

THE RETIRED  
ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

**TAPS**



Chapter 3 regrets informing members of the recent passing of the following members: Mr. Bob Holtz, Mr. CD Rice and Mr. Roderick Williams.

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# TREA Three

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## Chapter 3 BOD Elections

On November 12, 2022, TREA Chapter 3 held the Board of Directors Elections. After a very brief shortened regular membership meeting, Mr. Dave Washington Chairman of the Election Committee began the election part of the meeting. The members of the Election Committee stood up to be recognized. The members included Ms. Rita Flowers, Ms. Tanya Tabacheck, Mr. Greg Barnett, Mr. Raymond Jefferson, Mr. CD Rice, and Mr. Vernon York. After clarifying the rules that pertain to the election procedures and counting the number of members present, the voting began. For the office of chapter president, there was only one candidate who turned in his resume and when no one was nominated from the floor, Mr.

Vernon York presented the single vote needed to select Mr. Greg Barnett as President-Elect. The next several offices up for election, First, Second, and Third Vice-President, again had only one person and Mr. York cast the electing ballot for Mr. Leroy Adams, Mr. Sherman Gilliam, and Mr. Jessie Hopkins. The secretary position was filled but the selected individual had to step down. The Treasurer position was filled by Ms. Donna Washington and the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Greg Scott, positions were again filled by one vote being cast. The Chaplain position had no one running. The 3-Year Trustee position had three individuals nominated for the position. After the first set of ballots were counted, One of the nominees

was removed and the second set of ballots were distributed and then counted. The final count showed that Ms. Michelle Martin-Barnett was elected as the 3-Year Trustee. The past 3-Year Trustee Mr. Raymond Jefferson will then move down (as prescribed in the chapter bylaws) to the 2-Year Trustee position and then the past 2-Year Trustee Mr. JC Jones will move down to the 1-Year Trustee Position.

The appointed positions on the board, that of Veteran Service Officer (VSO) and Parliamentarian will be selected by the incoming president at that time. After the elections had concluded, President Reed said that the turning over to the new board will be the third or fourth of January. He wished them well.

## Life's Never Ending Cycle

Many years ago, too many for some of us, our lives began. We went to various schools in many very different locations. Some locations were large cities, some medium sized towns, small villages, and many other places where we lived. All of these locations had at least one thing in common, if you were the average child, you made friends. If you were very lucky, the friends that

you made in those early school years remained your friends throughout your life. Some of us joined the US Military. There were various reasons that we joined and most of us served honorably. If you were lucky you gained many new and long remaining friends while in the military. After military service we joined some quasi military organization such as TREA. We then

associated with other past military members. Then life occurred, and we lost some of our friend who left us. Let us remember them, their service to the community, but most of all their enduring friendship. God bless them all. RIP friends and old service buddies. We should remember not their deaths, but remember their lives.



## Organization

### The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)

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**Mission Statement:** To enhance the quality of life for uniformed services enlisted personnel, their families and survivors including active components, Reserves, and National Guard, and all retirees; to stop the erosion of earned benefits through our legislative efforts, to maintain our esprit de corps, dedication and patriotism, and to continue our devotion and allegiance to God and Country.

### A 501c (3) Tax Exempt Organization



## The Challenge

TREA Chapter 3 is facing an imposing challenge in the year 2023. The new Board of Directors have many problems to be overcome. As always, there will be the financial difficulties that require positive leadership that the new BOD will provide. The physical components in the chapter are getting older and will possibly need replacing. An example of that is the two coolers that are not cooling as well as they used to, Taxes and insurance expenses are continuing to go up and income is not. The possible answer would be to bring bingo back. It is definitely not going to be a big money maker to begin with. The chapter needs to start small and hopefully have the revenue gained from bingo increase and return to the status of a money maker. It could also be possible to add some other money

makers. This is not the time to just sit by and hope things change, it is the time to make things change. Remember that from little acorns, big trees grow. Let us find those acorns and plant and nurture those and maybe we will have those big money makers show up.

Give the new Board your ideas. Pass them on. Your idea maybe a winner.



Front of the Chapter 3 Building.

You will never know if you don't submit your idea. It maybe a simple one like designing a challenge coin with the chapter information on it and then have them sold in the chapter. Or, if you are a woodworker draw up and construct a secure box for the chapter to start a Queen of Hearts board so the chapter can have the Queen of Hearts Drawings at the chapter.

