



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AUGUST 2, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEP 7 Shoot for Scouting Sporting Clays Classic, Chilhowee Sportsman Club, Maryville. Contact Don Nalls @ don@nallssherbakoff.com or call 865-691-0898
- SEP 8 Marine Corps League Jim Putman Rifle Range Match, 2327 Rifle Range Road @ 7am. Rifles available to use, must buy ammo. . <https://www.mclknoxville.org/> Contact Jay Holmes 404-414-4225 JayHolmes@gmail.com
- SEP 8 VFW Post 12135 5th Annual Boat rides 4 Vets, Wind River Marina, 350 Lighthouse Pointe, Lenoir City. Contact: Jim Jorgensen 865-458-2792 or email: tellicoVFWpost@aol.com
- SEP 11 REBOOT Combat Recovery Fall Session begins
- SEP 15 Marine Corps League Mud Run <https://www.mclknoxville.org/>
- SEP 15 – 16 Katerpillar Kids Free Grief Camp at Wesley Woods for children & teens grades 1-12 who have lost a loved one, most commonly a parent. Application deadline SEP 7. For info: <https://www.covenanthomecareandhospice.com/katerpillar-kids-camp-grief/>
- SEP 22 Vietnam Veterans of America #1078 All Veteran's Picnic at Chilhowee Park. More info to come.
- SEP 28 GORUCK Heavy Challenge, Knoxville - Friday Sept. 28 @ 6pm. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2wbivFU>
- SEP 29 GORUCK Tough Challenge, Knoxville – Saturday Sept. 29 @ 9pm. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2vLsPVs>
- SEP 30 GORUCK Light Challenge, Knoxville – Sunday, Sept. 30 @ 2pm. Sign up at: <http://bit.ly/2vYMu8A>
- OCT 3 Honor Air flight #27. See details at <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>
- OCT 4 Inaugural Freddie J. Owens Women Veterans Summit at Redemption Church International, 3550 Pleasant Ridge Road. 8:30a – 4:30p. RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freddie-j-owens-women-veterans-summit-2018-tickets-47137454395>
- OCT 5 Smoky Mountain Grand Slam Fundraiser for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing National
- OCT 13 Navy Ball, More info to come.
- OCT 17 Marine Corps Mud Run, Melton Hill Park, 3230 Williams Bend Road, Knoxville, TN 37932 at 8am. Signup at <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Knoxville/MarineMudRun#directions>

- OCT 20 Marine Corps League Jim Peacock Memorial Pistol Shoot, Bonnyman Pistol Range “Seymour Airpark” at 9am. <https://www.mclknoxville.org/> Contact Jay Holmes 404-414-4225 JayHolmes@gmail.com
- OCT 26 ETVMA Sporting Clays Shootout @ Chilhowee Sportsman’s Club, 3flights 9a, 12p & 3p. Team & individual. Register online at www.etvma.org Contact: Tim Eichorn (865) 218-8408 email: Eichhorn@rkcapital.com.
- OCT 28 Marine Corps Ball at Knoxville convention Center, Open to public. More info to come.
- NOV 8 Veteran’s Luncheon @ Marriott

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ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION

- **Welcome and Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, **August 2, 2018**, 8:30am at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. President **Owen Ragland** presided over the meeting. A total number of 58 were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Owen Ragland
- **Introduction of new Attendees:**
 - Chad Arnwine 134th ARW First Sergeant
 - Roxanne Pilgrim
 - Derrick Wakefield
 - MSgt Leo Davis 134th ARW
 - Bill Adams Veteran Employment Representative
- **Treasurer’s Report: Darren Burrell** – Process to submit a grant for veteran organizations
 - Started month with \$ 16,081.94
 - Deposits \$ 25.92 membership
 - Expenses \$ 90.00 website
 - Monthly ending balance - \$ 16,017.86
 Membership dues can be paid online <https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmac-resources/membership-application/> or bring check to Patrice Collins at the next meeting.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless Initiative – **Todd Johnson** - <https://tvchomeless.org/> - work to end Veteran homelessness in 12 County Region next year. Selling shirts to raise money for this purpose. 100% of proceeds go to the mission.
- Center for the Study of War and Society – VA Grant – **Cynthia Tinker** - <https://csws.utk.edu/> - nonprofit research institute. Latest project is \$77K Veterans Administration grant to improve Veteran cemeteries and do research on the over 9K Veterans buried in the Knoxville National Cemetery.
- **ETMAC Announcements: Patrice Collins**
 - Thanks to all for the support and prayers for the recovery of her son, Chad. Will most likely not need a skin graft from the firework injury to his upper thigh.
 - Commanders – letters coming out soon to nominate an enlisted honoree that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. Luncheon is NOV 8th.
 - Literature table in back – Available for all to lay out information, but materials must be taken with you after meeting. Any remaining papers, literature, etc. will be thrown away.
 - Sponsors for coffee and refreshments are appreciated. If interested, contact Patrice.
- **President’s Report – Owen Ragland** –

MAJ General Stephen Clark is speaker for the NOV 8th luncheon.
John Becker will be the masters of ceremony again at the luncheon.
Thank you to Enterprise Holdings Foundation, \$1,000 donation towards Vet Luncheon
Col. Dent Young is new Webmaster.
Vet2Vet TN partnered with VA and suicide prevention network to train instructors on Aug 20
– 8 hour course and 2 scholarships will be provided to ETMAC. Contact Ed Junod.

