



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

August 1, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Every WED Combat Coffee Hour (Black Rifle Coffee Company <https://www.blackriflecoffee.com/>) for all Veterans, 7:30-8:30am at the Knoxville Vet Center, 1645 Downtown West Blvd #28
- AUG 8 Bunker Labs Muster 10am - 7pm Nashville Public Library 615 Church St, Nashville
- AUG 13 Job Fair at the Tennessee History Museum
- AUG 17 VFW 5154 Poker Run. For information please call 865/380-0590.
- AUG 17 Boat Rides 4 Vets at Wind River Marina. For info call 865/458-2792
- AUG 17 Heroes, Hops and Harvest – 401 Sleepy Valley Rd. Madisonville 6pm until 10pm. There will be bluegrass music, farm to table food, and locally brewed beer. Tickets are \$75. For more details, <http://bit.ly/yrf-hhh>.
- AUG 20 Veteran’s Resource Fair at the National Guard Armory from 10am until 3pm. 3330 Sutherland Ave, Knoxville Call 865/524-3926 ext. 261 for more details.
- AUG 21 Job Fair at the National Guard Armory at 3330 Sutherland Ave. in conjunction with the Veterans Resource Fair. 10am-12pm
- AUG 28 Job Fair at Ladies of Charity
- AUG 29 Job Fair at Blount County Public Library
- SEP 28 Marine Core League Mud Run at Melton Hill Park <https://www.mclknoxville.org/>
- OCT 4-6 Saving Families Marriage Retreat for Military and First Responders. The fee is \$300 to cover lodging and meals. Registration may be submitted online at <http://servingmarriages.com/retreats.htm>
- OCT 19 Vietnam Veterans of America #1078 Veteran’s Picnic at Chilhowee Park. <https://vva.org/chapter/vva-chapter-1078/>
- NOV 8 37th Annual Veteran’s Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at 11:30am at Hotel Knoxville. <https://www.etmac.org> for tickets.
- NOV 11 Annual Veterans Day Parade sponsored by American Legion Post 2 and City of Knoxville. <http://legionknox.com/veterans-day-parade-lineup/veterans-day-parade/>

For a complete listing of events, visit <http://www.etmac.org> and click events

We are changing the format of the monthly minutes. All organization contact information will be in a list at the end of the minutes. We hope you will find having the information in one place will be beneficial to you, and hope you find the minutes easier to read.

ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION

- **Welcome and Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, **August 1, 2019**, 8:30am at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. President **Owen Ragland** presided over the meeting. A total number of **70** were present.

- **Introduction of new Attendees:**
 - MSgt Steven James Breeden with the 134th
 - Maj Thomas Dearing with the 134th
 - Maj Ryan Coon with the 134th
 - MSgt Daniel Simmons with the 134th
 - Lt Col Brandon Thompson with the 134th
 - CDR Scott Moss with NOSC
 - Victor Quillen with the VA
 - LTC, Retired Mark DePew with the VA
 - Ryan Galyon with VAMC
 - Philip Webster
 - David Hearnese with Blount Mansion

- **President's Report – Owen Ragland-** The Veterans Luncheon will be held on Friday, November 8th at Hotel Knoxville. This year we will celebrate the Army. The parade will be on the following Monday, Nov. 11. A donation was received from a family in Alabama. The family was so impressed by the honor guard at their family member's funeral that they wanted to contribute to an area veteran organization. Owen also noted that we have changed the format of the monthly minutes from this meeting. We have moved the contact information to the end of the minutes. You can print those two pages off to use as a reference. Please check your organization's contact information and make sure it is correct. If not, please let Kim know so the change can be made.

- **Webmaster's Report - Col Dent Young-** Last month our website had 539 visitors, up from 430 last month. Most visitors were from the US. The most popular pages were veteran services, the calendar and veteran groups.

- **Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell –**

Beginning Balance	\$17,965.26
Deposits	\$ 323.49
Expenses	\$516.00
Ending Balance	\$17,772.76

- Membership dues may be paid online
<https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-application/> or bring check to Patrice Collins at the next meeting. Donations are also appreciated.

- **Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins –** Patrice asked outgoing commanders to give incoming commanders information on choosing honorees for the upcoming Veteran's luncheon. The website will begin accepting reservations for the Veteran's lunch on 2 August.

- Dean Borsos with Mountain Home VA Medical Center gave an update on their capabilities. They are actively adding staff in many different specialties to better serve their veteran population. The wait time for an appointment is now down to a minimum, and they can see earlier in the case of an urgent matter.

