

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

February 6, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH 31	Premiere of the “Medal of Honor” Documentary
APRIL 6	Big Orange Salute to Military Kids
APRIL 11-12	Mountain Man March
APRIL 16	Honor Air Flight #16
MAY 5	East TN Veterans Memorial Association-4 th annual Medal of Honor evening
MAY 31	Salute to Heroes Night – Smokies Stadium
SEPT 10-13	Medal of Honor Convention

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, Feb 6, 2014, at the NOSC-Alcoa. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed four new guests
- 62 members and guests were present, and the January meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- A motion was presented to the floor to donate \$450 to the Mountain Man Memorial March which passed unanimously
- The Treasurer reported \$585.15 in checks written, \$3,367.50 deposits were made - leaving a balance of \$15,515.23
- The Webmaster report shows a total of 1,576 Visitors browsed the site/Averaged 50 per day
- ETMAC is still looking for a Webmaster
- Service and Sacrifice (John Becker) Documentary “Medal of Honor Documentary” was shown to the audience
- Received a special presentation from Stephanie Trost – “focusing on Caregivers”

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – Sophomore Class is being racked and stacked
- **UT Army ROTC – MSG Michael Morris** – Dining In, Cadets Branching-Active Duty or Reserve
- **119 Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Sam Keener** – Have found other places within the Wing/State to replace lost positions; Currently on track to acquire a Cyber mission
- **134 Air Refueling Wing – Col Randy Gratz** – Back to Normal AEF rotation; Promoted the medical group Commander to Colonel over drill weekend
- **I-230th – LTC Mel Clawson** – Have several folks leaving for OEF; Trying to gain support for H.R. 3930, the National Commission on the Structure of the Army Act to counter the Army's plan to eliminate the Kiowa Warrior helicopters and replace them with Apache and Lakota
- **278th – LTC Keith Scott** – Prepping to go to a maneuver exercise to validate current Tanks and Infantry
- **489 Civil Affairs Battalion –Faulkner**– Capt Wunder promoted to Major; Training Assembly in the community last month and following month
- **844th Engineering Battalion** – Lt Sweeney – Brigade Command team in town; Prepping for Romania Mission; Battalion Change of Command in May
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – SMSgt Marcy Broadway** – Getting ready to graduate 300+ students; Change of Command on 22 of May – all invited
- **Naval Operations Support Center – CDR Kurt Jordan** – Looking at Force Management plans as well as Emergency Management plans
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol** – Lt Col Dent Young – Funds released for ops eval in April; For more info go to www.tncap.us

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association** – Joleen Dewald – Commissioned a Documentary on MoH recipients which will play in Knoxville on 31 March at Regal Cinema (Downtown); 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/Co-sponsored with UT** – Joleen Dewald – April 11&12 – Registration is open <http://www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com> ; Still need volunteers to work and participate
- **American Legion – Marvin Tuggle** – Family from Wichita, KS –donated a grave site to a homeless vet – contact Marvin for details
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – State AFA Convention – Nashville-May
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** – Flight # 16 will be on April 16, 2014; Economic Impact almost ready
- **Ben Atchley Veterans Home – Doug Ottinger** – Received an excellent Dept. of Health Survey - citing only one deficiency
- **ESGR – Jack D’Araujo** – Guard and Reserve called to active duty declined to 40,000; ESGR is available to speak at units; ESGR will participate in the Food City sponsored “race night” here in Knoxville (Feb 13 & 14)
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association – Barry Allen** – 140+ Vendors participated but the weather was a significant hindrance this year
- **American Red Cross – Knox & Blount – Naomi Gruse** – Have a grant for training to become a nursing assistant
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs office – Tom Humphries** – Doing a series of briefs at Knox county Senior Centers

- **East Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs – Don Smith** – awaiting the opening of two new clinics in March - McMinn County and Harriman
- **Marine Corps League – Laimon Godel** – Sept 13, 2014 is the annual Mud run which will raise funds for ETVM and Smoky Mountain Service Dogs; Tennessee Dept of Trans rebuilt the sign at Alexander Bonnyman Memorial Bridge
- **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rich Gail** – Currently have 74 members with a goal of 1,000; for info on joining email ppclaxton@hotmail.com or www.vva.org; Next meeting on Feb 11 at the Red Cross (Middlebrook)
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** – May 2nd and 3rd annual Convention; Organization meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am
- **Volunteers of America –Melanie Finuf** – Had a successful Job fair last month

**Next meeting - Thursday, March 6, 2014 – Red Cross
Office**

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am