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – **MAJ Joseph Westfall** – nothing to report
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – **Captain Willie Posey** – Working partnership with cyber protection unit from VA. Recruiting for open positions.
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – **LTC Pat Wade** – unable to attend
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – **Col Lee Hartley** – annual training performed in United Kingdom and Central Command area. Change of command Sunday - Col Hartley taking over as Wing Commander.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment – **LTC Brad Bowlin** – National Training Center in California was a huge success. Overseas training completed. 850 soldiers at Ft. Hood for deployment training. Recruiting for tank drivers
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – **CAPT Drew Ray, Ops Officer** - unable to attend
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – unable to attend
- 844th Engineering Battalion – **Dennis McVey** – unable to attend
- Coast Guard Recruiting – East TN Region – **AET1 Christopher Rapp** – unable to attend
- Co D 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – **1st Sgt Gabe Burns** – unable to attend
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – **Col Kerry Lovely** – 11K students come through camps. Some in Airman Leadership school will graduate next week and 450 coming in for training. Commandant reassigned to Alaska. Civilian new hire coming on board for Sexual assault training.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) – **Capt. Patrick J. Connor** – Offer to speak at meetings
- Military Entrance Processing Station – **Capt Ethan Frasier** – shipping out a lot of soldiers to training centers. New Battalion commander and New First Sergeant assigned
- Navy Operational Support Center – **LCDR Kevin Settle** – Navy Ball will be held on October 13th. Also a drill weekend. Need as much help as we can get on venue and donations. Will have a link to a GoFundMe page and will fundraise through the Navy League. Also looking for a guest speaker. Next drill on Aug 18 – 19. Hiring a civilian GS-6 for Supply position. Will send out link.
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – **Col Dent Young** – saved 120 lives. Cell phone forensic teams involved in 1,500 searches. graduated 42 adults at IG Brown and ran 24 cadets through ground school program. 125 Jr cadets just went through basic introduction to CAP.
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – **Div CDR Ron Boneau** – Conducting boating classes, surface patrols, on water training and state boating inspections at around 400 so far. Increase awareness to have boats inspected for safety. Bad year for drownings where people don't wear life jackets. Life Jackets save lives and are important. Coast Guard is on waterway this year to assist with on-water training with reservist and law enforcement. Will have a booth at Asian festival again this year.
- UT Air Force ROTC – **LTC Matt Castillo** – unable to attend

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air Force Association – **Paula Penson** – unable to attend
https://secure.afa.org/contact_links.asp?searchby=state&stabbr=TN&ent=chapter –
- American Legion – **Jolene DeWald** - legionknox.com - purchased land and in process of capital fundraiser. Memorial run on Saturday 25 August at 9am. All funds go towards building fund.
- American Red Cross – **Tom DeHoog** - <http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/local-chapters/east-tennessee> - People are displaced for disasters and Red Cross sets up temporary shelters. Program Critical Community Assistance partnered with AuntBertha.com to provide information for social service needs from housing to food to legal.
- Ben Atchley Veteran's Home – **Doug Ottinger** – <http://www.tsvh.org/> - Thanks to Mayor's office and Buzz Buswell for support. Thanks to Home Depot work project.

- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 – **Gary Ellis** <http://www.vva1078.org/> - August 18 breakfast at Powell Community Center and pinning for Vietnam Vets who served between 1955 - 1975. September 22 Veterans picnic at Chilhowee @ 11am. Fed over 500 last year. Meeting on 2nd Tuesday at Redemption Church at 6pm.
- Disabled Veterans – Chapter #24 – **Garrett Hanas** <https://www.dav.org/> - DAV National Convention held a couple of weeks ago. Caregiver bill passed and funded. Look up Volunteer for Vets if you have a church group that wants to help veterans with any needs – household/ personal, etc.
- East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association - **Joleen DeWald** – Oct 25th for clay shoot. Flyers sent out. Medal of Honor 2019 on May 6th, 2019 honoring WWII Marine SGT Kinser, killed in action.
- East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard – **Reid Gerhardt** - <https://www.facebook.com/East-Tennessee-Veterans-Honor-Guard-109780775701142/> - unable to attend
- Habitat for Heroes – **Rick Garner** <https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/habitat-for-heroes/> - program to shortcut entry process for veteran or military and they can get into a home in less than 120 days and interest free mortgage usually less than \$600. If you know of anyone with income of 25 – 50K and is need of housing, please refer them to us.
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – **Emily Hager** <http://tnvhc.org/> – Women Veteran Summit on Oct 4. VA will talk about programs available to women veterans. Expecting about 500 in attendance. All will leave with suicide gatekeeper training. All women veterans will get a scarf. Need sponsors and help getting the word out. Website and Facebook. Save the date flyers on back table. Women and men invited to attend to bring the community together to support each other.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – **Jack D’Araujo** <https://www.esgr.mil/> - 38K Guard and Reserve on federal active duty. End of the month, Office of Secretary of Defense will honor Freedom Award for employers including Dunlap, TN Police Department.
- Honor Air – **Joe Sutter** - <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/> - next flight #27, Wednesday Oct 3. Orientation on 3rd week September. 32 Veterans participated in the Virtual flight and went very well.
- Knoxville Career Center – **David Webb** - <https://www.tn.gov/workforce> – Monthly job fair on August 15, 10am – noon with 30 employers. Knoxville unemployment at 2.5%. National Association workforce advisor conference in Washington DC if anyone was discharged less than honorable due to PTSD or sexual trauma, they are reviewing those personnel to overturn. Go to **VeteranCoalition.org** for more information. Poker run from Louisville to Athens to Sweetwater to Harriman back to Louisville. Flyers in the back.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – **Tom Humphries** <https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/> - unable to attend
- Knoxville Vet Center – **Lyle Allen** – grand opening coming up. Will get a flyer out. Services are free and confidential if you have any personnel who needs counseling or help.
- Marine Corps League – **Eric Nash** <http://www.mclknox.org/> - Convention in June went well. New program Marine for Life for transitioning marines from military to civilian life. Marine Corps Ball on Oct 28. Mud Run on September 17 www.knoxmud.org
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) – **Bill Potter** - www.moaa.org – Met with Congressman Phil Roe to talk about several military bills, particularly a bill to raise income 6%
- Mountain Man Memorial March - **Joleen Dewald** – <http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/> - Next year MMM date is Friday – Saturday, April 26 & 27, 2019. January will start preparing for the event. *Bones of our Grandfather* written by Bonnyman’s grandson who will be at a book signing in October. Will send out flyer.
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) – **Bill Grieve** <http://mowwregionv.org/posts.html> – postponed meeting next Wednesday until August 15th because of National Convention in Columbus GA at Ft. Benning. Thanks to Col Dent Young for speaking to the group last month about CAP.
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – **Dan Moneymaker** - <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/> - unable to attend
- REBOOT Combat Recovery – **Mike Simpson**– Starting in FALL on Tuesday 9/11 for 12 weeks. ReBoot is a Faith-Based Combat Trauma Recovery 12-week Program focuses on the Spiritual Aspects of Combat and is a course, not a support group, that provides practical help for service members and families dealing with the after effects of combat. Classes will be held Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Farragut Church of Christ, 136 Smith Road, Farragut, TN. Dinner and childcare are provided. Contact Stacey Nichols at snich@tds.net / 865-582-5330 or Michael Simpson at mike@visionaryhorizons.com
- Rolling Thunder – **Carlos Hollifield** - <http://www.rollingthundertn3.com/index.php/about-tn3/> - unable to attend

- STAR – Horses & Hero's Program – **Cathy Dolson** - <https://www.rideatstar.org/heroes--horses.html> - unable to attend
- Tennessee Veterans Business Associations (TVBA) – **Steve Stilts** - <https://gotvba.com/events/second-annual-tvba-golf-tournament/> - golf tournament last month rained out. Rescheduled for this Monday, August 6th. Working on job fair for January 28 and 29th, 2019 at Knoxville Convention Center. Speaker Lt. Col Oliver North. Lee Greenwood to sing National Anthem. Looking for Sponsors.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – Geoff Freeman - http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955 – goal of helping ROTC and cadets. Hold some fundraising events and provide scholarships to them who need help. 50 local active members and another 150 in database. Participate in leadership events and exist to do whatever we can to help those in the Army ROTC
- Veteran Appreciation Program- **Larry Sharp** –<http://www.veteransappreciationprogram.com/> - unable to attend
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – **Patty McGrew** –<http://veteransheritagesite.org/> - unable to attend
- Volunteers of America/Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down – **Clyde Vincent** <https://www.voamid.org/ssvftn> - unable to attend
- Women Marines Association – **Lindsay Long** <https://www.womenmarines.org/> - unable to attend
- Yellow Ribbon Fund Veteran Caregivers Support Group – **Stephanie Trost** <http://www.yellowribbonfund.org/> - unable to attend

Next meeting: Thurs, Sept 6, 2018 @ Knoxville Chamber of Commerce

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