



## EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

August 13, 2020

*Upcoming Events: Please note that many events have been cancelled. I left the ones that I have not heard specifically about. Please check on them before attending. For events that have been rescheduled, the new projected date is shown.*

Postponed ESA is hosting a dinner to honor Women Veterans at Susannah's House 923 Dameron Ave Knoxville at 6pm.  
Call 865/250-4863 to RSV

- 27 Aug Veterans Mobile Food Pantry 10am until Noon. Kingswood Home for Children 160 Wachtel Rd, Bean Station TN 37708 For questions or to volunteer, please call Paul Adkins 865/964-7773 s
- 29 Aug UT Army ROTC Alumni's General Robert Neyland Golf Outing at Egwani Farms Golf Course  
[whickman@comcast.net](mailto:whickman@comcast.net) for more information.
- 29 Sept CANCELLED - ETVMA 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Medal of Honor Evening. For more information,  
[www.etvma.org/moheve](http://www.etvma.org/moheve).
- 3 Oct UT AROTC Alumni Golf Tournament at Egwani Farms. Please address any questions to Logan Hickman at  
[whickman@comcast.net](mailto:whickman@comcast.net)
- 12 Oct Air Force Association Annual Golf Tournament. Details to follow
- 17 Oct Expungement Clinics in Cocke and Jefferson Counties
- 17 Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Heritage Ridge Run at Lincoln Park Technology Trade Center 535 Chicamauga Ave Knoxville at 9am [ridgerun@veteransheritagesite.org](mailto:ridgerun@veteransheritagesite.org)
- 30 Oct ETVMA Annual Clay Shoot at Chilhowee Sportsman Club

**\*\*ALL OF THE SATURDAY FREE VETERAN BREAKFASTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. We will let you know when the United Veterans Council resumes these important social gatherings for our military and veterans.**

\*\* Cancelled until further notice: Every Wednesday – Combat Coffee Hour for all veterans 7:30am at the Knoxville Vet Center 1645 Downtown West Blvd. #28

\*\* Cancelled until further notice: Second Saturday – Breakfast for Buds 8:30 until 10am. Mama Grits in Tellico Village. Contact Dennis Drake at [dennisdrake2012@outlook.com](mailto:dennisdrake2012@outlook.com) for more information.

\*\* Cancelled until further notice: 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month – Veterans Coffee Hour hosted by A Veteran's Heart at Awaken Coffee 125 W Jackson Ave Knoxville from 8-9am.

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**

**President's Report – Geoff Freeman-** The difficult decision has been made to cancel this year's in person Veteran Luncheon. We would still like to honor those chosen by their individual units, and are considering ways to accomplish that. One way would be to take out an ad in the News Sentinel, or to go to the individual units and present the awards in person. We could possibly do a video of the main speaker and send that out to everyone. If we can't do that, the speaker will come next year to honor the Marine Corps. Suggestions are welcome for ways we could have a virtual event. We will still be giving scholarships for the two detachments. We don't want so simply cancel the event and do nothing. Each unit will need to send in their nominations as per normal.

- **Webmaster's Report - Col Dent Young-** 376 users last month with the most noteworthy being from Nigeria and the Netherlands. The Resource Page is still the most popular.

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

Beginning Balance	\$16,000.38
Deposits	540.92
Expenses	127.66
Ending Balance	\$16,413.64

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** –Everyone stay safe. I sure miss all of you, and I cannot wait to give hugs when we all meet again!!

### **MILITARY UNIT UPDATES**

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – **MAJ Joseph Westfall-** no report
- 119<sup>th</sup> Cyberspace Operations Squadron –**Col Chris Smith** – no report
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – **CPT Philip Webster** –no report
- 134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing – **Lt Col Travers Hurst** – Col Hartley is deployed, and acting Commander is Ron Salvedge. 50 people back from a deployment to Guam. Performed several fly overs for the 4<sup>th</sup> in various communities. Exercise coming up in September, hopefully.
- 241<sup>st</sup> Engineering & Installation Squadron (Chattanooga) - **Lt Col Dave Moss** – no
- 278<sup>th</sup> Armored Calvary Unit – **COL Brad Bowlin** – no report
- 332<sup>nd</sup> Air Force Recruiting Squadron – **MSgt Brandon Carver** – Still recruiting.
- 489<sup>th</sup> Civil Air Battalion – **CPT Jacqueline Bradford** – no report
- 844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion – **MAJ Justin Belford** – no report

