



# CHAPTER 72 PITTSBURGH, PA

**The ENLISTED Association**

**May 2023**



## Dates to Remember

**June 3 - Chapter 72 Meeting**

**1:00 p.m. Meeting Starts**

**Panera - Community Room**

**(Montour Church Place at the Point)**

**250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, PA**

**24 - Cruise on Gateway Clipper**

"Tickets will be available at the meeting on June 3"

**July 8 - Chapter 72 Meeting**

**1:00 p.m. Meeting Starts**

**Panera - Community Room**

**(Montour Church Place at the Point)**

**250 McHolme Drive, Pittsburgh, PA**

**August 5-6 - Battle of Bushy Run**

**Anniversary Re-enactment**

**10 am to 4 pm**

**BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD**

**1253 Bushy Run Road**

**Jeannette, PA 15644**

**Phone: (724) 527-5584**

**Admission is free with a military ID.**

**12 - Chapter 72 Meeting**

**Sept. 10-11 - TREA Convention**

**Golden Nugget in Las Vegas**

**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	412-337-9879
Secretary/Historian:	Lydia Williamson	412-708-2744
Treasurer:	Barbara Harmon	724-322-3918
Chaplain:	Eric Blair	412-600-2015
Past President:	Harry Blackwell Sr.	412-417-8251

Don't forget to register for the September 10 - 11 2023 Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada or you may attend virtually.

Last day to register is July 15th.

You can register online at [www.TREA.org](http://www.TREA.org)



## 2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING September 10 & 11, 2023

**GOLDEN NUGGET HOTEL & CASINO**

129 E. Fremont Street

Las Vegas, NV 89101

<https://www.goldennugget.com/las-vegas/>

Registering for: ☐ IN PERSON ☐ VIRTUAL/ZOOM

Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (First, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it should appear on name badge/meeting ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Virtual Registrants Only: An active e-mail is required. An e-mail will be sent to you that includes the log-in information for the meeting. An electronic version of the meeting binder will be included in the e-mail. A printed copy can be requested, for a \$20 fee (to cover printing & postage). Please note payment below.

If you are attending in person, your registration fee includes the Welcome Reception on Sunday night (4PM-6PM) and includes a hosted bar and appetizers, Registration Bag (printed binder, Special Anniversary Lapel Pin, misc. goodies) and the Anniversary Dinner & Celebration on Monday night. (Guests do not receive the registration packet)

☐ My registration (\$250) My meal choice: ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Fish

☐ I would like \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s) tickets (\$200/each) ☐ Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Fish

☐ I am attending virtually, but would like a printed binder (\$20)

I am paying by ☐ check ☐ credit card

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

Print name as it appears on the credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed form and payment to:

TREA: Membership Meeting - 12200 E. Briarwood Ave., #250 - Centennial, CO 80112

You can also register online by visiting our website: [www.trea.org](http://www.trea.org)

## CHAPTER 72 PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Attention Chapter 72: Be proud to be a member of Chapter 72, known as the Steel City Chapter. After having a successful 2022, in which we were the recipient of six TREA Awards given at the National Convention, Chapter 72 continues to work with Nationals and locally to help veterans.

During the past year our participation with numerous JROTC Programs, providing the TREA Merit Award; helping with Fishing Derbies and the Back to School Event, highlighted some of our accomplishments that culminated in an awesome 30th Anniversary Banquet, honoring Robert Covington, the founder of Chapter 72.



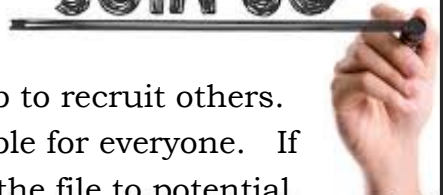
2023 is a new year, which means 72 can not rest on last year's laurels. Addressing that issue, starting off the new year, was the new meeting location, thanks to the effort of Olin McIntosh. Secretary Lydia Williamson, has developed the Chapter 72 Monthly Bulletin, which keeps the membership informed on upcoming events, between the quarterly publications of Chapter 72's award winning Newsletter. Additionally, Lydia has put together a Welcome Package for recruiting and organized a team to participate in the Easter Seals Walk. Lastly, Past President Harry Blackwell created a slide show presentation of Chapter 72's 30th Anniversary Banquet that is posted on Chapter 72's page on the National website for all to view.

## 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

**Psalm 56:9 “When I cry out to You, then my enemies turn back; This I know, because God is for me.”**

Did you know that God is *for* you? Regardless of what we may go through in life, God is not aloof. Our Creator is interested – and involved – in every area of our lives. From reading Psalm 56 in its entirety, we realize that David’s struggles were almost constant and inundating, for a season. We need to always remember that God is for us, even when troubles arise and seem to stay for a time. He will never leave us or forsake us (Joshua 1:5). So instead of enlarging our problems in our minds, we need to focus on God’s Word.

