



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AUGUST 5, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- AUGUST 21st : The 844th's "Welcome Home Warrior Citizen Ceremony" will be held on August 21st, 2010 at 11:00 am at Bearden Middle School.
- SEPTEMBER 14th: The Tennessee Valley Fair's "Hometown Heroes Celebration". All current or past military (with military ID) can come to the fair and pay only \$1. Better yet, you can bring three additional family members for only \$1.00 each as well. A "Patriotic Concert" featuring James Rogers will be performed that evening. See announcement section of the minutes for additional information on purchasing blocks of 50 reserved seats so less fortunate soldiers can attend the concert.
- OCTOBER 2nd: Navy Ball honoring the 235th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy.
- OCTOBER 6th: HonorAir Flight # 8 will depart from TYS at 9:00 am.
- OCTOBER 11th: 3rd Annual Bud Bacon Golf Tournament at Royal Oakes in Maryville, TN
- OCTOBER 15-16th: Veteran Stand-Down will be held at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike)
- NOVEMBER 11th: ETVMA will add the names of 25 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes to the Memorial
- NOVEMBER 11th: Knoxville's 85th Veterans Day Parade sponsored by The American Legion Knoxville Post 2.
- NOVEMBER 11th: The East Tennessee Military Affairs Council 28th Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, August 5th, at the Knoxville Chamber, Jack D'Araujo presiding. A total of 45 members and guests were present. The July meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows an end of the month balance as of July 31st, 2010 of \$11,319.43.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** They have new display cards to promote the memorial and if anyone needs any, please contact Joleen. The vandalism from July 4th on the memorial has been removed. On Veterans Day 2010, ETVMA will add the names of 25 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes. It costs \$300 to add each name and anyone that would be interested in donating to the memorial go to <http://www.etvma.org> They are also compiling a database of all Veterans in East Tennessee who are living or deceased.
- **Honor Air (Sam Hardman):** Flight #8 will be held on October 6, 2010. They still have open slots for the next Honor Air flight. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairstnoxville.com/>
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Gene Bayless):** The home is currently full with 140 residents. There are two new homes on the drawing board in Montgomery County and Bradley County and there have been some changes to construction plans by the VA, which has caused the cost of building the homes to increase. They are always looking for organizations to spend time with the residents. If you're interested, please call 862-8100.
- **Knoxville Chapter of the Red Cross (Jess Hernandez):** They had a very successful auction. The SAF grant has been approved, so they have funds to assist organizations with Yellow Ribbon events and other programs. They also have five Nursing Assistant Training Scholarships available to military families. Contact Jess or Janice for more information. Also providing bus tickets to Veterans who need a ride to the Mountain Home VA Medical Center.
- **Web Site:** The web site had 1,231 visitors in July. If any organizations have a public newsletter they want distributed, please send it to Laimon Godel at webmaster@godel.com
- **Announcements (Jack D'Araujo and Patrice Collins):**
 - Anyone wishing to send Joe Mazzola a get well card, please send to the following address:
P.O. Box 10727
Knoxville, TN 37939
 - The Tennessee Valley Fair will have its "Hometown Heroes Celebration" on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. All military and Veterans with proper ID can enter for \$1 and also bring an additional 3 family members for \$1 each. James Rogers will be performing and units and organizations can purchase a block of 50 reserved seats for \$250 and they will also be a stage co-sponsor. For more info call 215-1471.
 - Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces is a resource to find and post jobs. For more info go to www.employerpartnership.org or call Roger Quilty at 615-231-4279 ext 1095
 - The Marine Mud Run will be held on September 11, 2010. For more info go to http://www.mclknnox.org/html/marine_mud_run.shtml
 - The Knoxville Homeless Veterans Stand Down will be held on October 15-16 at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike). For more info go to http://www.kavsd.org/Small_Poster.html
 - The National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS) will be hosting Dr. Donald Bruce on August 17, 2010 at McGhee Tyson ANG Base at 11:30 am.
 - Fountainhead College of Technology just received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security on cyber incidence response. For more info contact Robert Simpson at 688-2419

SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Air Force ROTC (Lt Col Mike Angle):** Col Paul Hamilton, Commander AF Reserve Officer Training Corps SE Region, announced that the UT Air Force ROTC has won the "High Flight" award for the Southeast Region. Classes begin on August 18th. They have 24 cadets participating in professional developmental training. Captain Carbone was rated #1 out of 20 officers at field training. Will be commissioning 21 officers this year.

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **US Army Recruiting Company (1stSgt Douglas Romero):** They have been very successful recruiting on the officer and enlisted side and meeting their goals three straight years.

- **Military Entrance Processing Station (CDR Darrell Neeley):** All services are making goals. They have been selected to go all computerized for the ASVAB testing. The 3rd quarter MEPS of Excellence ranked them #1 in the nation and for the fiscal year 2010 Knoxville MEPS is #1 in the nation.
- **134th ANG Air Refueling Station (Col Tim Dearing):** Currently 200 personnel deployed overseas. Approx. 50 security police returned from Iraq on August 8, 2010. Many ongoing projects at McGhee Tyson including receiving a new plane from active duty recently and breaking ground in September for two new buildings. They currently have 1600 people working at the base.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Col Richard Howard):** Thanks to Col Tim Dearing for emergency funds for air conditioners and flooring. They recently sponsored an Education Fair at the base. Any ROTC or military unit interested in using a military ropes course please contact Col Howard.
- **844th Engineering Battalion (Dennis McVey):** Recently held a Change of Command on July 10th. Thanks to the Red Cross for supporting the Change of Command. Thanks to John Dyess for hosting a breaking with Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve; Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command. The “Welcome Home Warrior Citizen Ceremony” will be held on August 21st, 2010 at 11:00 am at Bearden Middle School. Everyone is invited. The 844th will be providing soldiers to greet the WWII Veterans returning from the next Honor Air flight.
- **Navy Operations Support Center (CDR Greg Jones):** CDR Jones will be retiring on September 12, 2010. Currently 32 sailors are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will be having a Navy Ball honoring the 235th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy on October 2, 2010 if they can raise the funds to cover it.
- **278th Army National Guard (Lonnie Thomas):** The entire 278th should return from Iraq by mid August.
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion (CPT Christopher Sweitzer):** They will be having a change of command at a date TBD. LTC Jeffery Swan will be the new Battalion Commander. Thanks to all organizations that assisted with training opportunities in agriculture to prepare for a future deployment to Afghanistan.
- **Air Force Association (Jim Mungenast):** The 3rd Annual Bud Bacon Golf Tournament will be held at Royal Oaks in Maryville, TN on October 11, 2010. For more info email Chuck Bowker at cdbowker@hotmail.com
- **Air Force Association (Jim Mungenast):** The Air Force’s annual cyber security competition “Cyber Patriot” begins this fall. For more info go to <http://www.afa.org/CyberPatriot/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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