

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

August 07, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS –

For a complete listing please visit www.etmac.org and click events

- AUG 17 Mayor Burchett 50th Birthday Party - Ben Atchley State Veterans' Home
1:00-4:00PM. Attendance is free and open to all. Mayor Burchett said he did not want gifts; instead, he suggested that gift cards be given to the Home for use by the Veterans, or that any contributions be made directly to the home.
- SEPT 10-13 Medal of Honor Convention

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville Chamber Office on Thursday, August 07, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed seven new guests.
- 71 members and guests were present, and the July meeting summary was approved and distributed with corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$1900.00 in checks written - leaving a balance of \$11,748.97
- The Webmaster report – Unavailable

Introductions:

TEC Public Affairs, Rick Kallstrom, Liz O'Neal, Larry Sadler, David Auwer, Arley Helmes, Patty McCrae, Mark Lett – New Deputy Veterans Officer for Knox County

Guest Presentations by:

No Guest Presentations

Announcements

Barry Allen:

- Introduced Jessica James from Slamdot; she is the web designer for the new ETMAC website. Barry Allen coined Jessica James
 - Displayed new ETMAC website and discussed the ease of site management and links to organizations.
 - e-Commerce – Member Dues, Coins Purchase, Tickets to Luncheon, etc.
 - Google Calendar – Local Events
 - Archived Data Storage, including past minutes, photos of Veterans Day Luncheon, and Medal of Honor convention materials (after the convention ends)

Chief Coyne - Medal of Honor Convention Update:

- 40 Days out from convention
- 400 volunteers
- 44 recipients have committed
- New Campaign to donate to MOH Convention – Give Thanks on website at www.mohknoxille.com/givethanks

POW/MIA Ceremony – Sue Dauber –

- September 19, 2014, “Official Ceremony” at East Tennessee Veterans Memorial - Rolling Thunder 06:00PM

Patrice Collins – Special Note:

- Veterans Day Luncheon – New Location - Marriott – Downtown – Lt Gen Mike Holmes, alumnus of UT ROTC – Guest Speaker

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – (Maj Edwards – 16/17 September – Retirement), New - Capt Drew Ferguson, Cadets are home from field training
- **UT Army ROTC – MAJ Jared Craine**– Curriculum Review, Largest Freshman Class, “Vol Army” – Rebranding Army ROTC
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Jason McNear** – Shipped 800+ recruits to basic in May-July 2014
- **119th Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Willocks** – Continuing to Transition to Cyber mission with Air Force Space Command, Equipment upgrade with end of year money
- **134th Air Refueling Wing – Col Mike Lindeman** – 45 personnel deployed at various locations around the world; 110 personnel deploying to Guam in August as part of the Theater Support Package, Spring 2016 Air Show – Submitted application for Blue Angels for a possible future air show
- **I-230th Air Cavalry Squadron – LTC Mel Clawson** – End of year transition, Aviation Reconstruction
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion** – Maj Bryce Wunder – 100 personnel training completion at Catoosa Training Base, GA
- **844th Engineering Battalion – LT Mike Sweany** – Experiencing the worst budget short fall in the last 15 years.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Col Jessica Meyeraan** – Ground Breaking August 14, 2014 at 11:30AM – \$17 Million Construction Project with Maj Gen Clarke, Professional Continuing Education and Air War College – 200 personnel. Former commander, Col Tim Cathcart, promoted to Brigadier General.
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Todd Johnson** – MOH Display at Airport. Once convention ends, display will need to find a home or it will be taken down.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald** – New Website, New Fundraising – Sponsor a Name
- **Mountain Man Memorial March – Joleen Dewald** – Registration is open
- **American Legion – Gene Bayless** – November 11, 2014 Veterans Day Parade
- **Air Force Sergeants Association – Mike Gates** – August 16th - Annual AFSA International

Conference Chapter 479, October 11th Walk/Run, October 13, 2014 AFA Golf Tournament – Scramble

- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** – October 1, 2014 – Wednesday – 17th Flight
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans’ Home – Doug Ottinger**– Full Building
- **ESGR – Jack D’Araujo** – 35,800 Guard and Reserve still mobilized; Special Thanks to 134th ARW – “Boss Lift” 24 business leaders to Fort Benning GA on July 8/9
- **American Red Cross – Jess Hernandez** – Staging for “Welcome Home Vietnam Parade” – Pigeon Forge on August 23th at 10:00AM
- **Knox County Veterans Services Office** – Tom Humphries – Introduced new Employee, Mark Lett
- **TN Department of Veterans Affairs – East Region – Bonnie Johnson** – November 5, 2014 – Big Veterans Outreach on Sutherland Avenue
- **Marine Corps League - Laimon Gobel** – Sept 13, 2014 is the annual Mud run which will raise funds for ETVM and Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
- **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rich Gill** – New Website - www.vva1078.org, Meet second Tuesday of every month at Red Cross Knoxville Facility
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** –Website – www.mowwregionV.net or 865-693-8170 or 0.haddock@comcast.net - meets 2nd Wednesday at 11:00AM at Rothchild’s on Kingston Pike, National Convention 1st Weekend in August 2014.
- **Volunteers of America** – Clyde Vincent – Web Site - www.kavsd.org – Building up to Oct 11, 2014 – Stand Down, Program has been funded for this next year; Has a special homeless Program for Female Vets – 546-4813

**Next meeting - Thursday, September 4, 2014
Knoxville Chamber**

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to webmaster@godel.com

The meeting was adjourned at 09:44 AM