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ID Cards Available by Mail TRICARE FOR LIFE

**Access for difficult for some ...
but not impossible**

(Excerpted from TROAGRAM)

The TRICARE Senior Pharmacy (TSRx) program is now or by October 1 will be a fact of life for most military retirees who are enrolled in Medicare Part B, and TRICARE For Life (TFL). To participate, you will need a current military ID card, which you may be able to obtain by mail from the nearest Army installation or Air Force base if you are disabled, do not have transportation or cannot visit the issuing facility for some other reason. To do this, write a letter explaining why you cannot go to the ID card office and request that an ID card be issued to you through the mail. The letter should include your name, social security number, current mailing address and telephone number. In addition to the letter, the following supporting documentation should be included:

- A completed and notarized form DD-1172 (now available on the Internet). If you do not have Internet access, Bob Glodich, chapter president, will obtain a copy for you. If you do not include the DD-1172 with your application, the facility will send you one, but this extra step adds to processing time.
- A notarized 8x10 inch photo, which can be black and white or color. On the back of the photo, list your physical characteristics (hair and eye color, height and weight). The notary then indicates that the photo is a true photo of the person requesting the ID card.
- A letter from your physician stating that you are unable to travel to an installation to obtain the ID card (if you are disabled).
- A copy of both sides of your expired ID card if you have one.
- Your DD-214, Report of Separation from Active Duty, or DD-13, Statement

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JROTC Thrives ... Participants "Shine"

Submitted by

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JROTC programs in Collier County are thriving. Early enrollment projections show Lely at approximately 280, Gulf Coast at 195, Naples at 160, Barron Collier at 211, and Immokalee at 130.

Collier High Schools started on 13 August. Instructors are busy with orientations, football game support, club/team startups, and processing new cadets.

Seventy-five cadets from Collier attended the JROTC Summer Camp, 10-17 July at Camp Blanding, Florida. Cadets trained in rappelling, water safety, marksmanship, obstacle course, land navigation, leadership reaction course, and drill. They also received Drug Demand Reduction, Math, and Science classes.

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President's Message

This is our first bulletin since June and I hope everyone is in good health, considering how hot it has been. I felt this was the hottest summer for the past 17 years, but then I am 17 years older.

After our May board meeting, a complete packet of all available Tri-Care information was assembled and forwarded to the Administrators of each of the ten nursing homes in Naples. We know the material was disseminated because I received several phone calls requesting additional information.

In our last bulletin, I noted that National TROA was becoming concerned with the word "Retired" and requested suggestions for an alternative word. Gil Erlichman proposed "Platinum Coast Military Officers Club." Are there any more suggestions or comments? If so, please telephone me or email them to me at nfn00402@naples.net.


You probably also noticed that our bulletin has a new look. The editor is my wife, Zan, but she has indicated that this is only temporary. Therefore, we will need a new editor before the end of this calendar year. It should be someone with access to a computer. Zan tells me it is a fun job but one best done by a member, and promises to start someone off with whatever technical assistance is needed as well as copies of whatever material she has generated and the disks passed on to her by our former editor, John Lukosky. We also need advertisers to support the cost of printing and postage.

In that regard, we always need new members to maintain our club. I know for a fact that there are many potential members in our area who need only to be asked. Please keep this thought foremost as you meet agreeable folks who have backgrounds similar to ours. After all, we're nice people and we owe it to others to have the opportunity to join us.

Continuing further with the club's needs, in January, 2000, only four months hence, is our installation of new club officers. If anyone is interested in serving as an officer, please contact any of the current officers. Some of us have served for a very long time and would like to be succeeded.

Oh, the handsome mystery man on page 4 is our Vice President, Paul Weber.

Sincerely,
Bob Glodich



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JROTC (Continued)



Naples High recognizes Cadet Karina Valdivia

Several Collier cadets were selected as Honor Graduates (top 5%). In addition to Valdivia and Marras, from Immokalee High School: Daniel Rodriguez and Ismael Barnhart; from GCHS: Nicole Yatulis; from NHS: Melissa Casanova; and from LHS: Gabriela Fuentes, Sharon Le, and Krystal Marrero.

Naples Instructors LTC (Ret) Parker and SFC (Ret) O'Neil were both presented the Commanders' Award for Public Service by Principal Gary Brown in a ceremony during classes on 14 August.

Previous NHS PCROC TROA medal winner Krystal Wall (2000) is enrolled at BYU as a freshman and plans to participate in the senior ROTC program.



New Member

Welcome to Col. W. Franklin Ellis, U.S. Army (Ret.) and his wife, Carol, now residents of Naples. We hope you will be able to attend our September luncheon.

Personal Affairs

If any member or spouse is ill, or if a member has a personal announcement, please contact our Personal Affairs Chairman, LTC Charles D. Barker, USAF (Ret.)

In Memoriam

On 18 June 2001 funeral services were conducted on Marco Island for Margaret Peterson, wife of Harold W. Peterson, a long time member and former board member of Platinum Coast. Our condolences.

Golden Eagle Cadet Karina Valdivia was selected as the Distinguished Honor Graduate for Delta Company from almost 200 cadets from 50 Florida high schools and Lely Cadet Nick Marras was honored as the Spirit Award Winner during camp. Both were presented plaques at the graduation ceremony by COL Jerry Vaughn, Camp Blanding Post Commander.

TRICARE (Continued)

of Service, or your spouse's if you are applying as a dependent.

- A copy of your marriage license if you are applying as a dependent.
- A copy of your spouse's death certificate, if you are applying as a dependent and your spouse is deceased.

After the ID card office has received your letter and photo, it will send you a DD Form 1172 and a partially completed ID card for your signature. You must sign the form and the card and send them back to the ID card office where they will laminate the card and return it to you. Depending on mail delivery time and any backlog the ID card office might have, the process can take from four to six weeks, so plan accordingly.



HAPPENINGS

Luncheon Meeting

**Saturday
15 September 2001**

**Country Club of Naples
Burning Tree Drive
(Off Goodlette Road)**

**Social Hour
11:30 a.m.
Lunch
12:00 Noon**

**Choice of
Poached Salmon or
Marinated Chicken Breast**

**Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Cauliflower**

Ice Cream w/ Cookie

\$16.00 pp

**Program
Collier County Sheriff
K-9 Patrol**

See a K-9 Demonstration!

**RSVP
Paul Weber
262-6803**

September Board Meeting

**Monday, 17 September
3:00 p.m.**

**Paul Weber's Home
2681 Ponce de Leon Drive
Naples**

October Dinner Meeting

**Saturday, October 13
Social Hour 6:30 p.m.
Buffet immediately following**

**The Tides Restaurant
Marco Island**

Mystery Member ... Do You Recognize Him?



Everyone likes old pictures, so maybe we can have a little fun with this and get to know each other a little better, too.

Please look through your old photos and pick out one that you would like to see here. I promise to take good care of your photos and return them unharmed but I do need you to carefully and lightly write your name on the back.

Hints: This person rarely misses a Platinum Coast meeting. The year is 1944 and the branch of service is Marine Corps.

Stuck? His identity is revealed on page 2.

MEMORANDUM

From: the Almighty One

To: Soldiers
Sailors
Airmen
Marines

Subj: Best Military Service

Gentlemen:

All branches of the United States Armed Forces are honorable and noble. Each serves America well and with distinction. Being a servicement in the United States Military represents a special calling, warranting special respect, tribute and dedication. Be proud of that.

Sincerely,

GOD
U.S. Army (Ret.)

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