

# The Retired Enlisted Association

## Chapter 1

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### Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

January 28, 2012

- 1. Call to Order:** President Hank Reisig called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.
- 2. Opening Prayer:** President Hank Reisig gave the opening prayer in the Chaplains' absence.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Sgt-At-Arms AC Cunningham led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Roll Call of Officers:** Recording Secretary, Kevin Cooper called roll call. Those **PRESENT** were: President Hank Reisig, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President AJ Hiton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mikel Yarmon, Treasurer Chuck Zeitvogel, Parliamentarian Ed Cates, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director Roger DeLosh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director John Creaney, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director Michael Boge, Club Manager Larry Anderson, Sgt-At-Arms AC Cunningham. Also present, Grievance Committee Chairman Mel Yell and Bingo Manger mike Meyers. Those **EXCUSED** were: Chaplain Bob Kwiatkowski, Past President Ron Smith, Historian Butch Read, and 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director Keven Cleveland
- 5. Approval of Minutes:** Recording Secretary, Kevin Cooper called for any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting dated Nov 19, 2011. There were no additions or corrections; the minutes were approved as written. A sheet was passed around to get all BOD members emails to have them added to our MSN Group email. As of these minutes, I have had one member (Michael Boge), accept the invitation. Please check your email for the invite to include your junk folder. Thank you.
- 6. Announcements:** President Hank Reisig asked if there were any new members and asked them to introduce themselves. There were four new members. President Hank Reisig continued with the following announcements: He introduced our guest speaker, El Paso County Commissioner Darryl Glenn from District 1 in November 2010 and took office in January 2011. He is a retired Air Force Lt Col, USAFA Graduate, and has extensive education which includes an MS degree in Business Administration and a Doctorates Degree from the New England School of Law. He has been married to his wife Erin for 22 years and has two daughters. Commissioner spoke about the following topics covered in a hand out he passed out to the group. He spoke of the new precincts here in Colorado Springs. They are considerably different than in years past. The new precincts align with the school districts. If you have questions, please call the recorder's office using the number on your voter registration card and they will direct you. He opened the floor for discussion. He was asked by Wally Jones about the new Veteran's Cemetery and the water issues that are affecting its construction/completion. Commissioner Glenn agrees that we need one, he wants one too, and he is leading some conversations locally to try and find the needed water resources to support it. Ed Cates asked about the future plans for Powers Blvd. to widen it and repair it to accommodate the increasing amount of traffic flow. The response was that we are working it with Denver and the DOT to get the

resources. He also recommended we take action as individuals to talk to our state representatives to put pressure on them to free up money/resources to do it. He went on to discuss the potential cuts to DoD money and the long term impact on local military installations. AC Cunningham asked about the VA Clinic coming to the area. Commissioner Glenn did not have an answer but took it as a follow-up item. There were other questions about painting the lines on the streets in the winter instead of the spring so they do us some good when the hours of darkness are longer. The street lights have been reduced and it is hard to see the lines on the streets. Commissioner Glenn stated he was not the POC for that but he would get us the information of who is on the city planning can address that issue. Michael Boge asked about having more police presence in school zones. Commissioner Glenn recommended we continue to call our police department to keep them aware of the concerns and to contact city officials to voice what our concerns are. A question was asked about the new drilling operations being looked at for El Paso County and what impact it could have to our community resources such as housing, etc. Commissioner Glenn stated there is a vote on this topic on Tuesday. His personal concerns were based on transportation impact and the water pollution prevention. We are regulated heavily by Denver and have only as much power as they allow us. There will be more coming out soon. Larry Anderson asked what was the number one priority on the county's strategic plan. Jobs were the main focus and the number one priority. He believes we need to put policies in place to help create jobs and to remove barriers that keep us from job creation. President Reisig introduced our next guest speaker, Marilyn Canitz, President of Quilts from the Heart Program. She provided some information regarding her program to provide veterans with a lap quilt but she needs support to buy materials. President Reisig announced that he will be taking individual pictures of the new BOD members after the GMM to post on the board and on the website.

