets is October 15th.



**Join us in
Celebrating!**

Guest Speaker:

Todd DePastino
Veteran's Breakfast Club

Sunday, November 6, 2022
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Gaetano's Banquet Hall
1617 Banksville Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Tickets: \$30.00 per person

For More Information Contact:

Barbara Harmon 724-322-3918
or Lydia Williamson 412-708-2744
or Harry Blackwell 412-417-8251

Last day to purchase a ticket is Saturday, October 15th

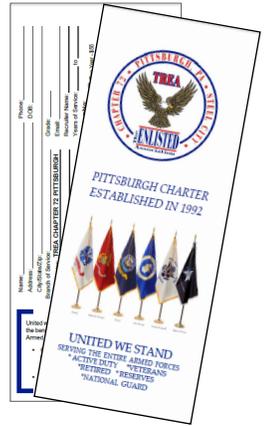




PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Good News....Our Chapter 72 Brochure is complete and available for everyone. If you have a color printer you can print your own or even email the file to potential new members. If you need a few printed copies please see the officers to get some.

Coming soon....The Public Affairs Committee is still in the process of creating a Facebook Page for Chapter 72. We are looking for anyone that can help with this.



Renew your membership

Remember you can join or renew your membership for TREA by going to www.trea.org or by calling (323) 725-0660. Or you may turn in your membership application and membership fee to the Treasurer or one of the other officers of Chapter 72.



BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

August meeting was the deadline to submit any proposed changes to the By-Laws. The committee was unable to meet due to various conflicts of the vacations schedules of the members.

The committee is currently working on compiling all requested changes to bring back to the membership to vote on.

CHAPTER 72 CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Eric Blair

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

As this Bible verse is read as one of the foundational Scriptures of the Gospel, it's quite often glossed over by seasoned Christians. But think about it. God – the Creator and Sustainer of everything – loves us immeasurably, and sent His only Son to die for us (Romans 5:8). Jesus willingly suffered and died on a cross – a death that sinful man deserves – so that anyone who would put their trust in Him would live eternally.

Now that's love!

Part of 1 John 4:8 says “... God is love”. As a Christian writer put it: “John did not say ‘God loves’ or ‘God has love’ – but that ‘God is love’. That is, He is defined by love. He is composed of love. It's His very essence. His every thought, word and action is driven by pure, untainted love.”

God loves us perfectly and unconditionally. He loves us in spite of our flaws and propensity to fall short of the mark (Romans 3:23). Because God knows that we are sinful, He made a way for us through the death, burial and resurrection of His Son. And all we have to do is accept His loving gift of salvation by receiving Jesus as our Savior (Ephesians 2:8-9).

TREA Chapter 72 Supports Local Back to School Event

Three members of TREA Chapter 72 attended the Wilkinsburg Back to School Event on Friday, August 26th. At the event, over 60 packets containing pencils and a notebook along with a flyer advertising TREA Chapter 72 were handed out to students that attended. Each student was also encourage to register for a chance to win a loaded backpack. Twelve backpacks will be awarded to winners at two local elementary schools.

At our meeting in September we will be stuffing 24 backpacks for the winners. If you have any school supplies you wish to donate, please bring them to our meeting.



Pictured Above Left: Our display table

Above middle: President Bill Chandler and Treasurer Barbara explain registration form.

Above Right: Free give away for all students attending (Packet containing a pack of pencils and one subject notebook)

Far Right: Closeup of our New Brochure on display at our table along with one of the loaded backpacks

Below Left: Secretary Lydia Williamson telling a parent how to register to win a loaded backpack.

Below Right: President Bill Chandler and Secretary Lydia Williamson help parents fill out registration form for loaded backpack drawing.

