ETMAC September 2008 Meeting Summary

Upcoming Meetings and Events

5SEP-100th Anniversary Celebration of the U.S. Army Reserve,1830HRS, Speaker – Pat Head Summit-Invitation from 844th Engineer Battalion, The Rothchild Catering and Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Dining out fee $30, RSVP Ms.Brenda Patterson (865) 558-5059 or brenda.patterson@usar.army.mil.

9SEP-Tennessee Valley Fair-Patriotic Day-Ticket 1/2 price for Veterans-Scott Suchomaki-scotts@tnvalleyfair.org

10SEP- MOWW Meeting, 1200HRS, Shoney's Restaurant @ Kingston Pike and Walker Springs Road, Plans are to recognize Col. Dearing for support of Youth Leadership Conferences

13SEP- Armed Forces Day-Maryville College, opening home football game, free of charge for veterans and their families

13SEP-Marine Corps Mud Run-Melton Hill Park-1250 runners to participate

20SEP- Pancake Breakfast, 0730-0930HRS- Applebee's, corner of Kingston Pike and North Peters Road, $5.00, 100% of proceeds will go to the construction of the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial-East Tennessee Women Veterans Doris Keane, keaneone@planetc.com

2OCT-ETMAC Meeting-0830HRS Knoxville Chamber Offices, Market Square

6OCT-Royal Oaks Golf Course-AFA- 1st Annual Brig Gen Bud Bacon Memorial Golf Tourney, 1130HRS Registration and Lunch-1230HRS Shotgun Start-$65-Mail checks to Marty Coffman, 1602 Staffwood Rd., 37922-(693-5744)

11OCT-Honor Air Flight

29OCT-Honor Air Flight

11NOV Veterans Day Parade- Parade Participation: Gene Bayless, bgbayless@comcast.net, Parade and media inquiries: Joseph Mazzola, legionnairejoe@comcast.net,

11NOV Veterans Day Luncheon, 1230HRS- The Foundry-World's Fair Park – Featured Service-U.S. Marine Corps

15NOV-1100HRS Dedication Ceremony-East Tennessee Veterans Memorial-World's Fair Park

15NOV-0800HRS- Road March for Warriors-3 locations around Knoxville-motorcycle rally -goal to support a broad range of Veteran's causes across East Tennessee- Bob Dewald, rcd@thedewalds.org

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Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was held on Thursday, 4SEP at the L&N Railroad Station in Knoxville, Jack Davis presiding. The meeting was hosted by East Tennessee

Veterans Memorial Association and included a breakfast buffet. A total of 40 members and guests were present. The Summary of the August meeting was approved. Treasurer Carl G. Newby's reported a balance of $5,142 on 31AUG.

Discussion Items

Veterans Day Luncheon

Lt.Gen. Robert Tiebout contacted the Office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps on our behalf. After a review of incoming correspondence they could not find our earlier letter requesting a speaker. We now have a better address and a second letter was sent to the attention of Lt.Col. Vonopdorp inviting an active duty Marine General Officer to be the featured speaker at our upcoming Veteran's Day Luncheon. A table showing the status and assignment of various tasks was distributed.

Veterans Day Parade

Assembly will begin at 0900HRS at the Civic Coliseum. Parade step off is at 1045HRS. At 1100HRS the parade will pause in front of the Reviewing Stand at Wall Avenue for Honors.

HonorAir (Coffman)

Flights have now been scheduled for 11OCT and 29OCT for WWII Veterans to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. In addition there are 70 names on the waiting list. Consequently a flight is being planned for this coming spring. Rising fuel charges are increasing the cost of these flights dramatically. A group in Sevier County has expressed interest in promoting an HonorAir Flight for the WWII Veterans from Sevier County.

East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (ETVMA) (Crawford/Lauth)

ETVMA has asked ETMAC to help in the process of seeking and selecting a representative Veteran from each War beginning with WWII to participate in the ceremony to dedicate the Veterans Memorial. The Veterans participating will have been awarded a purple heart, be available for practice prior to the Dedication and served in the conflict the Veteran will represent. Please contact Joe Mazzola with any suggested names. After a long search ETVMA now has a photograph of soldiers boarding a train at the L&N Depot. They want more if you have one. Land is being procured to allow a sidewalk to be built from the road directly to the flagpole. A tour of the site followed the meeting. Everyone recognized the beauty and sensitivity in the design and construction of the Memorial and all felt a sense of being on hallowed ground.

Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Bayless)

Lowe's is taking on the project to renovate the gardens and plans are under way to increase parking.

Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (Dyess)

A total of 164,500 USAR soldiers have deployed since 9/11 and 26,000 USAR soldiers are currently on active duty.

Senior ROTC Units (Angle)

There are a total of 110 Cadets in the U.S. Air Force Senior ROTC Unit at UT.

I.G. Brown Training and Education Center-(TEC) (Waggett)

All Schools for the current sessions have a full complement of students. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday 5SEP at 1600HRS for Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Paul H. Lankford who served as the first Commandant of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Leadership School at McGhee Tyson Airbase.

Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) (Neeley)

There are 179 high schools in our area and testing has been scheduled for 85 of those schools.

Web Site (Godel)

There were 2,569 visitors to the ETMAC web site in AUG. The most active countries outside the United States were Canada, Russian Federation, France and China.

Military Unit Activity

There is some indication that local military installations are being photographed from cars passing on the street. Units and individual soldiers continue to be deployed on a regular schedule from all installations and services in our area.