**7. Committee Reports:** Committee reports were as follows:

**a) Information Technology:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President AJ Hiton provided the following report: The IT committee is new to the organization but will remain a key committee going forward. He has already drafted the necessary by-laws/standing rules submission to validate its designed role and will present them to the committee for approval. AJ started a list for anyone who wants to learn about computers. He is willing to teach you as much as you would like to know—from use to assembling your own. . He also updates the new website and while he gets the new website up and running, the old website will continue to exist and be maintained. This process is ongoing and your patience is appreciated. The purpose of the website is to get our organization out there on the internet to entice new members and to keep current members informed. There are 13 sub-sections under the committee section of our website; Awards, Building & Planning, Budget, Chaplain, Entertainment, Finance Ways & Means (which is in two parts; finance and budget), Grievance, Information Technology, Military Affairs & Legislation, Membership, Public Relations, Scholarship, and Special Activities. Many of these areas are empty because committees are putting together data to submit to AJ to go into them.

**b) Finance Ways & Means/Donations Committee:** Treasurer Chuck Zeitvogel, Chairman Finance Ways & Means Committee Finance Ways & Means Committee met Jan 18, 2012. Committee Members are: Ed Cates, Roger Ehrke, Mike Myers, They served on this committee last year and will add continuity to The F/W&M Committee. I thank them for continuing their service to Chapter 1. The Finance / Ways & Means Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Executive Committee

Room. A Budget has been prepared for 2012 and will be presented in detail at our February General Membership Meeting. Balance Sheet and Profit & Lost Statements for December 2011 are available on line for you to look at. In March we will report on the status of the Capital Reserve Fund managed by Wells Fargo Advisors. I am asking all to hold their questions for now. Write them on a piece of paper and leave them with me at the end of this meeting or put them in the Treasurer's box in the office. Each question will be reviewed and discussed at our Finance / Ways & Means Committee and answered at the February General Membership meeting. We have four (4) slides to show you this morning to give a brief overview of the projected income and expense areas for Chapter 1 in 2012. (Slides were shown to the membership with emphases give to the importance of Bingo income to the overall financial well being of our club operations). Finally, I reviewed our Chapter By-laws and Standing Rules - noting where the Treasurer and Finance /Ways & Means Committee are mentioned. Then with this list I spent three hours with the office staff checking on compliance with these written directives. My report to you is that Management of your Chapter 1 is in compliance with few exceptions. In lieu of an outside financial audit we are requesting three members to conduct an internal audit with results reported to you at the February General Membership meeting. The audit will consist of physically looking at invoices, purchase orders and cancelled checks to verify accuracy and input in our Quick Books Program. Donations following TREA Chapter 1 Membership Meetings – Jan 28, 2012 were made by several members to Quilts for Veterans Program, the Membership Fund, and Scholarship Fund.

The Amounts were:

Marilyn Canitz, President of Quilts from the Heart Program	\$60.00
For the Membership Fund	1.00
For the Scholarship Fund	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Total Deposited in office safe:</u>	<u>\$71.00</u>

- b) Club Manager's Report:** Club Manager Larry pointed out how Friday nights we offer step up meals. Weds nights will offer Family Night Dinner which will include entrees that are no more than \$9.95. The dinners will revolve around down home cookin'. There is a Superbowl Party on Feb 5 with lots of extra activities included. We are adding a pool table in the lounge area Feb 6. Feb 15<sup>th</sup> we are combining with the Family Night Dinner a movie night. Movie oriented snacks will be available for purchase. Avatar is playing on the 15<sup>th</sup>. On Feb 25<sup>th</sup> we will have the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner/Dance. On Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Leap Year dinner (happens only every 4 years). On May 19<sup>th</sup>, we are having a Murder Mystery Dinner. The theme is '60's attire. Please make reservations soon so we can assign characters to participate in the mystery. Larry mentioned how the Newsletter is being streamlined and much of the committee meeting minutes will be online from now on and not in the Newsletter. If you want to get hard copies, stop by the office and they will accommodate you.
- c) Chaplain's Report:** Chaplain Bob Kwiatkowski had emailed a report to the Recording Secretary and it is as follows: **TAPS:** The following members: Herbert A. Packer, James F. Stelter, Joseph C. Meadows, Raymond P. Hummer were reported deceased since the last report. The following family members are also reported deceased: Patricia Feagler, Gerda

