

# **EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

## **December 5, 2013 MEETING SUMMARY**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

DECEMBER 5 ETMAC Meeting – Chamber

JANUARY 27&28 (2014) TVBA Business Expo – Convention Center

APRIL 12 (2014) Mountain Man March

APRIL 16 (2014) HonorAir Flight #16

SEPT 10-13 (2014) Medal of Honor Convention

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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, Dec 5, 2013, at the Knoxville Chamber. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed seven new guests
- 58 members and guests were present, and the November meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$4,063.75 in checks was written with the majority being for the luncheon. \$5,725.62 deposits were made (Luncheon and coin sale payments) - leaving a balance of \$21,442.35
- The Webmaster report shows a total of 1,634 Visitors browsed the site/Averaged 54 per day/most popular site – local resources
- Patrice Collins – Gave an update on the Veterans luncheon; There were 475 served.
- President Allen presented “Thank you gifts” for their work on the Veterans Luncheon to members Patrice, Stephanie, and Joleen
- ETMAC is still looking for a Webmaster to take over from Laimon Godel, who has served in this position for almost 10 years
- The Board membership terms of Jim Foggin and Wayne Krabbenhoft have ended. President Allen thanked both men for their dedicated service to the organization. The nominating committee recommended that Jim Mungenast and Todd Johnson be elected to replace Messrs Foggin and Krabbenhoft. The new members were elected by acclamation; each was elected for a 3 year term.

## **MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – Thanked Patrice for a successful Veterans Day luncheon; AFA sponsored a Thanksgiving lunch for the cadets; AF seeking volunteers from the Senior cadet class for separation from commissioning contract
- **UT Army ROTC – MSG Michael Morris** – prepping for cadets return back from Holiday break
- **US Army Knoxville Recruiting Command – MAJ Jared Hull** – reported Nov was the highest recruiting month in years
- **119 Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Tim Haynes** – Still working on the current job reduction - losing 79 traditional guardsmen and 22 fulltime military personnel
- **134 Air Refueling Wing – Col Gratz** – Helping the 119<sup>th</sup> find homes for some of their fulltime personnel who are losing their position
- **I-230<sup>th</sup> – LTC Mel Clawson** – Headed to Avon park for a joint exercise with the AF and Marines
- **278<sup>th</sup> – LTC Raymond Scott** – Prepping for exercise at Camp Shelby; Cavalry Ball on Dec 7; Force Structure changes coming in the future
- **489 Civil Affairs Battalion –LTC Cliff Faulkner**– Conducting a JR NCO promotion board and prepping for family day
- **Co D, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Charlie Hunt**– Toys for tots – 7-8 & 11 Dec; Upcoming deployment cancelled
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – SMSgt Marcy Broadway** – prepping for 300+ students; hosting safety broadcast folks from the NGB; currently have 84 officers enrolled in Air War College Seminar
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Chief Todd Johnson** – Chief Johnson's retirement will be on 11 Jan, 2014; Introduced new Command Chief – Chief ZsuZsanna (Susan) Lazar

## **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES**

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen DeWald** – May 5, 2014 will be annual Medal of Honor evening; for folks wanting to use the site for events, please go to <http://www.etvma.org/contact-us/> and fill out the appropriate form
- **Mountain Man Memorial March – Lee Dalton** – April 11&12 – Registration is open <http://www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com>
- **American Legion – Marvin Tuggle** - Hosting a Pearl Harbor Day remembrance today for veterans, survivors, military families and the general public to attend at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, located at 5901 Lyons View Pike beginning at 11:45 am on Dec 7
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – partnered with the 134<sup>th</sup> for a Community appreciation event
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention – Joleen Dewald** – Commissioned a Documentary on

MoH recipients – details to come

- **ESGR – John Dyess** – Guard and Reserve called to active duty continue to decline
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association – Jonathan Williams**- Annual Veterans and Education expo and Hiring fair will be Jan 28, 2014; there will be a dinner the night before at the Knoxville Convention Center, with a former Blue Angels pilot as the guest speaker
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs office – Buzz Buswell** – 38 CFR outlines some new changes to VA claims
- **Marine Corps League – Laimon Godel** – 7 Dec breakfast at Rothschild's; toys for tots in full swing;
- **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phil Claxton** – Currently have 74 members with a goal of 1,000; for info on joining email ppclaxton @hotmail.com or [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org); Next meeting on Dec 10 at the Red Cross (Middlebrook)
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** – Organization meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am

**Next meeting - Thursday, Jan 9, 2014 – Naval  
Operational Support Center (NOSC)**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 am**