

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## DECEMBER 6, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- January 28-30 - TVBA Business Expo at Convention Center
- February 2, 2013 - Erin Tippin at the Civic Coliseum
- April 24, 2013 – Honor Air Flight No. 14
- May 6, 2013 – East Tennessee Veterans Memorial “Medal of Honor Evening” Fundraiser
- January - ETMAC Membership Dues
- **January 10 – ETMAC January Meeting – One week later than normal!!!**

STAY CURRENT: [WWW.ETMAC.ORG](http://WWW.ETMAC.ORG)

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The December 6th, 2012 ETMAC meeting was brought to order by President John Dyess at 8:32 a.m. A total of 55 members and guests were present. The minutes of the November 1, 2012 minutes were approved. Treasurer report was given by Barry Allen. The current balance is \$26,591.04
- John Dyess reminded members in attendance that their 2013 ETMAC membership dues are now up for renewal. Dues are payable on a calendar year. Please send checks to ETMAC – C/O Knoxville Chamber, 17 Market Square, #201, Knoxville, TN 37902. Dues are \$25 for individuals or \$100 for Units and Organizations that have more than 4 members attending ETMAC meetings throughout the year.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Weigels Christmas Foundation Program – Barry Allen:** The twelve military families have been chosen and are in the process of meeting with Weigels Executives to determine how they would like to spend \$1,500.00 – either on a shopping spree or to help pay bills.
- **Veterans Day Parade Recap – Marvin Tuggle:** The parade went off without a hitch! It gets bigger every year. This year they had 116 units and 3,500 individuals in the parade.
- **Veterans Day Luncheon Recap – Patrice:** The luncheon was a great success thanks in part to the MC, John Becker, who has graciously given his monetary fee to Honor Air. Patrice gave a special thanks to Owen Ragland for all of his help in making the program run smoother and at a quicker pace than last year! Also thanked Joleen Dewald for her help and contribution in the making of the video that was shown before the luncheon started as well as assisting with the slides shown during the luncheon.
- **Election of ETMAC Officers and Board of Directors:** The election of the 2012 ETMAC officers and board members took place and was conducted by Jim Mungenast, Chair of the Nominating Committee. The following officers and board members were elected by majority vote:
  - Barry Allen - President
  - Owen Ragland - Vice President
  - Steve Dillenburg - Treasurer
  - At Large Board of Directors - Mike Gates and Marty Everett.

### UNIT ACTIVITY

- **UT Army ROTC – MSG Timothy Chrysler:** They have moved to the Hoskin’s Library.
- **US Army Recruiting Command – CPT Scott Glidden:** They are in the high schools recruiting.
- **US Air Force Recruiting Command – Lt Col Marcus Carter:** They are recruiting in the high schools and are looking for Line Officers. The Air Force staff assistant will be visiting Knoxville MEPS next week. They had the number one recruiter. Also trying to recruit candidates for the Air Force Academy.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – CPT Mary Ford:** Think they will be in their new location in the Federal Building by July 2013.
- **119<sup>TH</sup> Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col George Hayes:** Is on the Board of National Guard Association of Tennessee. They will be having their AF compliance inspection in March. In their AMS classes they will have eight graduating officers. Lt Col Hayes ask those attending if they would be

interested in getting the National Guard Association of Tennessee Conference in Knoxville. Many of those in attendance showed their support for this event taking place in Knoxville.

- **134<sup>TH</sup> Air Refueling Wing – Capt Joseph Keith:** They have finished their drills. Ten day ORE in January. ORI in March, 2013. The 134<sup>th</sup>'s ESGR orientation flight on November 30<sup>th</sup> went well. They will have thirty civil engineers in Kuwait for six to seven months. They raised \$9,000.00 for East Tennessee Children's Hospital through Santa Cops.
- **1/230 Air Cavalry Squadron – LTC Mel Clawson:** Sometime between December 18 and 21, the last ambulance will be coming into Ft. Hood from Afghanistan. All aviation units that are in Smyrna will be at Barry Field no earlier than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Change of command will be on January 5, 2013 in Smyrna, TN.
- **489<sup>TH</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Chris Sweitzer:** Change of command last month. LTC Faulkner is now officially the commander of the 489<sup>th</sup>. Had their Welcome Home Warrior ceremony. Master Sergeant Trost is in Alabama now for further treatment then will be coming home to stay.
- **844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion – Josh Richardson:** In March, 2013 they will be doing exercise training in CA to be available for deployment next year.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Col Tim Cathcart:** They put together a Power Point presentation of what they do at the TEC. They also put together a brochure, copies of which were handed out at the meeting.
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Chief Todd Johnson:** The 2013 Navy Ball will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On Pearl Harbor Day his unit will be helping a WWII veteran with repairs and clean-up around his house. If anyone has a laser engraver or know of anyone who does, please contact Chief Johnson.
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Lt Col Dent Young:** Moving to new facility today.

## ORGANIZATIONS

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen Dewald:** If you had your picture made with COL Bruce Crandall and you haven't received it go to the ETVMA Facebook page and print it or email Joleen. ETVMA annual fundraising dinner "Medal of Honor Evening" will be May 6, 2013 at the Foundry. Details to follow at a later date.
- **American Legion – Marvin Tuggle:** There will be a service at the E TN Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike at 12:45 p m. on Pearl Harbor Day.
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg:** They are working on the Teacher of the Year award. Please give the name of any special teachers you want to nominate to Steve.
- **Air Force Sergeants Association Update – Mike Gates:** Will be doing a lot of traveling into seven states and will be carrying the message of ETMAC with him to encourage others to establish an organization like ETMAC.
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter:** Honor Air Flight No. 14 will be April 24, 2013.
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention Update – Joleen Dewald:** COL Bruce Crandall Reception was a great success. As the convention gets closer, more Medal of Honor recipients will be coming in to visit Knoxville and help garner support and enthusiasm for the 2014 convention.
- **Ben Atchley Veteran's Home – Doug Ottinger:** They have the home decorated for Christmas. Come see them and the residents.
- **ESGR – Dr. Jim Foggin:** Their next meeting will be on January 8, 2013 at the Ben Atchley Nursing Home. This is the first time that the total active duty members serving is below 60,000.
- **Mountain Man Memorial March – Lee Dalton:** MMMM will be awarding five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each to members of Gold Star Families.
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association – Jonathan Williams:** The January TVBA Business Expo planned for Jan. 28-30 is moving ahead. Jim Haslam will be the key-note speaker on January 28<sup>th</sup>. They are doing a Uniformed Services Benefit concert with Erin Tippin on February 2, 2013. Tickets are \$25.00 each.

- **American Red Cross – Knox and Blount Counties – Jess Hernandez:** They will be getting the SAF Grant, but don't know how much yet. They deployed 90 volunteers to New York during hurricane Sandy.
- **Marine Corps League – Eric Nash:** They will be having their Christmas breakfast on Saturday morning at Rothchild's. Toys for Tots needs volunteers with the assembly and distribution of the toys. Go to the Marine Corp League or call the reserve for more information.
- **MOWW – Don Amburn:** Appreciation to ETMAC and Red Cross for their help and support.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

**The January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 ETMAC meeting is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> due to the New Year holiday, at the Knoxville Chamber at 8:30 a.m.**