Wright, Paul Winston Jackson, Jr., Jim Riggin's mother died recently, along with his wife's sister in Germany. **SICK:** Pete Buist was reported sick and has been recently diagnosed with cancer. He has had some chemotherapy. He is home recovering and seems to be doing better. Please keep him in your prayers.

- d) **Building & Planning Committee:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director Michael Boge started his report by telling us that they met on January 4, 2012. He asked Bill DeBoer and Bill Norris to continue on with the committee and they have agreed. They discussed a few items but many of them had already been identified and were in work in preparation for 2013. We did have a fan go out in the kitchen; it was decided to have it replaced at a cost of \$385. Director Boge is working with his committee to complete an equipment inventory of the club equipment to determine the true value of things versus outdated values currently listed versus the insurable costs of replacement items. The next committee meeting is Feb 2 at 1300. Anyone wanting to help out is encouraged to come to committee meetings or leave suggestions in his mailbox in the office.
- e) **Entertainment Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director Roger DeLosh has his first meeting on Jan 3, 2012. He did not have any members in attendance other than the women's auxiliary. He solicited more members to get involved in the committee from the GMM. Roger continued by letting the GM know what events are coming up and they are as follows: Country Western Dance with Buffalo Thunder possibly and it will be \$15, Cinco de Mayo will be a \$20 dance. The next committee meeting is Feb 2 at 0930.
- f) **Membership Committee:** President Reisig reported on the membership committee in the absence of 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director Keven Cleveland. The report period covers new members from Oct 10, 2011 to Jan 9, 2012. There were several courtesy members requiring voting. The names were read off and the vote results were unanimous without objections. The total count is 1609 members. We have grown by 16 members since Oct 10. The total of new members from Jan 1, 2011 to Dec 31, 2011 was 101 members. One additional comment was the membership committee wants to put some information out on the website ASAP to keep people informed and to solicit volunteers.
- g) **Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director John Creaney passed around a couple of SR's that needed to be voted on. He also mentioned there was an SR Article 3, Section 4 that was a carryover from last year. It covered any person that was not otherwise eligible by TREA membership to be considered and it was approved by the committee and the BOD but never voted on by the GMM. It approved by the GM without objection or discussion. SR 20 was passed out but it was decided to table the SR for the February GMM for consideration due some discussion involving the verbiage and the concerns of the ladies Auxiliary. There was a question concerning Capital Funds, the SR had not been forwarded and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director John Creaney stated that he would re-engage with his committee to get it addressed and presented for the February GMM.
- h) **Scholarships Committee:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mikel Yarmon let the GM know that the packets for submittal are available in the office and are due NLT Mar 15. We have approximately 36-38 packages out there for consideration but only three have come back.

There are scholarships here locally and at National. There is a 500 word essay required as part of the package process so please get them done and submitted by Mar 15. President Reisig also added information regarding the TREA Memorial Foundation Scholarship Program; applications for 2012 cannot be received at the Foundation before January 2<sup>nd</sup> and must be submitted/postmarked NLT April 30, 2012. Please get these done as soon as possible so we can award the scholarships.

**i) Awards & Recognition Committee:** Historian Butch Read was not present but he did email his report and it is as follows: He thanked Chuck Zeitvogel for all the excellent work he did when running the awards program. He also brought up the concern that there is not a full committee of five as per SR. He went on to state that members will need to do their own award write-ups and that he is not going to do it for members. It is up to members of the organization to send forward award nominees for consideration. We already have nominations due by February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please recognize those who deserve recognition by taking the time to write the packages. We can help you if you need help.

