



CHAPTER 72 PITTSBURGH, PA

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March 2023

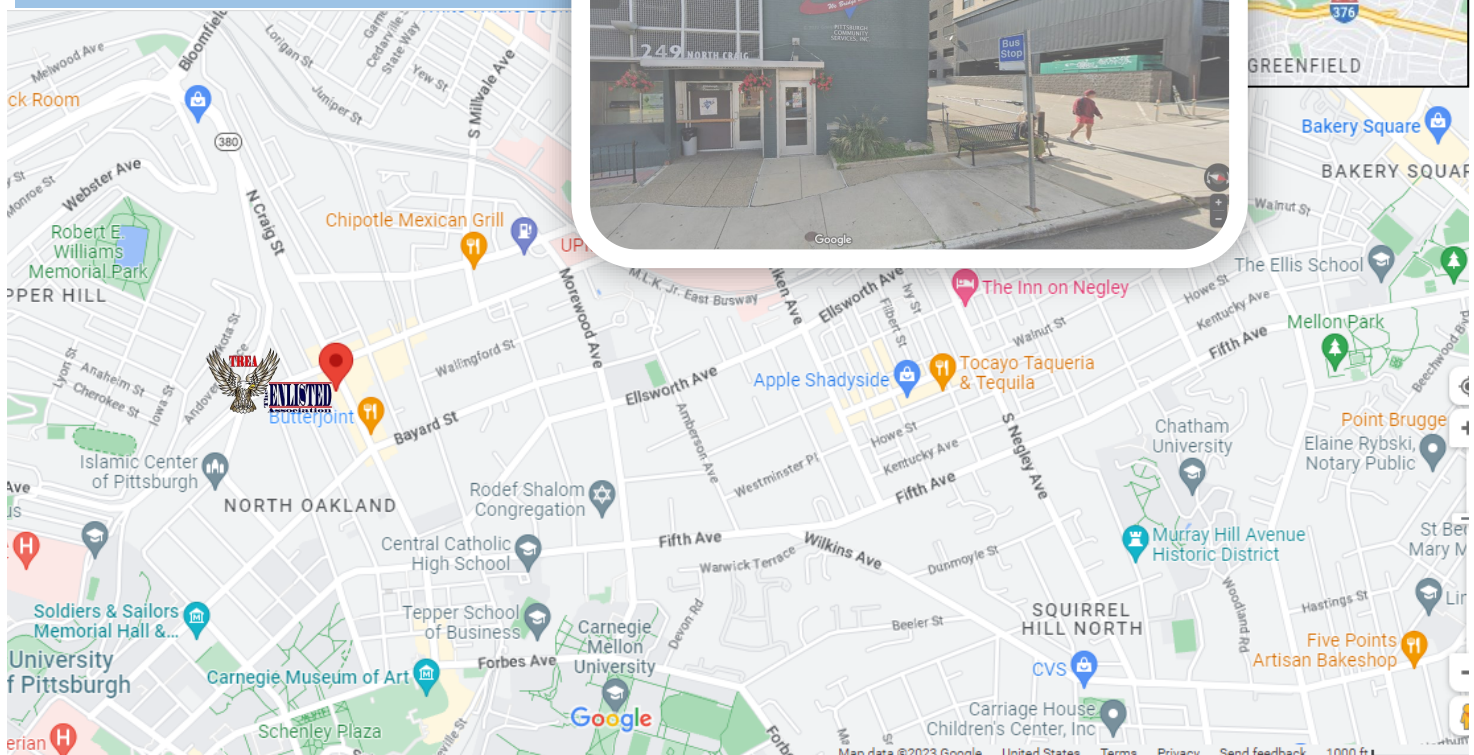
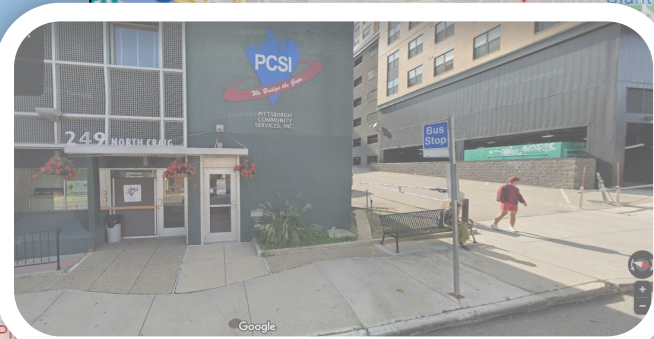
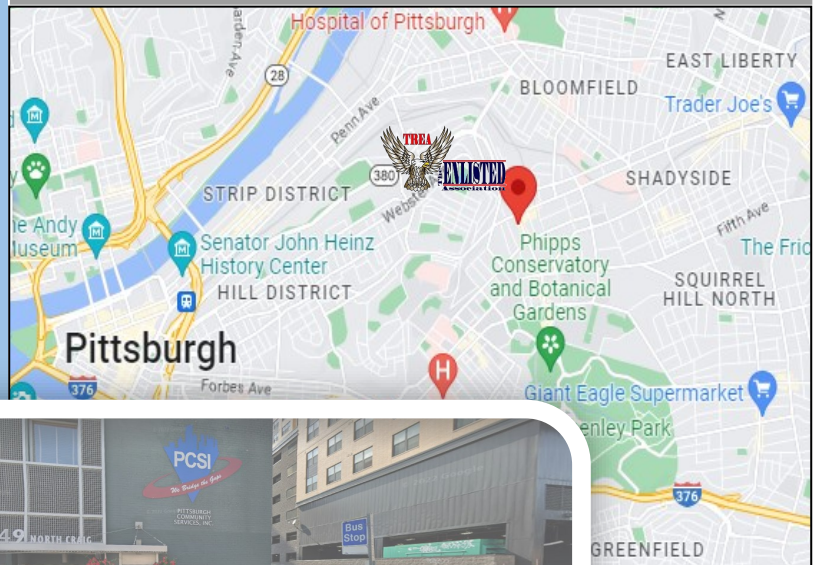
Dates to Remember

