



Dear Fellow Military Enlisted Personnel:

Welcome to *TREA - The Enlisted Association!*

The NAUS Board of Directors wanted to make sure you continue to have the voice and representation you need and expect in Washington, D.C., especially in these days of threatened cuts to your promised and earned military health care and other benefits. That is why I and the rest of TREA: The Enlisted Association (TREA) are so proud and grateful that they chose you to affiliate you with TREA.

Like NAUS, TREA has been a major force in legislative and government matters in Washington, D.C., for many years. We were founded in 1963 and chartered as a Veterans Service Organization by Congress in 1992. We are a member of *The Military Coalition*. In fact, we were a founding member and we hold more leadership positions than any other association except one. We are also a founding member of the *National Military and Veterans Alliance*.

We have chapters throughout the U.S. with 44 chapters in 26 states and Puerto Rico. Just as NAUS has been, TREA is active in Washington, D.C., representing enlisted military personnel before Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and other departments and agencies of the federal government.

TREA keeps members informed through "The VOICE" magazine, which you will be receiving starting in February 2017. It is printed once 4 times per year. If we have your email, you'll also receive a weekly update with general military and veterans' news. Finally, our Washington Office also sends an update every week with specific information on legislative issues we are involved with. By signing up at <http://capwiz.com/trea/mlm/signup/> you can receive all three of those electronic communications from us.

The biggest difference between NAUS and TREA is that TREA is only for enlisted personnel. In fact, TREA is the largest association in the nation that was formed exclusively for enlisted personnel from all branches of the Armed Services. Active Duty, Guard and Reserve, retirees, veterans, and dependents and survivors are all part of TREA's membership.

Your NAUS membership will transfer to TREA this way.

1. Your TREA membership will be the same as it is in NAUS. If you are a Life Member of NAUS, you will be a Life Member of TREA. If you are a one-year member of NAUS, you will be a one-year member of TREA for whatever length of time remains on your membership.
2. We encourage you to join a TREA chapter if there is one in your area. If there isn't one, we urge you to start one. If you don't wish to join a chapter, you will become what we call a MAL – Member-At-Large, with all of the rights and opportunities as current MAL members.

3. TREA has an annual convention and you will have the same rights as current members regarding attending and voting at the convention, as well as all the other rights and privileges of all existing TREA members.

We are excited that you will be joining us.

United, we will fight against those voices in Washington now calling for privatizing the Department of Veterans Affairs, privatizing commissaries and even privatizing Medicare, which would affect the health care of all military retirees.

In addition, it seems like almost every year the health care costs for currently serving personnel and under age-65 retirees keeps going up, something we have opposed and will continue to do so.

We have been fighting, and will keep fighting, to save your health care benefits, as well as all your other promised and earned military benefits – just like NAUS has been doing.

Again, welcome aboard. We look forward to having you with us as we fight for you.

As we say in TREA,

United We Stand.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

John Adams
President

P.S. You can learn more about us on our website at www.TREA.org. You can also sign up for you weekly email Washington Update at <http://capwiz.com/trea/mlm/signup/>. If you have further questions you can call us at 1-800-338-9337.