- Coast Guard Recruiting – East TN Region – **ME1 Steven Brashear** – no report
- D Co 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion – **GySgt John Kepper / -1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Jason Brackley** no report
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center -**Lt Col John Capra**- no report
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) –**SSG Kyle Lane** – no report
- Military Entrance Processing Station – **CPT Calvin Wu** – business as usual, still processing applicants into the military.
- Navy Operational Support Center – **CDR Scott Moss**- Supporting Covid – 19 with medical and maintenance needs. Doing hybrid drills, but mostly remote Are bringing in sailors as needed and trying to safely get back to normal.
- Navy Recruiting – Talent Acquisition Onboarding Center – **HM2 Josh Dixon**- no report
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – **Col Dent Young** –Manning second level call center.
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – **DCDR Thomas Jumer** – no report
- UT Air Force ROTC – **Lt Col Tony Estep** –no report
- UT Army ROTC – **LTC Justin Howe** –Summer training at Fort Knox, 35 cadets and 5 Cadre members over 3 weeks. . One of 35 schools there training. Everyone that attended was tested or Covid when they got there. Only 1% out of 1100 tested positive. 2 new Cadre members, Major Alex Longo and Captain Katrina Andrews. 160 will begin classes next week at UTK, also have another 80 in Chattanooga. 55 freshmen at UTK, and 36 are on scholarship, which is double over last year. Upper class cadets will be at at Knox Shooting Range on 24 Sept, and FTX will be at Fort Loudon 15-18 October.

## **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES**

- Air Force Association – **Dick Webber** – Meeting virtually. Good luck at state level with award winners. Teacher of the year is Todd Lively from Robertsville Middle School. He and his students designed and built a micro satellite and NASA has agreed to launch it. JAFROTC is Clinton High School. They will be presenting the award today. National is having a virtual convention this year. Columbus Day 12 October is the annual golf tournament.
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – **Laura Chagnon**-. Please just let everyone know that if they need assistance with any hiring needs to reach out to me at [laura.d.chagnon@tn.gov](mailto:laura.d.chagnon@tn.gov). Help by appointment only. No job fairs currently. Also, not able to use Zoom. Advertising events, but not able to plan their own.
- American Legion – **Joleen Dewald** – Not meeting currently, but hope to in September. Will meet at new site. Will likely be cancelling Veteran’s Day Parade, but not sure yet.
- American Red Cross – **Jess Hernandez** – No one able to meet there currently, but hope soon. Emergency messaging still going on. Need 7-day advance notice of deployments for pre-deployment needs. If the units need anything, let Jess know.
- Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home – **Doug Ottinger** – no report

- Bunker Labs – **Derren Burrell** – online for remainder of year. All events being organized on the national level.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 – **Patrick Polis** - We are in lockdown like everyone else, especially since we are considered a vulnerable age group. Our chapter is maintaining phone and email contact with its members. The chapter board of directors meets via Zoom. Still active with Wreaths Across America. Over 17000 graves locally. Working on alternative means of fund raising.
- Consolidated Nuclear Securities SOS – **Jamie Uptgraft** – Meeting monthly by Skype.
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – **Garrett Hanas** – Still taking in medial equipment and passing along to veterans in need. Still meeting using social distancing. Doing Christmas in a Box again. Expecting to send about 1000 boxes this year. Prestige Cleaners will be accepting boxes.
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Honor Guard – **Jim Mungenast**- They are providing honor guards as needed.
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Memorial Association - **Joleen Dewald** –Cancelled Medal of Honor dinner for this year and rescheduling to May 3, 2020. Speaker will be the same scheduled for this year. If you have already purchased a table for this year, Joleen will be reaching out to you. Still planning on having the Sport Clays event this year, scheduled for 30 October. It will be at Chilhowee Sportsman Club.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – **JimMungenast** – Still unable to do in person events per DOD guidance. Trying to do more virtual events. For all reserve units, we are working on a virtual unit brief to satisfy your annual requirement. We are also available to do a ‘live’ event through Zoom or any other method. We are unable to hold our annual meeting this year. We would have been honoring ORNL as the State of Tennessee large employer winner this year. If ETMAC holds a virtual Veterans Day event, could we possibly honor them at that time? Solway Baptist Church in conjunction with TVA Retirees Association are building a memorial in the Solway area. Construction is underway. Should be completed in November and we would like to have a veteran presence there at the dedication.
- Healing Home ETN – **Stephanie Trost**- no report
- Honor Air - **Joe Sutter** – The Women’s Flight in October has been moved to April 7, 2021
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 - Henry Usey.
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – **Rick Garner** – no report
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – **Ed Junod** – Gov Lee has accepted the VA challenge to end veteran suicide. Emily Hager is co-chair of that initiative. Monroe County donated a building to Vet to Vet and they have set up a Telehealth/Teleconference Center. President Trump signed the bill for Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act on August 8. \$20million/year to help treatment courts around the country. 19 Aug will have 3 veterans graduating from Veterans Treatment Court locally. The Freddie Owens 3<sup>rd</sup> Summit has been cancelled for this year, but something to take its place is in the works. 2 expungement clinics on 17 Oct. One in Cocke County and one in Jefferson County. Monroe County will have one on March 6, 2021. They are receiving lots of calls from veterans needing help moving.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – **Tom Humphries** –Please schedule an appointment if you need to come into the office. Caregiver Program has been expanded. It now includes veterans from WWII up to end of the Vietnam War. It will be expanded further to include veterans up through September 2010.
- Knoxville Vet Center – **Kalene McSwain Faulkner** - no report
- Marine Corps League – **Carlos Reyas** – no report

