

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## August 1, 2013 MEETING SUMMARY

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPT 14	Knoxville Area Homeless Veterans Stand Down – National Guard Armory
SEPT 21	Marine Corp League Mud Run – need participants and volunteers
OCT 9	Flight #15 - HonorAir Knoxville
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans' Day Parade and Veterans' Day Luncheon

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at the Knoxville Chamber with President Barry Allen, presiding. 56 members and guests were present, and the July meeting summary was approved and distributed with one correction; USCG Auxiliary Division 1–ESD (electric shock drowning) NOT ESG (electric shock grounding)
- The Treasurer reported \$911.16 checks were written which included a \$300 donation to Bearden HS NJROTC program to support their attendance at Pearl Harbor activities in Dec., 2013; no deposits were made - leaving a balance of \$14,779.70.
- The Webmaster report showed over the last month that the ETMAC website had a total of 628 visitors, averaging 54 visitors per day.
- Patrice Collins announced that the reservation system is up and running for the Veterans luncheon. She also asked that area Commanders start thinking about nominees for the non-commissioned Honoree awards – applications to follow - via email.
- Patrice Collins announced that there is a price increase for the Veterans Day luncheon. The price will be \$30 for individuals and \$300 for a table. For more info: [http://www.etmac.org/html/2013\\_vet\\_luncheon.htm](http://www.etmac.org/html/2013_vet_luncheon.htm)
- Marty Everett announced that the Veterans Day parade will be Monday Nov. 11, 2013 – WBIR will televise the parade. This year is the year of the Navy. For more info: <http://www.legionknox.org/index.php?id=91>
- President Allen, on behalf of ETMAC, presented John Dyess an award to thank him for his service as the past president of ETMAC 2011 & 2012

### MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** - Getting ready for the in-processing of the new freshman class as well as welcoming the summer trainees back
- **UT Army Force ROTC** - Getting ready for the in-processing of the new freshman class; Also, have 25 returning seniors
- **US Army Knoxville Recruiting Command – CPT Jared Hull** – Introduced Sgt Brown; Recruiting command will focus on the area high schools – particularly for the Reserve component program Car wash on 11 Aug to raise funds for the family readiness command
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – 1SG Schaffner** – Move has been put off again – mid Oct/early Nov is the new proposed move date
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron – Col Vince Franklin** – Just returned from Air Force Space Command with the Adjutant General; Had 17 unit members travel up to Wisconsin to work a national level exercise – trying to get the Air Force communication architecture to talk to the Army communication architecture-successful trip

- **1-230 Air Calvary Squadron – Maj Patrick Wade** – receiving new aviators back from Fort Rucker Flight school; Traveled up to the NGB with LTC Clawson to talk about upcoming deployment possibility; possibly getting three more aircraft – 27 total in state; Annual training in Tullahoma coming up
- **278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Squadron** – LTC Keith Scott –Currently in Intensified training cycle and new equipment fielding;
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion** – LTC Clifford Faulkner – Highlighted one of their soldiers that joined the ROTC program at Austin Peay-Cynthia Stinnett-selected First in her regiment at summer training.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center** – Col Cathcart – Sequestration has affected fifteen percent of staff; Have two Bulgarians in current Professional Military education class
- **Naval Operations Support Center** – CDR Kurt Jordan – Currently ranked as the number one NOSC in the mid-west region; Wounded Warrior motorcycle ride - 3 August
- **USCG Auxiliary Division 12** – DVCDR Dave Roberts – Half-way through the recreational boating season; one fatality recently because of lack of awareness to the “Local notice to mariners” – notices about river closures in advance – next closure will be for Boomsday in September; overall fatalities are down compared to last year

### VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen DeWald** – May 5, 2014 will be annual medal of honor evening; having issues with the lights at the ETVMA; There will be a fundraiser coming up in November – details to come; For folks wanting to use the site for events, please go to <http://www.etvma.org/contact-us/> and fill out the appropriate form
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – Went to the swearing-in ceremony in D.C. of the new ambassador to Chad; AFA sponsors the Cyber Patriot HS competition, registration is open until mid Sept – for more info <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** - Flight #15 will be Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>; American Legion Post 2 will sponsor a poker run on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for HonorAir - will start at Smoky MTN baseball stadium
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention Update – Joleen DeWald** – website is live – encourages everyone to view at <http://www.mohknoxville.com/>
- **Ben Atchley’s Veteran’s Home – Doug Ottinger** – Beds are full at the moment
- **ESGR – John Dyess** - 52, 000+ Guard and Reserve still on active duty; Several area business won the Patriot Award (Steel Plate Fabricators & Eastman Chemical) - visit <http://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Who-is-ESGR.aspx> for more info;
- **American Red Cross – Knox & Blount Counties – Jess Hernandez** – Working on a financial Grant/budget for Guard/Reserve – more details to come; Red Cross has a toll free emergency communication number for military and DoD civilians – 1-877-272-7337
- **Marine Corps League – Eric Nash** - Mud Run will be 21 September, need participants and volunteers to help; Toys for Tots will start taking donations shortly – more to come
- **Vietnam Veterans of America – (Knox Chapter) Gary Ellis (President)** – Special Thanks to ETMAC for getting the word out for the town hall meeting - Had 200+ people who attended the Agent Orange Town Hall meeting; Tuesday 13 August will be the next Vietnam Veterans meeting at the Shoney’s on Rutledge Pike
- **MOWW – Joe Eddlemon** - Meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center at 11am - However, for just this month, the group will meet on August 7 due to scheduling conflicts.

**Next meeting – Thursday, October 3  
Knoxville Chamber**

- **ETMAC Webpage:** Please send anything to be added to the calendar to [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
  - **The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am**