

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AUGUST 2, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- AUGUST 16 Luncheon with VADM Harry Harris at the Foundry at 11:30 a.m. Registration and pre-payment is required. Cost is only \$21. Visit www.jointvba.org for information and to register.
- AUGUST 25 Annual Poker Run. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Smokey's Ball Park. \$25 to register. \$5.00 per hand. Money raised goes to HonorAir.
- SEPTEMBER 18 Scheduled opening for Outpatient VA Clinic in Sevierville
- SEPTEMBER 21-23: Commissary Lot Sale at McGhee Tyson Air Base. Building location and times to be announced soon.
- OCTOBER 1 Deadline for new ETMAC logo design contest. To be turned into John Dyess or Patrice Collins.
- OCTOBER 3 Honor Air Flight #13.
- OCTOBER 13 Navy Ball
- NOVEMBER 9 Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Day Luncheon

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

● The August 2, 2012 ETMAC meeting was brought to order by President, John Dyess at 8:30 a.m. A total of 55 members and guests were present. The minutes of the July 12th meeting were approved. Treasurer report was given by Barry Allen. The current balance is \$17,489.09.

● Clare Price with Kimberly-Clark introduced their project SALUTE. Their mission is to strengthen Kimberly-Clark and communities by harnessing the unique experiences of veterans and the power of passionate supporters of veteran causes. For more information you may contact Clare at 865/541-7370 or cmprice@kcc.com.

● Colonel Patricia Jones gave an excellent presentation on the J9 program whose mission is to prevent suicide and help in the day-to-day struggles with all Tennessee military members and their families. Colonel Jones' contact information is 615/598-0948 or patty.jones@us.army.mil. Additional information on the J9 program can be found on ETMAC's web site.

UNIT ACTIVITY

- **UT AIR FORCE ROTC** – Lt Col Brian Delamater: Moving at the end of term. Have 70 new students enrolled. Received the award for Best Medium Size ROTC detachments in country. Will be competing on the national level.
- **UT ARMY ROTC** – LTC Danny Kelley: They will be moving soon. They have 21 cadets in Ft Lewis, Washington. Nine of the twenty one junior cadets scored in the top 10 percent in the group. Generally two thirds of the cadets go into active duty.
- **US ARMY RECRUITING COMMAND** – CPT Scott Glidden: On track for recruiting for the year. Target market will be the high schools when they start.
- **US AIR FORCE RECRUITING COMMAND** – Lt Col Marcus Carter: They now have 49 recruiters in 8 states. They need 1,000 enlisted airmen. They have a former navy seal that trains about 15 or 20 people once a month. Anyone wanted to come out and watch the training is welcome.
- **MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION** – Capt. Mary Ford: They will be moving to the Federal Building in January 2013.
- **119TH COMMAND & CONTROL SQUAD** – Lt Col Vince Franklin: The 119th has won the Outstanding Unit award for the past five years.
- **134TH AIR REFUELING WING** – Col Thomas Cauthen: They are keeping their airplanes and their employees. They hosted First Lady Haslam for a reading event for military children. They have one airplane constantly deployed to Afghanistan. Hosting General Johnson at the end of the month.
- **1/230 AIR CAVALRY SQUAD** – CPT Jesse Belk: Their annual training is completed. The TN National Guard recruiting event will be in August/September. They have also been helping the Drug Task Force.
- **278TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT** – Col Jeff Archer: Currently have 3,630 soldiers. Have 127 soldiers in Camp Shelby. They are going to focus on building and training on the Bradley ODDSA version they are building this year.
- **489TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION** – LTC Cliff Faulkner: They have served eight-year long tours since 9/11. Should have about a 100 percent back in September.
- **I.G. BROWN TRAINING & ED CTR** – Col Tim Cathcart: Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force came out and talked to the folks and looked at the facility. Have about 3,300 boots on the ground students right now.
- **NAVAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT CTR** – Chief Todd Johnson: On August 18th and 19th will be hosting the reserve Commander Master Chief RE-9, Forest Wheeler. October 13th is the Navy Ball.

ORGANIZATIONS

- **AMERICAN LEGION** – : Hosting the Annual Poker Run on August 25th. Money raised will go to Honor Air.
 - **HONOR AIR** – Joe Sutter: Flight # 13 will be on October 3rd.
 - **MEDAL OF HONOR CONVENTION** - CMSgt (ret) Chris Coyne: Fund raising is going well. Need a budget of two and half million dollars. They have hired event planners, The Webster Group to help with the details of the event. Character Development program for the schools is going well.
 - **BEN ATCHLEY VETERANS HOME** – Doug Ottinger: They have received a five star rating from Centers of Medicaid and Medicare. Puts them in the top **ten** ? percent of the best nursing homes in the country.
 - **ESGR** – John Dyess: The number of reserve and guard members on active duty has dropped to the low 40 thousand. Coca Cola is hiring.
 - **AMERICAN RED CROSS – Knox & Blount** – Jess Hernandez: They are trying to get a SAF grant. Beat The Heat auction fundraiser will be at the Crown Plaza on August 9th.
 - **KNOX COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER** – Buzz Buswell: Tom Humphries has been hired as the Deputy Veterans Affairs Officer. They are working on making their new office handicap accessible.
 - **E TN DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS** – Don Smith: An outpatient VA clinic will be opening in Sevierville on September 18th. There has also been approval for a clinic in McMinn County.
 - **TVA** – BG (ret) Jim Mungenast announced that TVA was awarded the Freedom Award this year for their work with Veterans.
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- Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.