Remember, this is your chapter. You have several options regarding that statement. You can sit and watch and partake and enjoy the efforts made by others, or you can volunteer your time to help improve your chapter. You are needed and wanted by your board to help in any way that you want. Volunteer, help, enjoy, make your chapter BETTER.



## Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons



### **President**

Mr. Greg Barnett Awards/Benevolent

### **2nd Vice-President**

Mr. Sherman Gilliam Bingo/Hall Rental/  
Benevolent

### **Treasurer**

Ms. Donna Washington Finance

### **Sergeant-At-Arms**

Mr. Greg Scott Parades and Ceremonies/  
Public Relations/Flag upkeep/flag position

### **3 Year Trustee**

Dr. Michelle Martin-Barnett Incident/  
Advertisement

### **1 Year Trustee**

Mr. JC Jones Membership/Bylaws and Stand-  
ing Rules

**Historian** VACANT

### **1st Vice-President**

Mr. Leroy Adams Club Operations/Kitchen  
Rental/Benevolent/Bulletin Board Upkeep

### **3rd Vice-President**

Mr. Jessie Hopkins Activities & Entertain-  
ment/Grace Room Rental/Benevolent

### **Secretary (Temp)**

Dr. Mark Tabacheck Newsletter Chairperson

### **Chaplain**

VACANT

### **2 Year Trustee**

Mr. Raymond Jefferson Building /  
Nomination/Election

**Parliamentarian** VACANT

**Veteran Service Officer** VSO Committee/  
Legislative Updates

VACANT

**President's REPORT** The Chapter 3 Elections are behind us. The new board has had it's initial meeting to discuss the possible situations that they may face in the coming year. This past year has seen many ups and downs. We have made many changes to the chapter bylaws and standing rules. The standing rules had become effective legally when the standing rules were passed and accepted by the general membership. The general membership mandated that the standing rules become effective on January 1, 2023, with the exception of the changes that were made on the election process. The chapter bylaw changes will become effective when they are accepted by national. We have yet to hear from national on the changes that we sent earlier to national in May. One of the many changes agreed to by the members was that there would be several new standing committees added. One of these is the Veteran's Assistance Committee. The committee will be headed by the Chapter Veteran Service Officer who will be an elected member of the Board of Directors and not an appointed member. He will be a complete board member. A standing rule and bylaw committee has also been added to the chapter standing committees. The Grace Room conversion into usable space for the Chapter Chaplain, VSO, and a computer laboratory area has been continuing for several weeks now. The First Vice President Pauline, Chaplain Lindsay, and VSO Kidd have continued to supervise the action to make the needed changes. Veterans have already been helped by members of the chapter in this area.

**TREA Gives**

Any service member who is retired, honorably discharged, or actively serving in the United States Military, (including Guard & Reserve) is eligible to apply for financial assistance through TREA.

In addition to providing relief for rent, utilities, and food, TREA can also assist if you have been a victim of a natural disaster or if you are homeless and need a safe place to stay for the night.

If you have any additional questions, simply give TREA a call at 303-752-0660 / 800-338-9337 or email

**Suicide is preventable.** If you are struggling, or you are concerned about someone you know, please REACH out and call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **1-800-273-8255** (press 1 if you are a Veteran or Service Member), or chat online at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat)

**988 is the NEW National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.**

In the beginning especially, we won't realize we're changing.

Tenzin Palmo

The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

Confucius

## CELEBRATIONS next quarter

To add information to the Celebrations area in the newsletter (births, weddings, engagements, divorces, or other important items), turn your information into the chapter office. We will publish your information in the next Chapter 3 Newsletter.

Mark Tabacheck, January 29, birthday 79 years young.

The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.