- Military Order of the Purple Hearts – Chapter 356- **Charlie Caldwell** – no report
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) – **Bill Potter** – no report
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– **Ann Bachman** – having meetings at Rothchild’s the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month with social distancing.
- Mountain Man Memorial March – **Joleen Dewald** - unsure what will be happening with it. Waiting to see how the academic year is playing out.
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – **Lindsey Long** – no report
- REBOOT Combat Recovery – **Darrell Williams**–no report
- Rolling Thunder – **Lou Amorello** – no report
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program – **Melissa Abby** - no report
- Team Red White & Blue – **Jesse Hawe** – no report
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - **Brandon Harris**- no report
- Tennessee Veterans Business Associations (TVBA) – **Steve Stilts** – no report
- United Veterans Council – **Don Smith/Buzz Buswell**- no report
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – **Geoff Freeman** - The General Robert Neyland Golf Outing at Egwani Farms Golf Course, originally scheduled for Saturday, April 18, has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 3 at Egwani Farms Golf Course. Please address any questions to Logan Hickman at wlhickman@comcast.net. You can follow tournament news on the UT Army ROTC Alumni Council Facebook page at UTROTC Alumni. The Hall of Fame Induction has been moved to next November. There will be 11 honorees this year, and they will be formally inducted next year.
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – **Patty McGrew** –no report
- VVA Chapter 1073 & VFW Post 3380 (Morristown). **Whit Whitman** – no report
- Volunteers of America/Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down – **Ivette Torres** – no report

**Next meeting: Thursday, September 3, 2020 via Zoom.**

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### **Unit and Veteran Organization Contact Information**

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[www.ETMAC.org](http://www.ETMAC.org)

A Veteran's Heart

<https://www.facebook.com/aveteransheart/> Jason Bush 423/231-5418

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

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

American Legion

[legionknox.com](http://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/>

Irreverent Warriors

[dentmanofknoxville@yahoo.com](mailto:dentmanofknoxville@yahoo.com) Jesse Hawe 865/773-2128 or Richard Farrer at 615/490-5715 [www.irreverentwarriors.com](http://www.irreverentwarriors.com)

Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

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

Knights of Columbus Henry Usey 865/246-4413

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council

<http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office

<https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/>  
[thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org](mailto: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](http://www.moaa.org)

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356

[www.moph356.org](http://www.moph356.org) Charlie Caldwell 865/368-7289 or [cdcardwell49@gmail.com](mailto:cdcardwell49@gmail.com)

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)

[www.moww.org](http://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

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

Team Red White & Blue.

[www.teamrwb.org](http://www.teamrwb.org)

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless

<https://tvchomeless.org/>

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.

[https://www.facebook.com/The-United-Veterans-Council-of-East-Tennessee-Inc-1912897478820375/?\\_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARDSHn8-f00QmdnXmMDEJNMfwLIDApNr7\\_91ImjiWKt3EQ3mN6n1PfvjgiRHuxaI8czNzRIXwSY7d5t](https://www.facebook.com/The-United-Veterans-Council-of-East-Tennessee-Inc-1912897478820375/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARDSHn8-f00QmdnXmMDEJNMfwLIDApNr7_91ImjiWKt3EQ3mN6n1PfvjgiRHuxaI8czNzRIXwSY7d5t)

UT Army ROTC Alumni Council

[http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior\\_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955](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/>