**“...If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31 (also read verses 32-39)**

We need to remember that God’s Son was on earth with us, and experienced heartache and pain – and some struggles that we will never face in our lifetime.

**“For we do not have a High Priest [Jesus] who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, ...”**

**Hebrews 4:15(a)**

Sometimes God uses troubles in our lives to strengthen, teach and develop us.

**“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”**

**Romans 8:28**

*God determined the exact number of stars that He spoke into existence. He identified each star with a name (Psalm 147:4), an intimate act that demonstrates His attention to the smallest details. His strength – insight, discernment, and knowledge – have “no limit” in the past, present, or future (verse 5).*

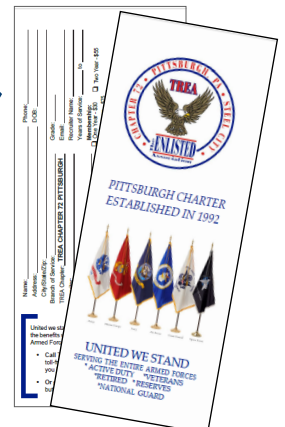
*God hears each desperate cry and sees each silent tear as clearly as He notices each sigh of contentment and belly laugh. He sees when we’re stumbling and when we’re standing in triumph. He understands our deepest fears, our innermost thoughts, and our wildest dreams. He knows where we’ve been and where we’re going. [We] can trust Him to see, understand, and care for us. \**

*\* from May 11, 2023 “Our Daily Bread” – Xochitl Dixon*



## 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.





# 2023 TREA JROTC HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE AWARDS

## PRESENTED BY CHAPTER 72 PITTSBURGH

By Harry Blackwell and Eric Blair

*TREA: The Enlisted Association Award of Merit is awarded to: A Cadet for displaying outstanding leadership capabilities, enthusiasm, and positive involvement during the school year. Cadet has been an invaluable asset to the Junior ROTC Program, the United States Armed Services and TREA: The Enlisted Association.*



LIGONIER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC  
Retired MSG Harry Blackwell, Cadet Kimberly Foust, Mrs. Foust and Mr. Foust



PERRY TRADITIONAL ACADEMY ARMY JROTC  
Army Instructor, Retired SFC John Holtz, Cadet Baraka Kazimoto, Retired MSG Harry Blackwell and Retired SFC Eric Blair



PINE RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JROTC  
Cadet Dominic Martini, Retired MSG Harry Blackwell, and Retired SFC Eric Blair



ALBERT GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL ARMY JROTC  
Retired SFC Barbara Harmon and Cadet Tatum Hettenschuller

## TREA Steel City Chapter 72

### Cordially Invites You to join us for the Gateway Clipper's Lunch Cruise Buffet

**Saturday, June 24, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Board Time: 11:15 a.m.**

Delicious Buffet is open from the time you board until 12:30 p.m. The menu consist of Pork Ribeye, Roasted Turkey Breast, Smashed Redskin Potatoes, Wild Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls, Desserts, Coffee and Tea.

(See website <https://www.gatewayclipper.com/dining-cruises/saturday-luncheon/> for more detailed menu.)



**Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fun, food and TREA camaraderie as we sail down Pittsburgh's Three Rivers. Chapter 72's Event Planning Committee is excited about this outing and hope everyone will "get on board" and join us for this memorable event. You can reserve/purchase your ticket NOW by calling Barbara Harmon or Lydia Williamson (or any officer). Tickets will be available at our June 3rd meeting. The cost of the luncheon is \$50.00 per person. Make checks payable to TREA Chapter 72. Please arrive at least 30 minutes before boarding.**



**There is an additional charge for parking. Parking information call 412-261-1993  
All parking listed below is open 24 hrs/7 days per week**

**East Parking Lot** - Located adjacent to the Smithfield Street Bridge.

**3 hours - \$6.00**

**4 hours - \$8.00**

**Up to 12 hours - \$10.00**

**West Stadium Lot** - Located under the Fort Pitt Bridge and West of the Riverhounds Soccer Stadium

**3 hours - \$7.00**

**4 hours - \$8.00**

**5 hours - \$9.00**

**Up to 24 hours - \$13.00**

**Parking Garage** - Located across from Sheraton Hotel.

**3 hours - \$6.00**

**4 hours - \$9.00**

**5 hours - \$10.00**

**Up to 8 hours - \$11.00**

**West Carson/River Lot** - Located adjacent to the Gateway Clipper Fleet Dock Ramp

**3 hours - \$6.00**

**4 hours - \$8.00**

**5 hours - \$9.00**

**6 hours - \$13.00**

**Bring the entire family or friends for an afternoon lunch on the water as you cruise along the Three Rivers. Experience the BEST WAY TO SEE PITTSBURGH from a grand riverboat as the captain narrates the sights. Sit back and watch the river go by while enjoying a grand luncheon buffet. Stroll around and enjoy the breathtaking view from the third deck. It's summertime in the city, so come aboard and enjoy one of the best river cruises in the USA!**