## Auxiliary BOD Information 2022

### ***Auxiliary President***

Ms. Ruby Smoots-Harris

### ***Auxiliary Treasurer***

Ms. Madeline Hopkins

### ***Historian***

Ms. Wanda Chisolm

### ***Parliamentarian***

Ms. Rose Miilon

### ***Chaplain***

Ms. Annette Harris

### ***Auxiliary Vice-President***

Ms. Toni Fisher

### ***Auxiliary Secretary***

Ms. Laura Blake

### ***Trustee***

Ms. Esther Gates

### ***Sergeant-at-Arms***

Ms. Linda Baker

## Auxiliary Information

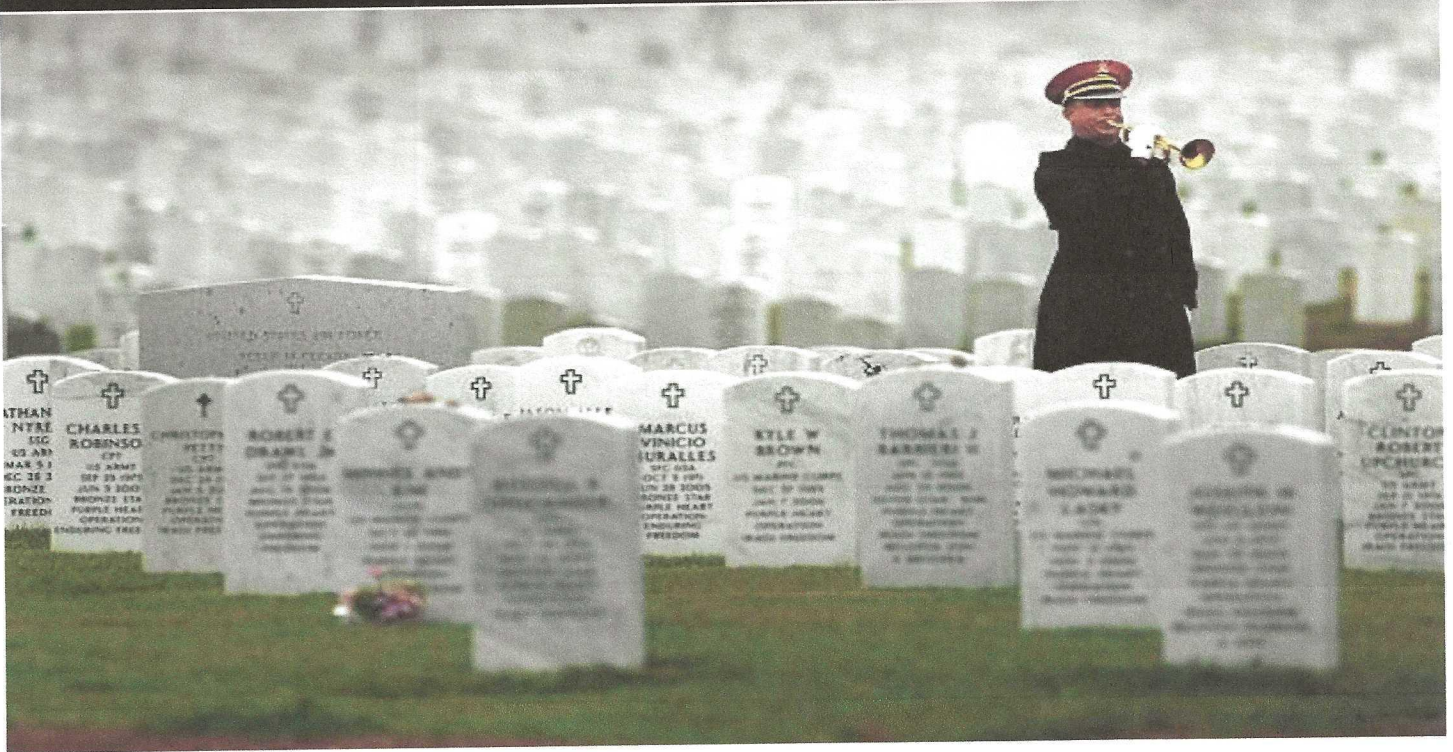
Auxiliary President Ms. Smoots-Harris is pleased to announce the TREA Auxiliary Events for 2023.

