



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

February 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Every WED Combat Coffee Hour for all Veterans, 7:30 Knoxville Vet Center, 1645 Downtown West Blvd #28 (Black Rifle Coffee Company <https://www.blackriflecoffee.com/>)
- Every Second Saturday: Breakfast for Buds from 8:30 until 10am. Mama Grits in Tellico Village. Contact Dennis Drake at dennisdrake2012@outlook.com for more information.
- 22 Every Month Veterans Coffee Hour hosted by A Veteran's Heart at Awaken Coffee from 8-9. 125 W Jackson Ave Knoxville
- 19 FEB Hiring Event Prime Retail Services 10am until 2pm American Job Center 2700 Middlebrook Pike Knoxville For more information, knoxville.ajc@tn.gov or 865/594-5500
- 20-21 FEB Farmer Veteran Coalition of Tennessee New and Beginning Farmer Session 1-4pm at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin TN www.agrability@tennessee.edu for more information
- 22 FEB Eagle NamasDay, Free voga for veterans. 10:30am at Blue Ridge Voga & Wellness Center. 623 N Campbell Station Rd. For more information, jesse.hawe@teamrwb.org.
- 25 FEB Multi Employer Job Fair 10am until Noon. Knox County Library, Cedar Bluff Branch 9045 Cross Park Dr. Knoxville, TN For more information knoxville.ajc@tn.gov or 865/594-5500.
- 6 MAR Sporting Clay Tournament at Chilhowee Sportsman Club to benefit Habitat for Humanity
- 28 MAR Job Fair in Loudon County. Details to follow.
- 2 MAY Family Day at the Knoxville Vet Center 11-3 Location 1645 Downtown West Blvd #28 Knoxville. For more information call Kalene Faulkner at 865/633-0000.
- 4 MAY ETVMA 10th Annual Medal of Honor Evening. For more information, ETVMA.org/moheve

For a complete listing of events, visit <http://www.etmac.org> and click events

We are changing the format of the monthly minutes. All organization contact information will be in a list at the end of the minutes. We hope you will find having the information in one place will be beneficial to you, and hope you find the minutes easier to read.

ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION

Welcome and Call Meeting to Order: The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, **February 6, 2020 8:30am** at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. President **Geoff Freeman** presided over the meeting. A total number of 77 were present.

Introduction of new Attendees:

- **Ansley VanHoose with Humana**
- **Lindsey Stimets with STAR**
- **Lori Osburn with East Tennessee Mountain Militia**

- **PFC Paul Ollis with DAV/First Horizon Bank**
- **Romiyah Morton with the 489th CA BN – First Horizon Bank**
- **Amy Moffitt with First Horizon Bank**
- **Tyrone Johnson with Caris Healthcare**
- **SSgt James Harrison with the 332nd RCS**
- **LCDR Kelley Crecilius Military Coalition Director with First Horizon Bank**
- **MSgt Richard Bennett (Ret) USAF with DOL and Workforce Services**
- **Louis Amoriello with Rolling Thunder**
- **Tara Adkins with Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc.**
- **SGM Sundi Wright (Ret) with DOE**
- **MSgt Scott Jones (Ret) with ORNL**
- **MAJ Emily Graber**
- **Joseph Finchum with NOSC**
- **Lacey Mellott with Habitat for Humanity**
- **President’s Report – Geoff Freeman** – Nothing to report
- **Webmaster’s Report - Col Dent Young-** There were **568** visitors to the website last month. **552** of them were new users. Most were from the US, with Argentina coming in second. Veteran Services is the most popular page. Check to see if your group is listed on the website and let Patrice know if any changes need to be made.
- **Treasurer’s Report: Derren Burrell**

Beginning Balance	\$14,388.77
Deposits	77.76
Expenses	633.36
Ending Balance	\$13,088.74

Membership dues may be paid online <https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-application/> or bring check to Patrice Collins at the next meeting. Donations are also appreciated.