April 15 - Chapter 72 Meeting
Noon - Light refreshments
1:00 p.m. Meeting Starts
*** * * * * New Location * * * * ***
Pittsburgh Community Service Inc.
249 North Craig Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
All meetings will start at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Building will be open at noon, with light refreshments available.

May 13 - Chapter 72 Meeting
June 3 - Chapter 72 Meeting
July 8 - Chapter 72 Meeting
August 12 - Chapter 72 Meeting
Sept. 16 - Chapter 72 Meeting
Oct. 21 - Chapter 72 Meeting
Nov. 18 - Chapter 72 Meeting
December 9 - Chapter 72 Meeting
****Still looking for other meeting locations****

Chapter 72 - 2023 Officers

President:	William Chandler	412-656-8731
1st Vice President:	Bonnie McCracken	724-422-3130
2nd Vice President:	Ed Stotts	
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Chaplain:	Eric Blair	412-600-2015
Past President:	Harry Blackwell Sr.	412-417-8251



CHAPTER 72 PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The month of March gets enormous attention for the following events. In the world of sports, March Madness highlights college basketball teams, both Men and Women pursuing to be crown champions. Other notable events are: Daylight Savings Time, St. Patrick's Day and the beginning of Spring. However, from March 1st to the 31st, it is Women's History Month!

During this month, a celebration would be incomplete if the female trailblazers of the United States Army were not recognized. Eight female soldiers changed the course of US Military history. These trailblazers were PVT Cathay Williams, Dr. Mary E. Walker, Harriet Tubman, COL Mary A. Hallaren, LTC Marcella Hayes, CPT Linda Bray, CPT Kristen Griest, 1LT Shaye Haverty and Gen Ann E. Dunwoody.

I would be remiss, not recognizing the women of Chapter 72 who have contributed to the Chapter's success. In closing, the recognition of Barbara Harmon, Sandi Mayo, Bonnie McCracken, Nyoka Molloy and Lydia Williamson is to be celebrated and treasured.



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; to support and encourage our youth, and 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.



CHAPTER 72 CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Eric Blair

Matthew 6:33

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (NKJV)

A minister once told his adult Sunday School class: God never commanded us to be successful. God called us be *faithful* (Proverbs 28:20). Success is a byproduct of being faithful to God (Joshua 1:8).

If I didn't know any better, I would get the impression that the goal of life is to accumulate as much money and stuff as I possibly could in my lifetime. It seems that every other television commercial is geared toward making us unhappy unless we have the perfect car, the latest gadget, the biggest house, or multi-millions in our savings account. Sooner or later, we (hopefully) learn the lesson that money or material things does not satisfy the longing of our soul. Only God through Jesus can do this. But in this world that seems to exalt materialism, we need to *guard against money or things becoming our idols*. Let's look at what the Bible says about the love of money:

Do not store up treasures here on earth, where moths and rust destroy them, and where thieves break in and steal. (Matthew 6:19)

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, ... (1 Timothy 6:10a)

We cannot serve God and money. (Matthew 6:24b)

Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for God has said, “I will never leave you, nor forsake you”. (Hebrews 13:5)

This is not, however, a prohibition against seeking to make a living, regardless of the level of accumulation of wealth that living affords. Keep in mind that the Bible also warns against slothfulness. “The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied” (Proverbs 13:4). So remember that God commands and allows us to work with our hands (Ephesians 4:28). But we must also remember that God commands us to “have no other gods before [Him]” (Exodus 20:3).

