



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL
July 12, 2022, at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce
50 attendees

Upcoming Events

- ONGOING Fundraiser for Operation Honor Guard Info at <https://www.wate.com/operation-honor-guard/> Donate [at Donate today to Operation Honor Guard](#)
- 1st Sat Breakfast at the Elks Club #160 5600 Lonas Rd, Knoxville - 8:00 - 9:30am
- 2nd Sat Breakfast at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave, Knoxville - 8:00-9:30am
- 3rd 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
- 2nd Tues: Project Healing Waters meets at Central Bearden Baptist Church 6300 Deane Hill Dr Knoxville from 1800-2000
- 30 JUL Veterans Appreciation Day at the Ramsey House. For Details, president@veteransheritagesite.org or call 678-920-1989
- 26 AUG Knights of Columbus night at the Smokies Stadium. <https://signup.com/go/vChJHyv> to sign up.
- 2-4 SEP Proud Protectors Veterans Retreat. Contact Kathy Denton at 423/914-0608 for details
- 10-11 SEP Smoky Mountain Air Show
- 25 SEP Gold Star Family Day at 3pm at Ramsey House

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

ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION

Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell

Beginning Balance	\$20,797.18
Deposits	25.92
Expenses	265.98
Ending Balance	\$20,557.12

- **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 -We were asked to nominate someone for Joint Civilian Orientation Force, and we nominated Eddie Mannis.
- Webmaster’s Report – Dent Young –1091 visitors, most popular pages were Local Resources, Veteran’s Groups and the Veteran’s Resources. The top countries represented by our visitors were USA, China and India.
- 2022 Medal of Honor Convention – Joleen Dewald. – September 6-11. They will need volunteers, but not until the beginning of August. We are one of only 2 cities that have hosted more than once. Should be sending out information soon to units about getting involved. 14 recipients that are planning on attending at this point. Anticipating 35 to 40 will attend.
- Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins –9 November will be the ETMAC Veterans Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at the Airport Hilton. ETMAC will be honoring the Marines this year. Unit commanders, begin thinking about who you would like your honorees to be. Also looking for units to submit volunteers for the Medal of Honor Convention.
- **First Time Attendees**
 - Christian Koshaba with Team RWB
 - Alan Silva
 - Travis Pruett with TEC
 - 1SG Paul Lovelace with MEPS
 - Jeff Brown
 - Lily Crosby with Knoxville Habitat for Humanity
 - The Lost Vets Rescue

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – LTC Joseph Westfall- Will be helping with the Air Show.
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – Maj Willie Posey Working on supporting partners with cyber security.
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – SFC Giovanni DeZuani – no report.
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Lt Col Travers Hurst – Mentioned Air Show preview on Friday, anyone with a military ID is welcome on base. Parking is first come, first serve. Col Cauthen will retire on August 6 at the base. Announced they are in need of non-profit groups to work the concession stands Saturday and Sunday and earn some great money off their sales.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit –LTC Tim Shubert – Troops training this summer. The 278th has upgraded much of their equipment including new M1A2 Abrams Tanks, M2A2 Bradley IFV, and Paladin SPA. The renovations continue at their Sutherland location. Looking forward to supporting the Medal of Honor Convention.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – LT Col Bryan Ewing – no report
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Jacqueline Bradford – no report

- 844th Engineering Battalion – MAJ Justin Warrick – no report
- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Shawn Balent – Troops in motion.
- Coast Guard Recruiting – ME1 Steven Bradshear – no report
- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Kevin Lindsay – no report
- ETSU Army ROTC. – 1LT Andrew J. Sepulveda – no report
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center Col Roxanne Toy – 114 on campus. 155 virtual students.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) – 1LT James Jonatchick – no report
- Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Justin Bergman – Family Day coming up. Will be live streaming their ceremonies.
- National Guard Recruiting and Retention BN – 1LT Daryl Jackson - no report
- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville – CDR Trier Kissell – no report
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Col Dent Young – 75 cadets from around the country coming in for glider training. 150 cadets at Encampment. 75 cadets coming in for Search and Rescue School
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – no report
- UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Tony Estep – changes in cadre happening this summer. 8 cadets at Field Training. 7 more going second session. Several around the globe training. 52 incoming freshmen.
- UT Army ROTC – LTC Justin Howe – 80 freshmen coming in this fall, including 7 training to be army nurses. 200 in the program at UTK. Changes in cadre. Cadets doing training around the country.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air & Space Forces Association – Paula Pinson – Air Force Association is now the Air and Space Forces Association. 22 Sept is date for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Air Force. It will be held at the new hanger at McGhee Tyson.
- Air Force Sargent's Association – Jamie Prince – no report
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – Bill Adams – 27 July job fair at their location. 16 Sept multi county job fair in Lenoir City. Details to follow.
- American Legion Post 2 – Joleen Dewald – They are meeting at their new facility at 5700 Rutledge Pike on the 1st Monday of the month. Car show in October. Details to follow.
- American Red Cross – Travis Burchett – no report
- Bunker Labs – Derren Burrell – no report
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078- Pat Polis – no report
- Y12 Serving Our Service Members (SOS) – Bonnie Harlow– SOS participates weekly in the Heroes & Horses at STAR: meets Fridays Jun 17 – Aug 12, 1045 – noon Family friendly. Drop ins are welcome. Contact: Bonnie.Harlow@pxy12.doe.gov cell 865-406-4237 Irreverent Warrior Knoxville. Join the Facebook group page. Knoxville POC Christine.Shawhan@pxy12.doe.gov July 22, Friday - Family Day @ McFee Park, 1500 – 2000 ALL are Invited
- 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 – continuing to provide services regularly.