- **Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins** – I’M BACK. Thanks for all the support.
- Consolidated Nuclear Securities – CNS AT Y12 -Jamie Uptgraft – Informed attendees about their internal veterans’ group at CNS called (SOS) Serving our Service Members. He attended with MAJ Emily Graber.
- Habitat for Humanity- Lacey Mellott- Playhouse Builds -partner with 134th. Provided playhouses for 8 families last year. Are planning to build 16 playhouses on April 19th. Chic Fil A is providing a donation of \$40,000 to provide materials. For more information, lmellott@khfh.com or 865/523-3539 ext 104

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES

- **3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – MAJ Joseph Westfall-** unable to attend.
- **119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron –Col Chris Smith** – Just finished the Global Lightening Exercise. Hoping McGhee Tyson will be the location of the new Cyber Offensive and Defensive Squadron. Providing election support for 2020.
- **1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – CPT Philip Webster** – Medivac and Black Hawks in this area. Troops in motion. Much activity in warmer months with the park service.
- **134th Air Refueling Wing – Lt Col Art Douglass-** January 15, security event on base. Turned out well. Great response by all involved. 134th was involved with the Super Bowl this year. Showed video of their role in keeping the skies safe during the Super Bowl.

- 241st Engineering & Installation Squadron (Chattanooga) - **Lt Col Dave Moss** –Troops in motion. Joint training in July. Squadron won awards in 2019.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment – **CW3 Kelly Copeland** - Communication exercise in March. Troops in motion.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – **MSgt Brandon Carver** – Top recruiting flight in their area for 7 months.
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – **MAJ BW Osten**- unable to attend.
- 844th Engineering Battalion – **MAJ Justin Belford** – Troops in motion, Training
- Coast Guard Recruiting – East TN Region – **ME1 Steven Brashear** – Open Reserve Officer Program.
- Co D 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – **GySgt John Kepper/1stSgt Jason Brackley** - unable to attend
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center -**SMSgt Michael Krausz** – 400 students will graduate next week. 400 more coming after that.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) –**SSG Kyle Lane** - Top recruiting company in brigade.
- Military Entrance Processing Station – **CPT Taylr Hill** – Last quarter, 734 applicants processed through; 167 AF, 399 Army, 68 Marines, and 100 Navy. They also gave 11000 tests.
- Navy Operational Support Center – **CDR Scott Moss**- Active Shooter Drill coming up. Troops in motion.
- Navy Recruiting – Talent Acquisition Onboarding Center – **HM2 Josh Dixon**- unable to attend
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – **Col Dent Young** – Sent people to PR 12,000 aerial photos daily as well as ground photos.
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – **DCDR Thomas Jumar** – Letter of Understanding with C Scouts. Assisting with recruiting.
- UT Air Force ROTC – **Col Matt “Ocho” Castillo** – Our May graduates received their AFSCs that include: 3x Pilot selects; 1x Combat System Operator Select, 1x Air Battle Manager Select; 1x Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot Select, 2x Acquisition, 1x Space Operations, 1x Cyber Operations, 1x Developmental Engineer, 1x Scientist, 1x Nurse and 1x Intel Officer. On 27 March we are partnering with other UT colleges to take part in a USSTRATCOM Tabletop Exercise focused on Nuclear Deterrence.
- UT Army ROTC – **LTC Justin Howe** – Recruiting up. 84 offered scholarships. 26-29 March Training. 16 April Award Ceremony at Student Union. 7 May Commissioning Ceremony. 26 will be graduating. One third of commissioning graduates are entering the National Guard.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air Force Association – **Dick Webber**– Stand up of Space Force.
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – **Laura Chagnon**-Unemployment remains low 3.6%. Job Fairs listed in events section.