EVENT	Date	Hall	Kitchen
Dance	March 18	Yes	Yes
Mothers's Day Brunch	May 14	Yes	Yes
Memorial Day Parade (assist)	May 29	No	No
Father's Day (Assist TREA)	June 18	No	No
Fund Raiser Event	August 12	Yes	Yes
Dance	October 14	Yes	Yes
Veterans' Day (assist)	November 11	Yes	Yes

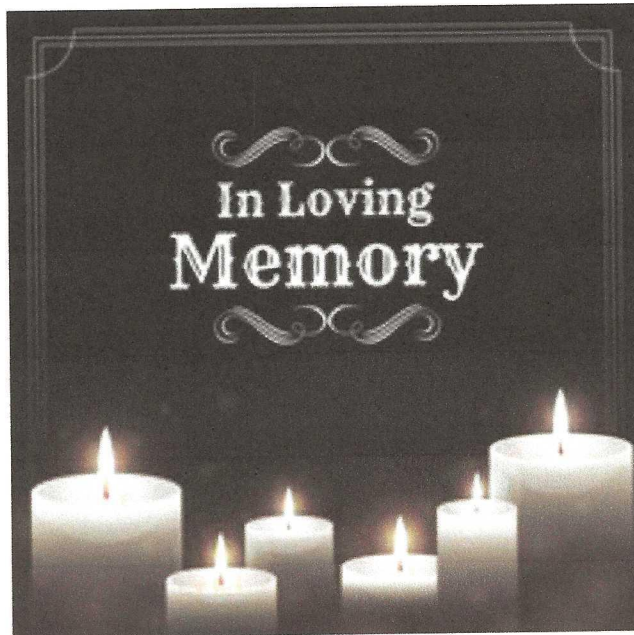
The Auxiliary monthly meetings will be held at TREA 2:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month.



