



**EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
**January 6, 2022, via Zoom**

**Upcoming Events**

ONGOING Fund raiser for Operation Honor Guard Info at <https://www.wate.com/operation-honor-guard/>  
Donate [at Donate today to Operation Honor Guard](#)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sat Breakfast at the Elks Club #160 5600 Lonas Rd, Knoxville - 8:00 - 9:30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Breakfast at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave, Knoxville - 8:00-9:30am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Breakfast at the Community Center in Powell, 1708 W. Emory Rd, Powell – 8:00-10:00am
- Last Sat: Three Breakfasts throughout our area: 8:00 am – 9:30 am at all three locations below:
- DAV Chapter #24, 2600 Holbrook Dr., Knoxville,
  - VFW Post 5154 in Blount County, 2561 Hobbs Rd., Louisville
  - DAV Chapter #26, 530 Kingston Ave, Oliver Springs

22 JAN A Hike to Remember 9am 272 N Peters Rd Knoxville. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

22-24APR Darkhorse Lodge Work Weekend. 1951 Swor Rd, Springville TN For details  
[bonnie.harlow@pxy12.doe.gov](mailto:bonnie.harlow@pxy12.doe.gov) 865/576-4355 or 865/406-4237

7 MAY USA Patriots Veterans Charity Softball game. Smokies stadium at 1pm. Youth clinic at 10am. Contact  
[Matthew.gordon@benchmark.us](mailto:Matthew.gordon@benchmark.us) for details.

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

***ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION***

**Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell**

Beginning Balance	\$13,566.48
Deposits	1,847.42
Expenses	90.00
Ending Balance	\$15,323.90

- **Membership dues may be paid online**  
<https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-application/> or mail a check payable to ETMAC to Patrice Collins at the Knoxville Chamber: 17 Market Square, #201, Knoxville, TN 37902. Donations on our website are also appreciated.
- **President Report – Leslie Purser**–Leslie introduced our new officers and Directors: Jim Mungenast was elected as Vice President. Derren Burrell was reelected as Treasurer. Patty McGrew, Lyle Allen, and Pat Polis were elected as Directors at Large.

- **Webmaster's Report – Dent Young** – no report
- **2022 Medal of Honor Convention – Joleen Dewald.** – September 6-11. There are 3 new Medal of Honor awardees.
- **Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins** – Please pay your 2022 dues.
- **Pat Polis** – First time to honor all veteran graves locally with wreaths. Also, new Vietnam Veteran Memorial will be dedicated on 29 March. The Wall that Heals will be returning in April
- **First Time Attendees**
  - Heinz Lauer – Pets for Vets
  - Kirk Williams
  - Chelsea Taylor – STAR
  - Norita Cruz
  - CAPT Mick Wilson

## **MILITARY UNIT UPDATES**

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – **LTC Joseph Westfall**- Helped with tornado disasters in Tennessee and Kentucky.
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – **Col Smith** - no report
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – **CPT Phillip Webster** – Training is continuing.
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Col Lee Hartley – Delivered gifts to Children's Hospital. Inspection coming up in April. Opening of new hanger coming up in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Decision of last two bases to receive new refueling airplane, KC-46 will be made sometime this year.
- 241st Engineering & Installation Squadron (Chattanooga) - **Lt Col Dave Moss** – no report
- 252<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company – TN Army NC – Cleveland and Onida – **CPT Taylr Bercaw**- no report.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit – **COL Steven Turner/MAJ Tim Shubert** – no report
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – **LT Col Bryan Ewing** – no report
- 844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion - **MAJ Justin Warrick** – Participated in Wreaths Across America.
- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – **GySgt Jeffrey Bryant** – no report
- ETSU Army ROTC. - **MAJ Scott Shard** 110 cadets between the four colleges. Good turnout for Wreaths Across America.
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center - **Lt Col John Capra** – 165 students coming in soon. Lt Col Jacob Corbit is coming in as new Deputy Commander. They have a new welcome center for students coming in, thanks to the 134<sup>th</sup> for that.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) - **SGT Adrienne Stewart** - no report
- Military Entrance Processing Station - **CPT Calvin Wu** - Processing applicants that came in during the holidays.

- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville - **CDR Trier Kissell** – Mobilizing sailors across the globe.
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol - **Col Dent Young** - no report.
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 - **Ron Boneau** – no report
- UT Air Force ROTC - **Lt Col William Estep** -. 3 cadets commissioned in December. Classes resume soon. Sophomore cadets will be competing soon to maintain their status as cadets.
- UT Army ROTC – **LTC Justin Howe** –no report.

## VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air Force Association –**Dick Webber** – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air Force this year and they are planning for a celebration in September. 7 March will be the next meeting for the Cyber Force initiative.
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – **Bill Adams** – Monthly multi-employer hiring events ongoing. 77 events are scheduled currently. Reach out to them for details.
- American Legion Post 2 – **Mike Testerman** – 7 Feb next meeting. Mid- winter conference upcoming. Oratory competition ongoing. Still working on their new building. Easter Egg hunt coming up 16 April.
- American Legion Post 212. **Samantha Shreves** – no report
- American Red Cross –**Jamie Buck** -. Rebuilding for 2022 Prepping courses and looking for volunteers.
- AMVETS Post 75 in Newport – **Leslie Purser**- 80 stockings given out to veterans.
- Army Reserve Ambassador Program Eastern TN – **Leslie Purser** – no report
- Ben Atchley Veteran's Home – **Doug Ottinger** – no report
- Bunker Labs – **Derren Burrell** – 10 veteran entrepreneurs locally being supported with ViR.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078- **Pat Polis** – see Pat's report above.
- Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Morristown –**Leslie Purser** - Last year they held 5 food pantries, 15 benefit drives and 8 funerals. 17 Feb is the next food pantry. They also had a great time on all their motorcycle rides.
- Consolidated Nuclear Securities SOS – **Christine Shawhan**– Dark Horse Lodge was created to develop a retreat for combat veterans, and they are supporting this initiative.
- Covenant Health Military Recognition Program – **Cindy Winterberger** – no report
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – **Garrett Hanas** – no report.
- East Tennessee Veteran's Honor Guard – **Jim Mungenast** – 700 funerals supported. Thanks to the service units that support these efforts. Additional volunteers needed to help with these efforts.