**j) Military Affairs & Legislation Committee:**

1. It is an election year—VOTE! Get others to participate in our most import duty as a U.S. citizen too.

2. Tax help is available at most of the military installations if you need help with them.

3. Tricare Update – the National Defense Bill signed Dec 31, 2011, Section 701 limits annual TRICARE enrollment fee increases for retirees and their family members to an amount equal to the percentage by which retired pay increases that year.

4. Tricare is no longer using Walgreens for medications. Tricare is trying to get more people to participate in the mail delivery program. If not, you can still pick up meds at the installations here in the local area. If you don't want to use those, you can get information regarding nearby network pharmacies, use the "find a pharmacy" feature on Express-Scripts website at [www.express-scripts.com/tricare](http://www.express-scripts.com/tricare).

5. New Prescription Co pays Effective Oct. 1, 2011

	30 Day Supply Retail Pharmacy	90 Day Supply Home Delivery
Formulary Generic	\$5	\$0
Formulary Brand	\$12	\$9
Non-Formulary	\$25	\$25

6. More than 2,200 veterans had their personal information accidentally posted on the genealogy website Ancestry.com last year, a move that could potentially expose them to identify theft crimes. Officials from the Department of Veterans Affairs said all of the veterans affected by the mistake will receive free credit monitoring services to help mitigate any damage. The information posted online included veterans' names and Social Security

numbers, but not any health information. The department said there is no evidence so far that any of the personal information has been misused, but the agency is contacting all of the individuals involved to ensure they are aware of the problem. VA officials supplied the information to Ancestry.com in March 2011 as part of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by the genealogy site. The records were supposed to only contain information on deceased veterans, but also included more than 2,200 living veterans due to a department error.

7. A bill was signed into law Jan. 3 to streamline airport screening procedures for service members and their families traveling on official orders. The Risk-based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act gives the Transportation Security Administration six months to develop and implement a plan to expedite screening services for service members on orders and in uniform. The agency also expedites the screening process for Honor Flight Network veterans, and partners with the Defense Department to expedite screening for wounded warriors and their families. Also, families who would like to accompany a deploying military loved one to the boarding gate or greet them upon their return may receive passes to enter the secure area of the airport. Families should contact their air carrier representative at the airport for local procedures. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) today announced the implementation of the passenger pre-screening initiative, TSA Pre✓™, at its sixth pilot location – Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Certain American Airlines frequent flyers flying out of LAX are now eligible to participate and may receive expedited screening benefits when traveling domestically. The TSA Pre✓™ screening concept enhances aviation security by enabling TSA to focus on passengers the agency knows less about and those who are considered high-risk, while providing expedited screening for travelers who volunteer information about themselves prior to flying. TSA will continue expanding TSA Pre✓™ to additional airlines and airports once they are operationally ready. If TSA determines a passenger is eligible for expedited screening through the TSA Pre✓™ vetting process, information will be embedded in the barcode of the passengers boarding pass. TSA will read the barcode at the checkpoint and the passenger may be referred to a lane where they will undergo expedited screening, which could include no longer removing the following items:

- Shoes
- 3-1-1 compliant bag from carry-on
- Laptop from bag
- Light outerwear/jacket
- Belt

8. Select passenger terminals across Air Mobility Command are establishing Facebook pages to provide passengers more predictability when it comes to space-available and -required passengers. Travelers will also be able to see their local terminals tentative flight schedule 72-hours in advance. The same information available via the local terminal's answering machine will also be posted on the passenger terminal's Facebook page. For a complete list of AMC Passenger Terminals who have a Facebook page, please visit the Space-A Website at [www.amc.af.mil/amctravel](http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel).

k) **Special Activities Committee:** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director Michael Boge suggested that we look at sponsoring a golf tournament at one of the local installations to get our name out there to the veterans.

l) **Public Relations/Marketing Committee:** President Hank Reisig has appointed Gary Edwards as the Public Relations Chair. President Hank Reisig covered Gary Edwards report in his absence. We now have a *Facebook* (FB) page and as of today, we have 57 friends on it. Just go to FB and search for *TREA Chapterone* and click on the “add friend” button at the top. We are also on Twitter. We have no followers on Twitter as of today. Social media will be a means going forward to market our organization. Both of these activities will provide us an avenue to get our name brand out and to bring some of our younger veterans into the organization. We will continue to pursue all advertising media to that goal.

