

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

December 4, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2015 ETMAC dues are now payable

Apr 11- MMMM

May 4 – ETVMA MoH evening

Complete listing of events: www.etmac.org

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville Chamber Office on Thursday, December 4, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed eight new guests
- 61 members and guests were present. November minutes were approved with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$12,191.13 in checks written and deposits equaled \$7,832.61 - leaving a balance of \$11,180.61
- The Webmaster Report – Purchase ability now available, Website functional

GUEST PRESENTATIONS BY:

Wreaths Across America – \$15 to buy a wreath to place on a veterans grave; Wreaths will be placed on Dec 13 - <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

Woodmen of the World – hosting benefit for America Legion “Building” – www.redbasket.org\197 - 501C tax deductible/instant receipt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Allen:

1. Thanked Capt McKeen, Patrice and Joleen for all their help – presented gift cards
2. Appointed a nominating committee consisting of: Joe Sutter, Jack D-Araujo, and Jim Mungenast. The following were recommended to ETMAC, a vote held and all approved:
 - President – Owen Ragland
 - VP – Capt Stephanie McKeen
 - Treasurer – Steve Dillenburg
 - At-Large Board of Directors – Breckenridge Morgan
 - At-Large Board of Directors – MSG Joshua Richardson

Owen Ragland & Patrice Collins – Thanked Barry Allen for all his hard work as the ETMAC president for the last two years

Veterans Day Parade – Marty Everett

- Recap parade – 96 entries; AAR after the Holidays

Veterans Day Luncheon - Patrice Collins

- Recap – Luncheon a success except broken screen for ppt

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC** – Lt Col Jack Lancaster – Wrapped up busy semester
- **Air Force Recruiting Command** - MSgt Chris Robson – Active Duty is recruiting guard folks in

specific AFSC's such as combat control and para-rescue – open to any branch of service; AF also seeking a few other areas

- **119th Command and Control Squadron** – Col Vince Franklin – Cyber mission conversion still ongoing; 119th member lost home in a house fire on Thanksgiving - <http://www.gofundme.com/hxh8ak> to donate
- **134th Air Refueling Wing** – Lt Col Jason Brock – Lots going on this week - UTA weekend, Base Christmas party, Annual Santa Cops for Children's Hospital and Col Houser retirement on Dec 16
- **I-230th Air Cavalry Squadron** - LTC Mel Clawson – Both Bridge dedications in honor of 1st. Lt. Thomas Williams and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel Cole were a success; Group of deployed folks returned over Thanksgiving; next group will return just before Christmas
- **278th Armored Cavalry Regiment** – LTC Keith Scott – Cavalry ball this month; helping with wreaths across America
- **844th Engineering Battalion** – CPT Robert Henning – recovering from Maj Floyd's PCS
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center** – Col Jessica Meyeraan – 375 Students “on-board”; Construction – 13% complete; Air War College in progress; Bringing on a brand new curriculum for NCO academy; Chaplain Brewer leaving
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol** – Lt Col Dent Young– Looking for replacement for Col Bill Lane; went out on three missions last month

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association** - Joleen Dewald – Great Christmas gift – contribution to memorial; May 4th 2015 MOH Dinner honoring Medal of Honor Recipient LTC Charles Coolidge
- **Mountain Man Memorial March** – Joleen Dewald – *Change in hotel and weekend – Greystone Lodge*; Registration is open www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com – April 11, 2015, Gatlinburg, TN, Looking for sponsors & volunteers
- **American Legion** – Marvin Tuggle – Flag placement; building fund
- **Air Force Association** – Steve Dillenburg – Thanked Barry Allen for ETMAC “highlights”; STEM grants available
- **Air Force Sergeants Association** – Mike Gates – Tim Fry continuing as president 2015; Rob Frank – new CEO
- **Honor Air** – Joe Sutter – #18 flight – April 15, 2015 – 80 WWII and Korean vets booked on flight
- **Ben Atchley Veteran's Home** – Doug Ottinger – Invited all to visit the beautiful decorations at the home
- **ESGR – Jack D'Araujo** – 30,050 Guard and Reserve still mobilized federal active duty; 8,500 on State duty – mostly for Ferguson and Texas border
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association** – Jonathan Williams – annual Job fair on 27 Jan at Holiday Inn – details to come; Brown and Roberto will sponsor another business plan competition
- **American Red Cross** – Jess Hernandez – Son in the hospital
- **Knox County Veterans Services Office** – Tom Humphries – \$55,000 – “Wreaths Across America”
- **Marine Corps League** – Laimon Godel – “Toys for Tots” breakfast fundraiser at Rothschild's (Sat Dec 6 830am) - \$5 and a toy
- **MOWW** – Owen Haddock – Working with several JROTC units; Website – www.mowwregionV.net or 865-693-8170 or 0.haddock@comcast.net - meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:00AM at Rothschild's on Kingston Pike

The meeting was adjourned at 09:38 AM

Next meeting - Thursday, January 8, 2015

Knoxville Chamber

ETMAC Webpage: Please send anything to be added to the calendar to ballen@brownandroberto.com