# TAPS

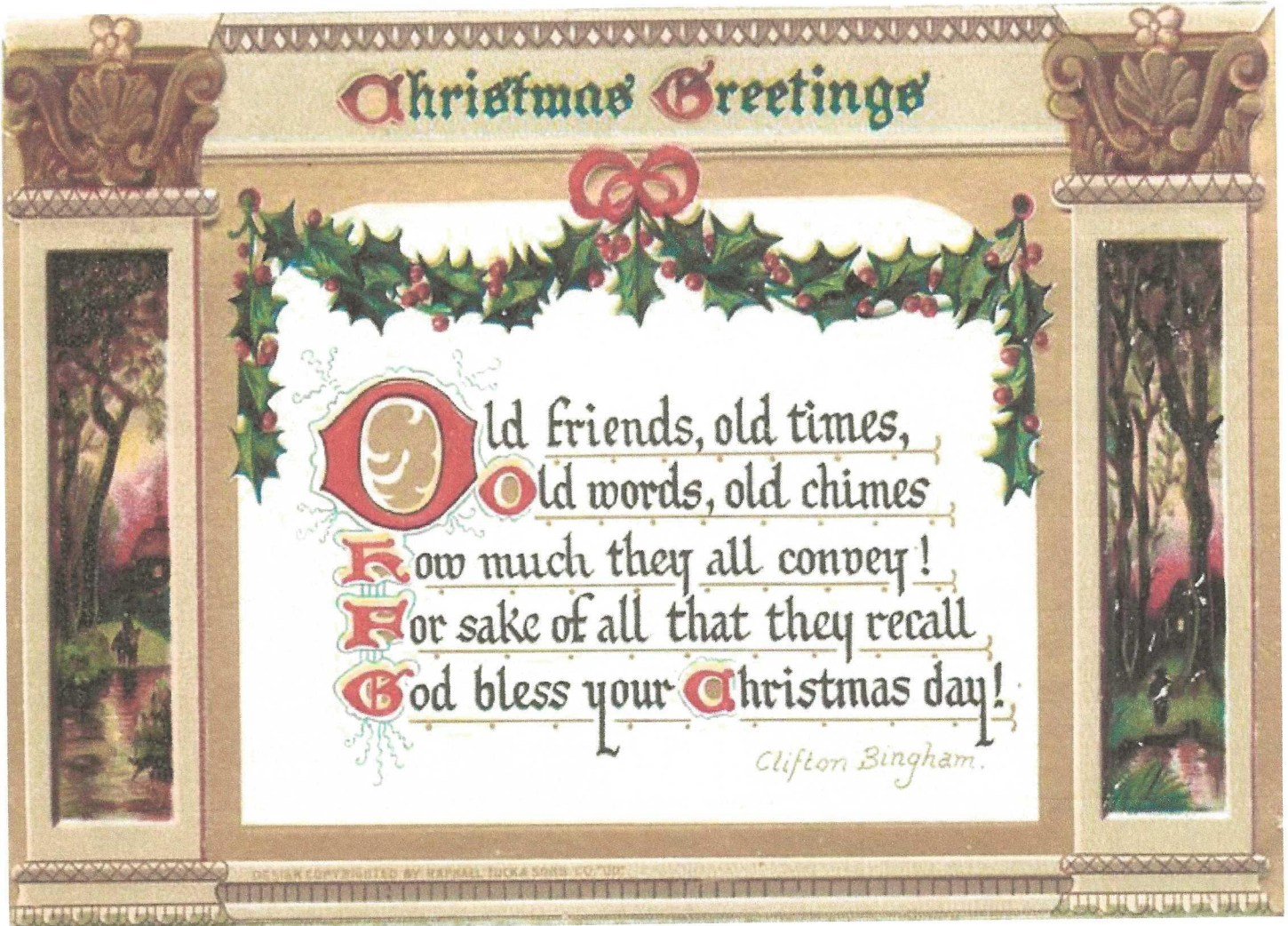


Mr. Van Coleman  
 Mr. Pete Duplessis  
 Mr. Franklin Johnson  
 Mr. Robert Holtz  
 Mr. CD Rice  
 Mrs. Jessie Rice



Mr. George Smith  
 Mr. Dennis Snell  
 Mr. Willie  
     Washington  
 Mr. John Williams  
 Mr. Roderick  
     Williams

# 2022



**Chapter 3 Board of Directors 2022**

- Aaron Reed
- Bennie Pauline
- Leroy Adams
- Julie Hicks
- Audrey Murphy
- Gerald Broussard
- Mark Tabacheck
- Gene Lindsay
- Kathy Thomas
- Raymond Jefferson
- JC Jones
- Mark LaCombe
- George Kidd

**Chapter 3 Board of Directors 2023**

- Greg Barnett
- Leroy Adams
- Sherman Gilliam
- Jessie Hopkins
- Donna Washington
- Mark Tabacheck (Temp)
- Greg Scott
- Michelle Martin-Barnett
- Raymond Jefferson
- JC Jones



Congressman Jason Crow and staff at TREA Chapter 3





# Congressman Jason Crow at TREA Chapter 3





# BE THE ONE

- TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.
- TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.
- TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.



## YOU CAN HELP

Courtesy of American Legion



### *Soldiers' Angels* **VETERAN FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

Soldiers' Angels hosts monthly food distributions in your city to provide veterans in need with food assistance.

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to learn more and register for the next event.



 **SCAN ME**

**[SOLDIERSANGELS.ORG/DENVER](https://soldiersangels.org/denver)**

Veterans must register ahead of the event.

 [@soldiersangelsofficial](https://www.facebook.com/soldiersangelsofficial)

 [@soldiersangelsofficial](https://www.instagram.com/soldiersangelsofficial)

 [soldiersangels.org](https://soldiersangels.org)



May you have  
new hopes, aspirations,  
and resolutions  
for the coming year.

**HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**





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## ADVERTISING RATES

### Newsletter Advertising Rates are As Follows For A Period Of 1 Year

Whole page \$32.00

1/2 page \$24.00

1/4 page \$12.00

1/8 page (business card size) \$6.00. Classified ads \$3.00 for 5 lines & \$0.50 for each additional line.

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The Newsletter is looking for volunteers to help and work as reporters, grammar specialists, advertising executives, etc. We would like to have two volunteers from the general membership and one volunteer from the Auxiliary. If you are interested leave a message at the office.

Thank you JMT.

If you wish to submit an article for possible inclusion into the Chapter 3 Newsletter, you may leave it in the office.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

New Member

Renewal

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

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

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

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

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Grade/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Served: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Which chapter do you wish to be assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to remain a Member-at-Large (MAL)

Recruiter Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I am:  Retired  Veteran  Active Duty  Spouse/widow/widower of a veteran

By submitting payment, I acknowledge that I am an Enlisted U.S. Armed Forces Veteran and as such qualify to be a member of TREA: The Enlisted Association (if joining as a veteran spouse/widow/widower, your payment acknowledges the veteran status of your spouse).

Proof of eligibility falls on the applicant and not TREA

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

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

Payment:

- Visa
- Master Card
- Discover
- American Express

Make checks payable to: TREA)

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

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

**Please return your completed application to:**

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