- East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald – no report
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) - Jim Mungenast / Leslie Purser – 50th anniversary of ESGR. APAM coming up this month. We will be honoring some of our Freedom Award nominees. Thanks to the 134th for hosting our recent Boss Lift. We participate in employer events to educate employers about USERRA.
- Enlisted Association of National Guard of Tennessee - SMSgt Christopher Gragg – no report
- Frontline Gardens – Stephanie Trost – no report
- Honor Air - Joe Sutter – Flight 31 will be 12 October to honor women veterans.
- James H Quillen VA Medical Center – Dean Borsos - This website provides information regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) recommendations to the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission to modernize and realign the VA health care system. The attachment is the recommendations for VISN 9. East Tennessee Market starts on page 18.
<https://www.va.gov/aircommissionreport/>
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 - Henry Usey – no report
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – Rick Garner – 2 veteran homes being built this summer/fall. HFH would like to be more involved in the community. They will be doing a large playhouse build at their Restore and it will be donated to a service member's family. It will be held on 10 November. Sponsorships are available.
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Cindy Winterberger – Still meeting and collaborating with local hospitals to provide services. September is Suicide Awareness Month. They are available to do training anywhere needed.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries. – no report
- Knoxville Vet Center – Lyle Allen – Mobile Center available for events.
- Marine Corps League – Ken DeBoer - Mud run is back. Visit mclknoxville.org for details. Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month.
- 194 Fleet Reserve Association – Eric Nash - no report
- MOAA – Bill Potter – no report
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– Bill Potter no report
- Mountain Man Memorial March – Justin Howe – will be held 21-22 of April 2023
- ORNL Veterans Group – John Gearhart no report
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program –Chelsea Taylor - no report
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network – Emily Hager- no report.
- United Veterans Council – Natalie Donahue – Reminder of breakfasts held each week.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – Dedication of the UT Veteran's Memorial will be on 22 Sept at 1500.
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Marilyn Childress – 30 July Ramsey House Veteran's Day celebration. There will be a 1864 Baseball game. Free admission that day as well. 27 August grave maintenance program at Levi Trentham Cemetery at Elkmont beginning at 10am. 25 Sept will host National Gold Star Mother and Family Day at Ramsey House beginning at 3pm.

- VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown) & VFW Post 3380 (Dandridge) & Walter J. 'Bud' Bacon Chapter Distinguished Flying Cross Society, East TN Region- W. E. 'Whit' Whitworth/ - DFC Society Meeting was a dinner meeting with Sue King Marschalk presenting a program available for Veterans to preserve their military service experiences for future generations. The instructions are online at [HTTP://www.loc.gov/vets/Chapter 1073 in Morristown](http://www.loc.gov/vets/Chapter%201073%20in%20Morristown) and upper ET placed flags on Graves for 4 July holiday and made home bound vet visits. Also made two Final Call Funerals for passing members families. 3380 in Dandridge also placed flags in Dandridge and all cemeteries with vets buried in the area. An award will be made in Jefferson County to the local Jefferson County Quilts of Valor program before the Monday County Commission Meeting On 18 July.
- Volunteers of America – Amanda Millsaps- Mission is to end veteran homelessness. Have housed 130 in the last fiscal year.
- **Next meeting: Thursday August 4, 2022, at the Chamber.**

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Unit and Veteran Organization Contact Information

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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

<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/>

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

Knoxville Vet Center - <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Marine Corps League - <http://www.mclknox.org/> Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

www.moaa.org

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356 - Charlie Caldwell 865-368-7289

www.moph356.org or cldcardwell49@gmail.com

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) - www.moww.org

Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>

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

Project Healing Waters FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org 629-213-9707

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

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - <https://tvhomeless.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

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

Veteran Heritage Site Foundation <http://veteransheritagesite.org/>

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

Volunteer State Honor Guard <http://www.milhonors.com>

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