**8. Special Committee Reports:** Special Committee reports were as follows:

- a) **Historian:** Historian Butch Read was not present. President Reisig made the report. His report thanked Susan for all her hard work locating hard copies of the BOD meeting minutes in the office.
- b) **Parliamentarian: No Report**
- c) **Election Committee: No Report**
- d) **Convention Delegate Committee: No Report**
- e) **Parades and Ceremony: No Report**
- f) **Bingo Report:** Mike Meyers solicited people to get involved and help out. It really makes the club the most money of all our activities. WE HAVE TO HAVE IT! Please get involved and give it a try...it is not hard and training is free and available onsite.

**9. Unfinished Business:** President Reisig presented some awards to the recipients who were not in attendance at the Installation Dinner. Dave Steinhauer, Maria Ryan (not present), Dottie Holmes, John Malesh, Aura Johnson (not present), Susan Nadeau (not present), Bev Schwab, Neil McCoy, Bill Morris (not present), Michael Boge, Bill DeBoer (not present), Keven Cleveland (not present), Mel Yell (not present), John Adams, and Robert Rothrock.

**10. New Business: None**

**11. Good of the Order:** Wally Jones, TREA Representative for the Veterans Cemetery Committee. The VA has tasked us to see if anyone who may have family urns or ashes that may want to be transferred to the new cemetery. There will be a column burial is a section when it opens in 2014. If anyone wants to have their loved ones transferred (through a funeral home) and are willing to pay the finances of transportation and the funeral home services, if you are interested, Wally would like to get some information from you regarding your loved one: name, funeral home name, etc. Ed Cates brought up awards and where you can find the information to submit them. It is on the National website, under committees, awards, Appendix 1, pg 8-4 and 8-9. The Chapter awards are listed in SR 9 on our website. He also mentioned where to find TSA Pre Check information if you want to use it. You can find it by using Google to search for TSA Pre Check. John Adams mentioned the Tues morning MOAA breakfast meetings are from 7-8 a.m. and it is a great opportunity to network for jobs. Chuck Zietvogel, don't forget you can itemize your taxes with any donations you make to an organization. He expanded on using tax services to help with you taxes if you need it and Sunnyside Church is one location that will

provide tax assistance. AARP is using these locations to help those who may need it—free! George from the USMC Legion mentioned that there should be a sign placed on Murray to help us advertise the club and to help people finding us. The USMC Legion is wants to work with us to fund it and make it happen. They will work with the Bldg Committee to work this issue. They also mentioned they have a lot of awards/plaques/etc that need a place to be displayed. They suggested that we allow each branch of service to have a wall within the organization to display their service awards. It would be each service to maintain their respective wall/awards. President Reisig mentioned that the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball is coming up and he would like to see a lot of us in attendance. He also challenged each member to bring one person with you that does not normally participate at this meeting. It will be a great way to boost our club membership. An additional comment was made about Ft Carson is using a “trusted driver” program now to allow access. Only the driver needs to show a valid ID card instead of all passengers as in the past. The drawing is as follows: \$18 to Dan Watkins, \$14 to John Aliech, and \$11 to name unknown. There were several wall pictures given out as well using the drawing method.

**12. Next Meeting:** February 25, 2012 @ 0900 hours

**13. Closing Prayer:** President Hank Reisig

**14. Meeting Adjourned:** 1103

*Kevin L. Cooper*

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Recording Secretary