



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1, 2011 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- DECEMBER 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony at East TN Veterans Cemetery located at Lyons View Pike. Program starts at 12.55 pm.
- DECEMBER 10 "Wreaths Across America" placement of wreaths on Veterans graves. More info to follow in the future.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, December 1st, 2011, at the 119th Command and Control Squadron, ETMAC President John Dyess presiding. A total of 61 members and guests were present. The November meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$16,983.03.

This was a short meeting with only important announcements as the members of ETMAC received a tour of the 119th facilities. Thanks to Colonel Evans for the tour of the facilities and hosting the ETMAC meeting!

Major General Mari K. Eder, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Joint and Special Troops Support Command (JSTSC) was a special guest of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **American Legion (Bob Dewald):** There will be a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony held on December 7 at the East TN State Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike.
- **ESGR (Jim Foggin):** On January 17-19, there will be an ESGR Employee Assistance Workshop open to Veterans and military service members and spouses. It will be held at the Hampton Suites off of Campbell Station Road. John Dyess will provide more info.
- **ETMAC Webpage (Laimon Godel):** For the month of November there were 1,483 visitors averaging 49 visits a day. Please send anything to be added to the calendar to webmaster@godel.com If interested in helping with the "Toys for Tots" program, please bring unwrapped toys to any local Wal-Mart. The American Institute of CPA's and SCORE is funding a program called "Vet Fast Initiative" to help Veterans start their own business by offering 5 hours of free consulting time. Contact Laimon Godel for more info.
- **Senator Corker (David Leaverton):** The Super-Committee has failed to reach a deal and there are large DOD cuts expected in the future.
- **134th Air Refueling Wing (????):** Recently named the squadron operations building after the late Major General Fred Forster. Also recently held the 12th Annual Santa Cops program which benefits children at East TN Children's Hospital.
- **US Tennis Association (John Dyess):** Any unit that has family day events or Yellow ribbon programs, please contact John Dyess for a briefing of what they can offer to your unit.

- **Knoxville Chamber (Patrice Collins):** The Knoxville Chamber has been recognized as one of only 20 Chamber's in the nation as a Military friendly chamber. The National Veteran Owned Business Association and the U.S Chamber of Commerce selected the 20 Chamber's.

Respectfully Submitted,

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