- East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association - **Joleen Dewald** – Never too early to be planning for Medal of Honor dinner on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Foundry. Sgt Troy McGill will be honored. Special pricing will begin 2/1 and will only last the month of February. The event sold out last year, so buy your tickets early.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) –**Leslie Purser/Jim Mungenast** – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ESGR. The Guard and Reserve force comprises 40% of our military. Knoxville committee is looking to do a Boss Lift this spring. Ombudsmen worked 18 cases. 57 units briefed on USERRA, and 1700 volunteer hours in 2021.
- Enlisted Association of National Guard of Tennessee. **SMSgt Christopher Gragg** – no report
- Frontline Gardens – **Stephanie Trost** – no report
- Honor Air - **Joe Sutter** – Hope to have a flight in April. The Women's Flight has been delayed until the fall because the Women's Memorial is under renovation.
- James H Quillen VA Medical Center – **Billy Key** – no report.
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 - **Henry Usey** – Final calculations being made about contribution to the Smokey Mountain Service Dogs.
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – **Rick Garner** – no report
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – **Emily Hager** – no report.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – **Tom Humphries.** – no report.
- Knoxville Vet Center – **Lyle Allen** –no report.
- Marine Corps League -**Ken DeBoer** – no report.
- Military Order of the Purple Hearts -Chapter 356- **Thomas Booker** – no report
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– **Bill Grieve** – Next meeting 12 January at Rothchild's. ROA celebrating 100 years all year.
- Operation Last Mile - **SSG Christopher Fairchild** - no report
- ORNL Veterans Group – **Lisa Bollinger** – no report
- Pets for Vets – **Heinz Lauer** – train dogs for veteran companion animals.
- Project Healing Waters – **Joe Noe** – 10-year anniversary. Several events upcoming. 11 Jan next meeting.
- Rolling Thunder –**Carlos Hollifield** – no report
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program –**Chelsea Taylor** – programs ongoing and they have great veteran participation.
- Team Red White & Blue – **Jesse Hawe** – no report
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network – **Emily Hager**- no report.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - **Brandon Harris** – no report
- Tennessee Veterans Business Associations (TVBA) – **Steve Stilts** – no report

- United Veterans Council – **Natalie Donahue** – Wreaths Across America was a great event. Already planning for this year. New President, Chris Albrect. Breakfasts ongoing. Hillcrest UMC doesn't have a great turnout, need to get the word out. Need volunteers for the Wall that Heals.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – **Geoff Freeman** – no report.
- UT Ag Extension – **Eileen Legault** – no report
- Veterans Appreciation Program – **Larry Sharp** – no report
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – **Marilyn Childress** – There are still 19 graves in the park they haven't been able to reach due to the weather. Hoping to do those soon. Also have identified Revolution War graves outside the park they are mapping.
- VFW Post 5154 in Maryville – **Douglas Burt** – adopted 10 veterans locally and sent packages overseas. Breakfast last Saturday of the month.
- VFW Post 10855 in Alcoa – **Charles Robbins** – no report
- VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown) & VFW Post 3380 (Dandridge) & Walter J. 'Bud' Bacon Chapter Distinguished Flying Cross Society, East TN Region- **W. E. 'Whit' Whitworth** – no report.

**Next meeting: Thursday February 3, 2022, via Zoom**

**For input or corrections, please contact Kim Spencer 865/661 9856 or [kim@yourplacetoflourish.com](mailto:kim@yourplacetoflourish.com)**

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## Unit and Veteran Organization Contact Information

### ETMAC

[www.ETMAC.org](http://www.ETMAC.org)

### American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html>

### American Legion

[legionknox.com](http://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/>

### Bunker Labs Knoxville

<https://chapters.bunkerlabs.org/knoxville/>

### Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

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

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

### Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc 18-12

<https://www.cvma18-12.com/upcoming-gatherings.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/481217796399085>

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/>

Irreverent Warriors

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Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

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

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

Knights of Columbus Henry Usey 865/246-4413

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council

<http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office

<https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/>

[thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org](mailto: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](http://www.moaa.org)

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356

[www.moph356.org](http://www.moph356.org) Charlie Caldwell 865/368-7289 or [cddcardwell49@gmail.com](mailto:cddcardwell49@gmail.com)

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)

[www.moww.org](http://www.moww.org)

Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>

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

Project Healing Waters [FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org) 629-213-9707

Rolling Thunder

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

Team Red White & Blue.

[www.teamrwb.org](http://www.teamrwb.org)

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless

<https://tvchomeless.org/>

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.

<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-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](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/VeteransHeritageSiteFoundatio>

Volunteer State Honor Guard

<http://www.milhonors.com>