



**EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**August 4, 2022, at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce**

**Upcoming Events**

ONGOING Fundraiser for Operation Honor Guard Info at <https://www.wate.com/operation-honor-guard/>  
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- 1st Sat Breakfast at the Elks Club #160 5600 Lonas Rd, Knoxville - 8:00 - 9:30am
- 2nd Sat Breakfast at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave, Knoxville - 8:00-9:30am
- 3rd Sat Breakfast at the Community Center in Powell, 1708 W. Emory Rd, Powell - 8:00-10:00am
- Last Sat: Three Breakfasts throughout our area: 8:00 am - 9:30 am at all three locations below:
  - DAV Chapter #24, 2600 Holbrook Dr., Knoxville,
  - VFW Post 5154 in Blount County, 2561 Hobbs Rd., Louisville
  - DAV Chapter #26, 530 Kingston Ave, Oliver Springs
- 2nd Tuesday Project Healing Waters meets at Central Bearden Baptist Church 6300 Deane Hill Dr Knoxville from 1800-2000
- 20 AUG Project Healing Waters 0800-1600 New Participant Fishing Outing contact Joe Noe [joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org)
- 26 AUG Knights of Columbus night at the Smokies Stadium. <https://signup.com/go/vChJHyv> to sign up.
- 28 AUG Tellico Outing for PHWFF 0730-1600 Cherohala Skyway Center is meet up location.
- 2-4 SEP Proud Protectors Veterans Retreat. Contact Kathy Denton at 423/914-0608 for details
- 10-11 SEP Smoky Mountain Air Show
- 16 SEP Multi County Job Fair from 10am until 2pm War Memorial Bldg. 103 B Street in Lenoir City [Knoxville.ajc@tn.gov](mailto:Knoxville.ajc@tn.gov) for details.
- 22 SEP 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Air Force from 5:30 until 8:30 at the 134<sup>th</sup> ARW, McGhee Tyson ANGB
- 22 SEP Dedication of the Memorial at UT at 1500
- 25 SEP Gold Star Family Day at 3pm at Ramsey House

1 OCT Night for Patriots is a fundraiser for Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. It will be at the Venue Event Center in Lenoir City beginning at 6pm. For information, contact Mike Kitchens at [rmkitch1@charter.net](mailto:rmkitch1@charter.net)

For a complete listing of events, [visit http://www.etmac.org](http://www.etmac.org) and click events

### *ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION*

#### Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell

Beginning Balance	\$20,557.12
Deposits	155.92
Expenses	154.48
Ending Balance	\$20,558.56

- **Membership dues may be paid online**

[https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-](https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-application/)

[application/](https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-application/) or mail a check payable to ETMAC to Patrice Collins at the Knoxville Chamber: 17 Market Square, #201, Knoxville, TN 37902. Donations on our website are also appreciated

- President Report –Leslie Purser -We were asked to nominate someone for Joint Civilian Orientation Force, and we nominated Eddie Mannis.
- Webmaster's Report – Dent Young –1091 visitors, most popular pages were Local Resources, Veteran's Groups and the Veteran's Resources. The top countries represented by our visitors were USA, China and India.
- 2022 Medal of Honor Celebration – Joleen Dewald. – September 6-11. Patrice is the volunteer coordinator. With Covid picking back up, there will not be any large public events. They are expecting over 40 Medal of Honor recipients to come.
- Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins –9 November will be the ETMAC Veterans Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at the Airport Hilton. ETMAC will be honoring the Marines this year. Unit commanders, begin thinking about who you would like your honorees to be. Also looking for units to submit volunteers for the Medal of Honor Convention.

### **MILITARY UNIT UPDATES**

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – LTC Joseph Westfall- Will be helping with the Air Show.
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – Maj Willie Posey – Have been busy with visitors, supporting the Air Show.
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – SFC Giovanni DeZuani – no report.
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Lt Col Brock - Air Show preview on Friday, anyone with a military ID is welcome on base. Parking is first come, first serve. Col Cauthen will retire in August at the base on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Several other retirements this month. Busy ramping up for the Air Show.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit –CW4 Michael Copeland – Troops training this summer. The renovations continue at their Sutherland location. Looking forward to supporting the Medal of Honor Celebration and the Air Show.

- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – LT Col Bryan Ewing – no report
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Jacqueline Bradford – no report
- 844th Engineering Battalion - CAPT Turner – Annual training complete for this year, gearing up for next year.
- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Shawn Balent – Finishing up annual training and have troops in motion.
- Coast Guard Recruiting – ME1 Steven Bradshear – no report.
- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Kevin Lindsay – no report
- ETSU Army ROTC. – 1LT Andrew J. Sepulveda – no report
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Col Roxanne Toy - 116 on campus. 130 virtual students. 2 Sept will be graduation and are opening it up to family and friends.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) – –Willing to help with any events.
- Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Justin Bergman – Available to volunteer for any events.
- National Guard Recruiting and Retention BN – 1LT Daryl Jackson - no report
- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville – CDR Trier Kissell – Supporting approx. 1 funeral every day.
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Col Dent Young – 75 cadets from around the country coming in for glider training. 150 cadets at Encampment. 75 cadets coming in for Search and Rescue School
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – Ron Boneau – no report
- UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Tony Estep – 60 new cadets coming in. Field Training finishing up and school starts 24 Aug. Adding new cadre.
- UT Army ROTC – LTC Justin Howe – no report

## VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air and Space Force Association – Dick Webber – 22 Sept is date for the celebration for the 75th anniversary of the Air Force. It will be held at the new hanger at McGhee Tyson at 5:30 pm.
- Air Force Sargent's Association – Jamie Prince – no report
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – Bill Adams –390,000 available jobs across the state. There are upcoming job fairs.
- American Legion Post 2 – Joleen Dewald – You can register for the Veteran's Day Parade at [www.legionknox.org](http://www.legionknox.org). This will be the first full parade in 3 years.
- American Red Cross – Travis Burchett – no report
- Ben Atchley Veteran's Home – Doug Ottinger – no report
- Bunker Labs – Derren Burrell – no report
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078- Pat Polis – Dedicated new Memorial at the World's Fair Park.
- Y12 Serving Our Service Members (SOS) – Bonnie Harlow– We are honored to host the MOH Celebration jointly with ORNL at Y-12 on Wednesday, September 7th in the Zach Wamp Auditorium for a panel discussion with veterans and community members on veteran related topics; moderated by US Army Brigadier General Rich Gross (Ret.), this is a ticketed event. SOS supports the Heroes &

Horses at STAR, Lenoir City. Next session starts on Friday, Sept 9th. Contact: Bonnie.Harlow@pxy12.doe.gov cell 865-406-4237