- Jim Hackworth gave an update on Pearl Harbor Day. They are requesting assistance with their website - www.pearlharborday1941.com. They are focusing this year on the background history of Pearl Harbor to educate our East Tennessee youth.
- The 134th presented a video showing their support of a local child as he was named Pilot for a Day.
- Mark Farley from ORNL reported that they have over 200 employment openings currently. Contact him for more information.

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – **MAJ Joseph Westfall**- unable to attend.
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron –**Maj Willie Posey** – the unit is involved in Cyber security for the Air Force. They will also do a cyber check for civilians when asked. They sent a team to Bulgaria to instruct their air force on cyber security.
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – **CPT Hulon Holmes** – 2 rescues in the mountains this month. Just returned from a joint exercise that involved over 6,000 people. Introduced CPT Kevin Webster.
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – **Col Lee Hartley and Maj Matthew Bailey** – presented video and introduced members of the Leadership 134th class. They took members of the class to DC and were able to meet with several government leaders.
- 241st Engineering & Installation Squadron (Chattanooga) **Lt Col Dave Moss** – unable to attend
- 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment – **COL Brad Bowlin**. Troops in training. Yellow ribbon events over the next three weekends. East Tennessee will be 24-25 Aug.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – **MSgt Brandon Carver**– unable to attend
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion- **CPT Jacqueline Bradford** - continued training.
- 844th Engineering Battalion – **MAJ Justin Belford** – unable to attend
- Coast Guard Recruiting – East TN Region – **BM1 Michael Mahoney** - unable to attend
- Co D 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – **1st Sgt Jason Brackley** – Unit prepping for mobilization.
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center –**Lt Col Bradley Green**- Focus is on new training methods including virtual reality.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) – **CPT Patrick Conner** – unable to attend
- Military Entrance Processing Station – **Capt Ethan Frazier** – departing his position in November, his active duty USAF position is available.
- Navy Operational Support Center – **CDR Scott Moss** – getting settled into his new position.
- Navy Recruiting – Talent Acquisition Onboarding Center – **HM2 Josh Dixon**- unable to attend

- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – **Col Dent Young** –. Headed to PR to photograph the entire island for baseline comparisons for future hurricanes.
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – **Div. CDR Ron Boneau** – primary focus is recreational boating. They provide education and safety checks. They are the largest division in their district, and they cover all East Tennessee.
- UT Air Force ROTC – **Lt Col Matt “Ocho” Castillo** – 100 new cadets beginning on 21 August. 21 cadets attended field training this summer.
- UT Army ROTC – **LTC Justin Howe** –They will hold a commissioning ceremony on 16 August at 1100 hours and will have a welcome barbecue for new cadets on 17 August. 45 cadets at field training. They will support the UTK Army ROTC Alumni Ball on 25 October. They are on track to commission 45 cadets for year 2020. The most of any detachment in the country of similar size.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air Force Association -**Paula Penson** – participated in the Boys and Girls Club Career Day. Tuskegee Next out of Chicago is working to train the next generation of Tuskegee Airmen. Pellissippi is offering the class this fall to Introduction to Aviation. At the end of the class they are eligible for a \$30,000 scholarship to go to Chicago for 2 months and receive their pilot training.
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor - **David Webb** See event section for details on upcoming job fairs. Note location change for the job fair on the 20th.
- American Legion – **Joleen Dewald** –. unable to attend.
- American Red Cross – **Tom DeHoog** – they are the only organization authorized to contact family members in the event of an emergency.
- Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home – **Doug Ottinger** –2 employees awarded education scholarships. 5 open beds and openings for nursing staff.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 –**Gary Ellis** Meet 2nd Tuesday evening. Veterans Picnic will be on Oct 19 at Chilhowee Park
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 -**Garrett Hanas** - **unable to attend**– They need power wheelchairs they can distribute. They will take secondhand ones, even if they don’t work.
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Honor Guard- **Herb Kraehmer** – unable to attend
- East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association- **Joleen Dewald** –unable to attend
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – **Jim Mungenast** – Planning to attend local Yellow Ribbon events. Ombudsmen available to help mediate any issues between service members and their employers. Jack appreciated the card everyone signed for him and he is still on the mend.
- Honor Air - **Joe Sutter** - Flight #29 will be on October 2. Flight #30 in April will be women only. A special application is available on their website. 2020 is also the 100th anniversary of the passing of the 19th Amendment which, among other things, gave women the right to vote.

- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – **Rick Garner** They are having a “veteran home” build and are looking for teams to volunteer. The build will begin on November 9, 2019.
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – **Ed Junod** –The Freddie Owen Women’s Summit will be on October 3 at Rio Revolution in Maryville. The summit this year will be more of a celebration than an education session. Rules are different this year for the award recipients. The nominees must be a woman, be an advocate in East Tennessee, and have at least 5 years as a veteran advocate or service provider. They are the only suicide prevention trainers in the area. A new class will be held in September.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – **Tom Humphries** - unable to attend
- Knoxville Vet Center –**Lyle Allen** – Went to Louisville to help facilitate the Vet Wheelchair event. Johnson City Mobile Vet Center will be in the area and is available for local events.
- Marine Corps League – **Eric Nash** - Mud Run will be on 28 September at Melton Hill Park.
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) – **Bill Potter** – check website for current legislation that affects veterans and contact your representatives.
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) – **Bill Grieve** – unable to attend
- Mountain Man Memorial March - **Joleen Dewald** – unable to attend
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing –**Steve Burman** - 40 members currently. Nothing better than standing in a stream and watching your troubles flow away.
- REBOOT Combat Recovery – **Darrell Williams**– unable to attend
- Rolling Thunder – **Carlos Hollifield** - - meet on 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:30 at the Powell Community Center, 11708 West Emory Road, Powell, TN 37849. Hoping to get all the Welcome Centers in the state to fly the POW/MIA flag. On 25 Aug there will be the Glen Jacobs Ride for Children’s Hospital. The 9/11 memorial ride will be on 9 Sept. On 18 Sept there will be a senior event at UT and they will do a presentation on the state of the POW/MIA situation. On 20 Sept at 1800 hours they will hold a ceremony at the East TN Veterans Memorial in honor of National POW/MIA Day.
- STAR – Horses & Heros Program – **Cathy Dolson** – will have a table at the Resource Fair. 24 Aug will be Songwriters in the Round. Tickets are \$125. New session 9 September and will run for 10 weeks.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless- **Brandon Harris-** unable to attend
- Tennessee Veterans Business Associations (TVBA) – **Steve Stilts** - unable to attend
- United Veterans Council – **Janet Guess** - unable to attend. Buzz reported that there is a veteran breakfast each Saturday somewhere in town. Check their website for details.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – **Geoff Freeman** –unable to attend
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – **Patty McGrew** - 9 Sept they will have a ceremony to honor first responders. This year they will be honoring service dogs.
- Volunteers of America/Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down –**Ivette Torres** – unable to attend.

➤ Yellow Ribbon Fund Veteran Caregivers Support Group – **Stephanie Trost** –unable to attend

Next meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2019 @ Knoxville Chamber at 8:30am

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www.ETMAC.org

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<http://www.careeronestop.org/ResourcesFor/Veteran/veteran.aspx>

American Legion

legionknox.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Post2Knoxville/> -

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/local-chapters/east-tennessee>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossTN/>

Ben Atchley

<http://www.tsvh.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TNStateVetreans/>

Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

<http://www.vva1078.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vvachapter1078knoxville/>

Disabled Veterans Chapter 24

<https://www.dav.org>

East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association

<https://etvma.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ETVMA/> -

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

<https://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/Tennessee>

<https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee-ESGR-171685266196286/>

Honor Air

<http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/honorair/>

Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

<https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/habitat-for-heroes/>

<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleHabitatforHumanity/>

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council

<http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office

<https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/>

thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org

Knoxville Vet Center

<https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Marine Corps League

<http://www.mclknox.org/>

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

www.moaa.org

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)

www.moww.org

Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMountainManMemorialMarch/>

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWatersKnoxville/>

REBOOT Combat Recovery

<https://rebootalliance.com/reboot>

<https://www.facebook.com/rebootrecovery/>

Rolling Thunder

<http://www.rollingthundertn3.com/index.php/about-tn3/>

STAR – Horses and Heroes Program

<http://www.rideatstar.org/heroes--horses.html>

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless

<https://tvchomeless.org/>

UT Army ROTC Alumni Council

http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955

<https://www.facebook.com/UTKAmyROTC/>

Veteran Heritage Site Foundation

<http://veteransheritagesite.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHeritageSiteFoundation/>

Volunteers of America Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down

<https://www.voamid.org/ssvftn>

Yellow Ribbon Fund Veteran Caregivers Support Group

<http://www.yellowribbonfund.org/>