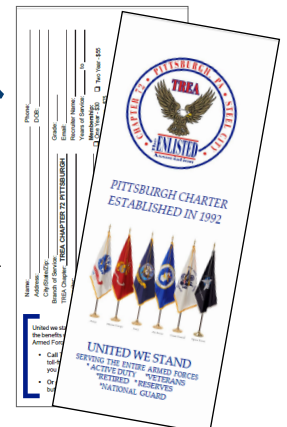
If materialism were to ever satisfy anyone, it would have been Solomon, the richest king the world has ever known (2 Chronicles 9:22). He had absolutely everything – more of it than anyone – yet he found it was worthless and futile. It did not produce happiness or the satisfaction our souls long for. He declared, “Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income” (Ecclesiastes 5:10). In the end, Solomon came to the conclusion that we are to “fear God, and keep His commandments. For this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).*

*from gotquestions.org; article “How should a Christian view materialism?”



PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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VBC Vietnam Veterans Day 50th Anniversary Commemoration at Heinz History Center

Veterans Day is annually observed on March 29th. It commemorates the hardships suffered and sacrifices made by 9 million Americans during the Vietnam War.

In Pittsburgh, the Veterans Breakfast Club hosted Vietnam Veterans Day 50th Anniversary Commemoration at the Heinz History Center. Chapter 72 was present with the representation of President Bill Chandler, Past President Harry Blackwell, 2nd Vice President Ed Stotts and new member, George Skivington.

Prior to attending the Heinz History Center, Harry Blackwell and Bill Chandler were guest of Christ Church at Grove Farm, Sewickley, Pennsylvania. The Church hosted a meet and greet of several Vietnam Era Veterans. Their gracious hospitality provided the development of new friendships, a generous delicious meal and transportation to the History Center.

The event's featured speaker was Emmy Award Winner and Vietnam Veteran, Chris Moore. His inspirational speech received a standing ovation from the more than 500 attendees.



Bill Chandler, Chris Moore and Harry Blackwell

Emcee Todd DePastino paid special recognition of the ARVN Veterans and Vietnamese Americans. Todd then proceeded with the Roll Call of 520 Vietnam Era Veterans. Each Veteran received a Vietnam War Pin and the President of The United States Proclamation Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Chapter 72's Bill Chandler, Harry Blackwell and George Skivington were Veterans on the Roll Call.

Following the Retiring of the Colors, every Vietnam Veteran received a gift bag from the Veterans Breakfast Club and Humana Insurance Company's as a token of gratitude for the Veteran's service.

March 29, 2023 was undoubtedly a great day for the nation to honor and recognize all the Veterans who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of duty location. To all who served, welcome back and thanks for your service.

Chapter 72 Officers take Oath of Office



*Pictured from left to right:
1st Vice President Bonnie
McCracken, Secretary
Lydia Williamson,
President Bill Chandler,
Chaplain Eric Blair and
2nd Vice President Ed
Stotts*



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Are my retirement points up to date? If not, how do I correct them?
When will I receive my retirement certificates?
What is 1405 Time?
How do I initiate my transfer to the Retired Reserve?
How do I update my RC-SBP Election?
Am I eligible for VA life insurance if I retire?
Can AGR's Attend the Pre-Retirement seminars?



How can I receive a 15yr NOE?

Do I qualify to receive my retired pay earlier than age 60?

How long will it take for me to receive my 20yr letter?

Am I eligible for TRICARE if I retire?

What happens to my retired pay if I pass away?

How much will it cost to leave my retired pay to my beneficiary?

Retirement is a Process! Not an Event!

FY2023 Registration Link

DATE (Click to RSVP):	TIME:	TOPIC:	LOCATION:
22-23 April 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Fort Indiantown Gap, PA
6-7 May 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Bangor, ME
2-3 June 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Camp Dawson, WV (Joint event w/WVNG)
17-18 June 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
15-16 July 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Ft. Story, VA
12-13 August 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Niagara Falls, NY
16-17 September 2023	0800-1630 EST	Pre- Retirement Brief	Coraopolis, PA

Seats are limited register today

For More Information Contact the 99th RD RSO Team at: ARMY99RSO@mail.mil

Renew your TREA 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 a membership application and membership fee to the Treasurer or one of the other officers of Chapter 72.