- Covenant Health Military Recognition Program – Cindy Winterberger – no report
  - Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – Garrett Hanas – no report
  - East Tennessee Veteran’s Honor Guard – Jim Mungenast – continuing to provide services regularly.
  - East Tennessee Veteran’s Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald – no report
  - Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) - Jim Mungenast / Leslie Purser – UT Battelle is one of the 15 finalists for the Freedom Award. We are participating in several events this month.
  - Enlisted Association of National Guard of Tennessee - SMSgt Christopher Gragg – no report
  - Frontline Gardens – Stephanie Trost – no report
  - Honor Air - Joe Sutter – Flight 31 will be 12 October to honor women veterans.
  - James H Quillen VA Medical Center – Dean Borsos – no report
  - Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 - Henry Usey – no report
  - Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – Rick Garner – no report
  - Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Cindy Winterberger – no report
  - Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries. – The Senate has passed the PACT Act of 2022. It has since been signed into law by President Biden. The PACT deals with the Camp Lejeune Water Contamination, Burn Pit presumptive disabilities, Agent Orange disabilities and expands the list for those who were exposed to Agent Orange and other things. For more information here is the VA’s link to the PACT Act and a link for the legislation.<https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3967>
- The VA released the Asset and Infrastructure Review Report. The next step was for the Senate to create a Commission for reviewing the report. The Senate has decided that the VA’s Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission will not proceed forward. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/4297> <https://www.manchin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/manchin-va-air-commission-is-dead>
- Knoxville Vet Center – Lyle Allen – Mobile Center available for events. Heading to Kentucky to help with flooding victims.
  - Marine Corps League – Ken Deboer - Mud run is back on 10 Sept. Visit [mclknoxville.org](http://mclknoxville.org) for details. Meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.
  - 194 Fleet Reserve Association – Eric Nash - no report
  - Military Order of the Purple Hearts Chapter 356- Thomas Booker – no report
  - MOAA – Bill Potter – no report
  - Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– Bill Grieve - Preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention for ROA in September.
  - Mountain Man Memorial March – Justin Howe – will be held 21-22 of April 2023
  - Navy League – Joe Holloway – They will have a meeting on 11 August from 1800-2000 at the Shoney’s Restaurant on Chapman Hwy.
  - ORNL Veterans Group – John Gearhart – Will be supporting the Medal of Honor Celebration. Thankful for nomination for Freedom Award.
  - Rolling Thunder – Carlos Hollifield – no report

- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program –Chelsea Taylor – Programs beginning in September. Need veteran volunteers.
- Team RWB - Christian Koshaba - Hold events to help veterans connect with each other. Lots of events coming up.
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network – Emily Hager- no report.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - Brandon Harris - no report
- United Veterans Council – Natalie Donahue – Reminder of breakfasts held each week.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – Dedication of the UT Veteran’s Memorial will be on 22 Sept at 1500.
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Marilyn Childress – 27 August grave maintenance program at Levi Trentham Cemetery at Elkmont beginning at 10am. 25 Sept will host National Gold Star Mother and Family Day at Ramsey House beginning at 3pm.
- VFW Post 5154 in Maryville – Neal Whetsel – Hosting disabled veterans for the Air Show.
- VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown) & VFW Post 3380 (Dandridge) & Walter J. ‘Bud’ Bacon Chapter Distinguished Flying Cross Society, East TN Region- W. E. ‘Whit’ Whitworth/ - Our 9 August Dinner meeting will be a building block for the Veterans History Program Will also include planning for a Stone for the DFC unit in the planning stage. VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown and Upper East TN area) Unit added funds to the Walters State Veterans Education program (Scholarship Program). Held a session for members to plan future recruiting new for members. VFW 3380 Dandridge area. Chapter is in advance Planning for the 2023 Ruck March activity to be held on Memorial Day 2023. Flags put out for DAR activity. Carson Newman University will have a female Maj(P) Professor of Military Science (PMS)starting with this school year.
- Volunteers of America – Amanda Millsaps- Mission is to end veteran homelessness. Have housed 130 in the last fiscal year.
- **Next meeting: Thursday Sept 1, 2022, at the Knoxville Red Cross**

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

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html>

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/>

Bunker Labs Knoxville

<https://chapters.bunkerlabs.org/knoxville/>

Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

<http://www.vva1078.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vvachapter1078knoxville/>

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc 18-12

<https://www.cvma18-12.com/upcoming-gatherings.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/481217796399085>

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.honairknoxville.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/honair/>

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 - Charlie Caldwell 865-368-7289  
[www.moph356.org](http://www.moph356.org) or [cddcardwell49@gmail.com](mailto:cddcardwell49@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/>

Navy League – Joe Holloway 865/320-5093 [CTR1USN@gmail.com](mailto:CTR1USN@gmail.com)

Project Healing Waters [FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org) 629-213-9707

Rolling Thunder <http://www.rollingthundertn3.com/index.php/about-tn3/>

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - <https://tvhomeless.org/>

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.  
<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/The-United-Veterans-Council-of-East-Tennessee-Inc-1912897478820375/>

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>

Volunteer State Honor Guard <http://www.milhonors.com>

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