



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

JULY 1, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- JULY 22ND: Red Cross 2010 “Beat the Heat Summer Relief Auction” – Crown Plaza Hotel – Auction Viewing is 4:00 to 6:00; Dinner/Auction is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Go to www.knoxarc.org for more details or call 584-2999 to order tickets.
- JULY 31ST: The American Legion Post 13 in Maryville is planning a Korean War Veteran’s reunion on July 31, 2010 at 6 pm. For more information please call 982-6030 or 982-1144.
- AUGUST 3RD: East Tennessee Veterans Business Conference will be held at the Y-12 National Security Complex New Hope Center in Oak Ridge.
- OCTOBER 2ND: Navy Ball honoring the 235th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy.
- OCTOBER 6TH: HonorAir Flight # 8 will depart from TYS at 9:00 am.
- OCTOBER 15-16TH: Veteran Stand-Down will be held at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike)
- NOVEMBER 11TH: - American Legion Post 2 VETERAN’S DAY PARADE
- 28th Annual VETERAN’S DAY LUNCHEON – 12:30 pm at the Foundry

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, July 1st, at the Knoxville Chamber, Joseph Mazzola presiding. A total of 48 members and guests were present. The June meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer’s report shows an end of the month balance as of June 30th, 2010 of \$11,269.25.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** On Veterans Day 2010, ETVMA will add the names of 25 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes. It costs \$300 to add each name and anyone that would be interested in donating to the memorial, go to <http://www.etvma.org>
- **Honor Air (Sam Hardman):** Flight #8 will be held on October 6, 2010. On July 4th, HonorAir Knoxville will hold a reunion of WWII Veterans who have flown on previous HonorAir Knoxville flights. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>

- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Gene Bayless and Doug Ottinger):** Recently the home graded extremely well on a recent survey. The Murfreesboro and Humboldt State Veterans Homes have been under the Department of Justice inspections the last few years and just recently the DOJ announced that both homes are functioning well and the DOJ is no longer involved with them. They are always looking for organizations to spend time with the residents. If you're interested, please call 862-8100.
- **Knoxville Chapter of the Red Cross (Jess Hernandez):** On July 22nd, they will be having an auction at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. From 4 pm till 6 pm the doors will be open to view auction items. The dinner/auction will be from 6 pm till 8 pm. Cost is \$25. Go to www.knoxarc.org for more details or call 584-2999 to order tickets. If any unit would like to donate anything that could be used in an auction, please contact Jess or Janice.
- **Blount County Red Cross (Karen Trotter):** Working on writing the SAF grant for 2011 and looking for ideas and programs to support. On July 31st, Trent Summer will be performing at the Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson. Tickets cost \$25. Karen announced that she will be leaving the Blount County American Red Cross.
- **Announcements (Joe Mazzola):**
 - The American Legion Post 13 in Maryville is planning a Korean War Veteran's reunion on July 31, 2010 at 6 pm. For more information please call 982-6030 or 982-1144.
 - Northwestern Mutual is hiring in Knoxville and nationwide. They also have a great paid internship for college students. For more information, contact Patty Ramsey at 251-5133.

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **Military Entrance Processing Station (CDR Darrell Neeley):** MEPS office move delayed for at least one year. Shipping remains strong and testing finished at 103.3%.
- **134th ANG Air Refueling Station (Col Tim Dearing):** Currently 250 personnel deployed overseas. There will be 52 security police returning next month from Iraq.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Howard):** Recently had a satellite class graduation. The next class will graduate on April 12, 2011. The Civil Air Patrol will be having their annual training at I.G. Brown TEC.
- **844th Engineering Battalion (LTC Adam Roth):** On July 10th, there will be a change of command ceremony Bearden Middle School. Contact Patrice Collins for more info. Lieutenant General Jack Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve; Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command will attend.
- **119th Command and Control (Col Dave Evans):** The local American Legion *Riders* will be sponsoring a bike ride in September to raise money for Honor Air. There will be a "Hometown Hero" ceremony on August 7th at the base. They will recognize 193 personnel that have deployed since 9/11. The 119th is also celebrating their 60th year by honoring remaining plank owners and also those that served in the unit in 2003. Currently going through organizational construction to establish the 119th Command and Control group. They will bring back the 110th Command and Control Squadron.
- **Navy Operations Support Center (CDR Greg Jones):** Thanks to everyone who supported the Family Pre-Deployment Readiness Conference in June. Currently 32 sailors are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will be having a Navy Ball honoring the 235th Anniversary of the U.S. Navy on October 2, 2010. The Navy League will be sponsoring the event. From July through September the NOSC building will be going through renovation. Will have a change of command in September.
- **278th Army National Guard (COL Jeffrey Archer):** Currently the majority of the 278th remains in Iraq. Recently 200 soldiers returned to Smyrna, TN. They have 5 units out of 29 that have returned from Iraq. All units are expected back by mid-August. On September 25, 2010 they will be having a "Toy Ride" to benefit the Empty Stocking Fund.
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion (MAJ Brian Bailey):** They will be having a change of command on August 14th. LTC Jeffery Swan will be the new Battalion Commander. MAJ Bailey thanked all of the organizations that provided assistance in employment opportunities for his soldiers. MAJ Bailey was also able to line up in our area many training opportunities in agriculture to prepare for a future deployment to Afghanistan.

- **Marine Reserve Company D, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion (LT Rice):** Sending Marines to Alaska and Africa to conduct training. They have been in Afghanistan since late March. The 2010 Mud Run will be on September 11, 2010. For more info go to http://www.mclknox.org/html/marine_mud_run.shtml
- **ESGR (John Dyess):** Continuing employment efforts with returning troops. Beginning to see less enthusiasm from employers as their employees return from deployment.
- **VFW Post 1733 (Mark Brogan):** Elmer Hawkins, the commander of VFW Post 1733, passed away recently.
- **City of Knoxville (Mickey Mallonee):** To list any upcoming events on the City of Knoxville web page, go to <http://www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/> and complete the Special Events form.
- **AMVETS Riders (Bruce McElhaney):** On August 7th, they will be celebrating the birthday of the Purple Heart in Louisville, KY. Thanks to those who supported the soldier that was injured in a motorcycle accident.
- **Veterans Business Conference (Patrice Collins):** Will be held on August 3, 2010 at the Y-12 National Security Complex New Hope Center in Oak Ridge. For more info, go to <http://www.y12.doe.gov/vetcon2010/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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