Business and Professional Women / PA - District 12

# A MURDER MYSTERY AND NIGHT AT THE CASINO

**Saturday, September 30th**

**3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

BPW District 12 is hosting an interactive Murder Mystery Dinner with a Casino theme to benefit the Barbara J. Myers-Ciccone Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Masontown American Legion Post 423, 1977 McClellandtown Rd, Masontown, PA 15461

***\$50.00 Ticket - includes Dinner and Fun Money***

*(Additional Fun Money will be available to purchase during the event.)*

**Raffle baskets**

**Prizes for:**

- \* **Best Character/Costume**
- \* **Outstanding Acting**
- \* **Outstanding Detective Award for Solving the Murder**
- \* **Winning the most Fun Money in the games of chance**



To purchase tickets or for more information,  
please email [murdermystery2023@gmail.com](mailto:murdermystery2023@gmail.com) or contact

Barbara Harmon at 724-322-3918

or

Aleta Richmond at 724-344-4453







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**and**



## Pittsburgh



*TREA Veteran Team: Barbara Harmon, Lydia Williamson and Bonnie McCracken. Not pictured George Skivington*

Four members of TREA chapter 72 made up the team of “TREA Veterans” who participated in this year’s Easter Seals Walk With Me Event on May 20, 2023 at Kennywood Park. Team members were Barbara Harmon, Bonnie McCracken, George Skivington and Lydia Williamson.

Walk With Me Pittsburgh 2023 is a fundraiser to support the work of Easter Seals in Western and Central Pennsylvania. Colleen Felentzer was in charge of this event, and made a Team Captain Kit available which had lots of ideas for fundraising for this event.

Easter seals has been helping people with disabilities and their families, caregivers, **veterans** and seniors get the services and supports they need to reach their full potential.

On the day of the event, George was not able to attend. So, the team of three, Barbara, Bonnie, and Lydia completed the 1 mile walk at Kennywood Park. Our team placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Top Ten of money raised, and Lydia placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Top Ten of people who raised the most money as an individual. Lydia raised/donated \$315.00 due to the generosity of her co-workers at A.J. Myers Bus Co. And our team raised a total \$530.00 (plus an additional \$30.00 after the race).

Easter seals has worked to connect veterans and military families with what they need for meaningful employment, education and overall wellness since World War II. Their grassroots outreach, provides unmatched, accessible, and indispensable resources and support for veterans and military families.

What a great way for our organization to support this worthy cause and support our fellow veterans. We are so happy that we participated in this event and were able to give something back to this worthy organization that gives so much to so many.



**Pictured on the Left:**  
Lydia Williamson with one of the Park employees

**Pictured on the Right:**  
Jesus Rodriguez, Barbara Harmon, Lydia Williamson, Colleen Felentzer and Bonnie McCracken





# The Battle of Bushy Run

## THE ANNIVERSARY REENACTMENT

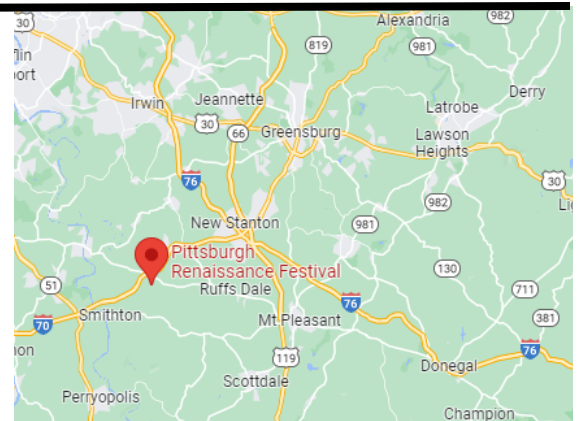
Witness a clash of cultures as historical reenactors bring the Battle of Bushy Run to life! Visitors will learn firsthand what caused Native American warriors and British soldiers to take up arms against each other during a two-day battle in August 1763 during Pontiac's War. They will also discover what life was like on the frontier for European settlers and Native peoples alike in this historical reenactment.

In addition to the reenactments occurring from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm on both Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6, events include morning historical demonstrations, eighteenth century military camps, a Native American village, a sutler trade area, live historical music, a children's area, concession stand, and more!

**Bushy Run Battlefield** is located at **1253 Bushy Run Road, Jeannette, PA 15644**. For more information you can call 724-527-5584



## PITTSBURGH RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL



The Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival lets you experience the 16th Century, a time of Kings and Knights. It is held every year during the last Weekend in August and every weekend in September at **112 Renaissance Lane, West Newton, PA 15089**. Each weekend has a different theme. For further information regarding the special themed weekends call 724-872-1670 or go on line to <https://www.pittsburghrenfest.com> (As of today the weekends themes are not posted for this year.)

The Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival is open weekends from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Including Labor Day) This years weekends are: August 26-27, September 2-3-4, September 9-10, September 16-17, September 23-24, September 30 and October 1, 2023.