



ROUGH RIDERS TEDDY BEAR COLLECTION

The Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section is partnering with the 1st USV Cavalry Rough Riders Regiment, Inc., of Tampa to collect Teddy Bears. The bears will be distributed to children and adults in hospitals, cancer survivors and their families, centers for abused women and children, community health centers, special needs day care centers, and foster children.

TO DONATE: Please bring at least one "new unused" Teddy Bear of any size to the upcoming RPPTL Executive Council Meeting at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay (Jan. 30 - Feb 1st). Donation boxes will be available near the registration desk.

As background to the above, the 1st U.S. Volunteer Cavalry Regiment "Rough Riders", Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation formed for the purpose of creating a perpetuating and living memorial to the unique accomplishments of President Theodore Roosevelt and the members of his famous volunteer cavalry regiment, known as the Rough Riders. The Rough Riders played an instrumental role in the Spanish-American War when they sailed with Colonel Roosevelt from Tampa, to liberate Cuba from Spain. It is the intent of the members of the Rough Riders to keep the Rough Riders' great moments in history alive., and they do this by providing activities that educate people about history and keeping our Spanish-American War Monuments intact. The Tampa Rough Riders also take pride in their never-ending work for local charities and children's groups, and their most notable efforts are their Teddy Bear Runs (named in honor of President Roosevelt).

Several of our Executive Council members – Shawn Brown, Mike Hargett, John Redding and Brian Sparks – have been Rough Riders for years.

Every year, the Rough Riders collect, sort and distribute thousands of Teddy Bears to hospital patients, cancer survivors and their families, centers for abused women and children, community health centers, special needs day care centers, and foster children (i.e., Teddy Bear runs). This is a wonderful and noble cause and provides great comfort to those in need, and it is in this regard that we are asking every Executive Council member to bring **at least one** "new-unused" Teddy Bear to our Tampa meeting at the end of the month. It would be wonderful to show our support of the Rough Riders by contributing at least 250 Teddy Bears to their efforts.

Thanks in advance and for your consideration.

Regards, Rob