- American Legion – **Joleen Dewald** –Fundraising ongoing. Need groups to man water points at MMMM. Looking for donations in-kind of water/Gatorade/snacks. Also, ATVs needed. Medal of Honor Legacy Center in Chattanooga having grand opening on the 22 of Feb.
- American Red Cross – **Tom DeHoog** –unable to attend.
- Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home – **Doug Ottinger** – 3 empty beds. Still have job openings.
- Bunker Labs – **Rich Gross** – Bunker Brews on 3rd Thursday. Feb 20 at 5:30 at Barley’s in the Old City.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 – **Gary Ellis** – March 29th. Vietnam Veteran Memorial Ceremony at John Sevier Veteran Cemetery at 2pm. Monthly Meeting 2nd Tuesday evening.
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – **Garrett Hanas** – unable to attend
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Honor Guard – **Herb Kraehmer** – nothing to report
- East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association - **Joleen Dewald** –Medal of Honor Dinner will be on May 4, honoring Milo Lemert. There will be discounted tables available from Feb. 1 until Mar 1 for Veteran Service Groups that are Non – Profits.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – **Jim Mungenast** – Matt Castillo has been promoted to Col. ORNL/UT Battelle will be the Tennessee State nominee for large company for the Freedom Award. Only 15 awards given each year. The government nominee is Hardin County Board of Education and TCP Packaging in Chattanooga is the small company nominee. All nominations came from the Army Guard. Boss lift coming up soon.
- Honor Air - **Joe Sutter** – Everyone notified for the April flight. There will also be another virtual flight in June.
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – **Rick Garner** – 5th Annual Clay Shoot on March 6.
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – **Ed Junod** – unable to attend.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – **Tom Humphries** – Veterans Day on the Hill in Nashville. Not as many bills being entered this year. Positive decisions coming down about Blue Water. Looking for veterans and surviving spouses that haven’t filed for benefits.
- Knoxville Vet Center – **Kalene McSwain Faulkner** –May 2 from 11-3 Family event at the center. All veterans and active duty welcome. Bring your families. There will be activities for the kids. Mobile Vet center available after March 2. They bring the van around to all 39 counties they serve.
- Marine Corps League – **Eric Nash** – unable to attend.
- Military Order of the Purple Hearts – Chater 356- **Thomas Booker** – unable to attend.
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) – **Bill Potter** – Will be giving scholarship awards again this year to area students.
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– **Bill Grieve** – Meets 2nd Wednesday at Rothchild’s from 11-1. Convention coming up and they are hosting this year.
- Mountain Man Memorial March – **Justin Howe** 77 days out. Details on the website.
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – **Steve Burman** –unable to attend.

- REBOOT Combat Recovery – **Darrell Williams**–unable to attend.
- Rolling Thunder – **Carlos Hollifield** – If you need any assistance with flag ceremonies or speak at a group, call. The number is 865/364-2998.
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program – **Cathy Dolson** – Always need volunteers. Special training coming up with Minis in Motion.
- Team Red White & Blue – **Jesse Hawe** – open to all branches of the military. Monthly events.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - **Brandon Harris**- 2 homeless veterans housing openings currently.
- Tennessee Veterans Business Associations (TVBA) – **Steve Stilts** – unable to attend.
- United Veterans Council – **Gary Ellis** – 6 free breakfasts each Saturday at a different location each time. Check out their Facebook page for details.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – **Geoff Freeman** –nothing to report.
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – **Patty McGrew** – April 4th trail run. Sponsors are needed. Money raised will be used for improvements to the site.
- VVA Chapter 1073 & VFW Post 3380 (Morristown). **Whit Whitman** – Veteran Mobile Food Pantry 27 Feb. in Morristown.
- Volunteers of America/Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down – **Ivette Torres** – Help veterans with whatever they need to get back to work.
- Yellow Ribbon Fund Veteran Caregivers Support Group – **Stephanie Trost** –unable to attend

Next meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2020 @ Knoxville Chamber at 8:30am

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www.ETMAC.org

A Veteran's Heart

<https://www.facebook.com/aveteransheart/> Jason Bush 423/231-5418

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<https://www.careeronestop.org/ResourcesFor/Veteran/veteran.aspx>

American Legion

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/>

Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

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

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

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.honorairknoxville.com/>

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

Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

<https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/habitat-for-heroes/>

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

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council
<http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office
<https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/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

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356
www.moph356.org Charlie Caldwell 865/368-7289 or cdcardwell49@gmail.com

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)
www.moww.org

Mountain Man Memorial March
<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/TheMountainManMemorialMarch/>

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing
<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWatersKnoxville/>

REBOOT Combat Recovery
<https://rebootalliance.com/reboot>
<https://www.facebook.com/rebootrecovery/>

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

STAR – Horses and Heroes Program
<https://www.rideatstar.org/heroes--horses.html>

Team Red White & Blue.
www.teamrwb.org

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

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Non-profit-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
<https://www.facebook.com/UTKAmyROTC/>

Veteran Heritage Site Foundation
<http://veteransheritagesite.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHeritageSiteFoundation/>

Volunteers of America Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down

<https://www.voamid.org/ssvftn>

Yellow Ribbon Fund Veteran Caregivers Support Group

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