

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## January 9, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

APRIL 12                      Mountain Man March

APRIL 16                      Honor Air Flight #16

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, Jan 9, 2013, 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
- 54 members and guests were present, and the December meeting summary was approved as distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$10,492.57 in checks were written with the majority being for the luncheon. \$1,783.10 deposits were made - leaving a balance of \$12,732.88
- The Webmaster report shows a total of 1,468 visitors browsed the site/Averaged 47 per day
- ETMAC is still looking for a Webmaster

### MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – Nothing to report
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Jason McNear**
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Sam Keener** – Nothing to report **134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing – Col Gratz** – Lowest Number of Deployed troops since 9/11
- **I-230<sup>th</sup> – LTC Mel Clawson** – Received the Results of the Dec 13 aircraft accident report – loss of power reported as cause which resulted in emergency “hard” landing
- **278<sup>th</sup> – Col (retired) Archer** – Prepping to go to the National Training Center
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion –CPT Bryce Wunder**– Dec family day was a success with 250+ in attendance and members received incredible briefings from ESGR and H2H
- **Co D, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Charlie Hunt** – Upcoming deployment cancelled
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Col Cathcart** – CoC on 22 of May – all invited
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Chief Todd Johnson** – Chief Johnson’s retirement will be on 11 Jan, 2014

## **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES**

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association** – Joe Sutter – 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** – Lee Dalton – April 11&12 – Registration is open <http://www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com>
- **American Legion** – **Jim Quick** – Need help removing the “Wreaths Across America” on Jan 15 – Post 2
- **Air Force Association** – **Steve Dillenburg** – partnered with the 134<sup>th</sup> for a Community appreciation event in Dec
- **Honor Air** – **Joe Sutter** – Flight # 16 will be on April 16, 2014
- **Ben Atchley Veterans Home** – **Doug Ottinger** – Full House in Knoxville; Excited about the opening of Clarksville Veterans Home with 108 beds – scheduled to open Jan 2015
- **ESGR** – **Jack D’Araujo** – Jack is the new chair while John Dyess will remain the vice chair; Will be supporting the Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment at the Airport Hilton on 18 Jan; Guard and Reserve called to active duty declined to 44,000
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association** – **Jonathan Williams**- Annual Veterans and Education expo and Hiring fair will be Jan 27th and 28th 2014 – Darryl Worley will be the entertainment for the dinner on the 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **American Red Cross** – **Knox & Blount** – **Jess Hernandez** – Reminder that Red Cross is available 24/7
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs office** – **Buzz Buswell** –
- **East Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs** – **Bonnie Johnson** – Nothing to report
- **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** – **Phil Claxton** – Currently have 74 members with a goal of 1,000; for info on joining email [ppclaxton@hotmail.com](mailto:ppclaxton@hotmail.com) or [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org); Next meeting on Jan 14 at the Red Cross (Middlebrook)
- **MOWW** – **Nolan Sharbel** – Organization meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am
- **Volunteers of America** – Sponsoring a Job Fair on wed Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - 2821 E Magnolia Ave (865) 524-6253

**Next meeting - Thursday, Feb 6, 2014 – Knoxville Chamber**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am**