



## EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

### **JUNE 3, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY**

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- JUNE 12<sup>th</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup> Annual American Flag Retirement Ceremony, Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Public is invited. Will take place at **Knoxville Elks Lodge No. 160, located at 5600 Lonas Drive.**
- JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>: Proud to be an American Parade and Festival beginning at 3:00 pm in Downtown Maryville, TN.
- OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> : Navy Ball honoring the 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Navy.
- OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> : HonorAir Flight # 8 will depart from TYS at 9:00 am.
- OCTOBER 15-16<sup>th</sup>: Veteran Stand-Down will be held at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike)

**STAY CURRENT: [WWW.ETMAC.ORG](http://WWW.ETMAC.ORG)**

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center, Joseph Mazzola presiding. A total of 65 members and guests were present. The May meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows an end of the month balance as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 of \$11,300.76. The Air Force Association Bruce Holloway Chapter 367 presented a check for \$2,000 to the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center for installation of Wi-Fi in the dorms.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald and Eric Nash):** Held a joint Memorial Day service with American Legion Post 2 which included a reading of all 6,145 names. They had 43 people reading the names and it took 5 hours and 15 minutes to read all the names. Will be adding an additional 24 names to the memorial on Veterans Day. It costs \$300 to add each name and anyone that would be interested in donating to the memorial, go to <http://www.etvma.org> The Marine Corps League donated a check for \$600 to engrave the names of two marines the will be added to the memorial.
- **American Legion Memorial Day Remembrance (Joe Mazzola):** Held the Memorial Day program for the first time at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial. A special award was given to WBIR's John Becker.

- **Honor Air (Sam Hardman):** Flight #8 will be held on October 6, 2010. The I.G. Brown TEC and the 119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control are teaming up to support Honor Air. On July 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a Bike Ride and Rod Run (plans not finalized yet) that will begin at the Tennessee Smokies ballpark and will ride to Wild Wind Café. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Gene Bayless):** Hoping to still add new Veterans homes in Montgomery County and Bradley County. Seven residents attended this year's Memorial Day Program and they also recently spent time at the Young Williams Animal Shelter taking photos with adoptable animals. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](http://www.knoxarc.org) for more details. They are also having a yard sale on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the American Red Cross (6921 Middlebrook Pike) from 8 am till 4 pm. For those wishing to make an in-kind donation, the Chapter will accept new and gently used personal items and/or furniture from Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Items may be dropped off at the Middlebrook Pike location. They are also still assisting with the flood relief in Nashville.
- **Blount County Red Cross (Karen Trotter )-** recently supported the family readiness groups for the 278<sup>th</sup> and the 252<sup>nd</sup>. Working on writing the SAF grant for 2011 and looking for ideas and programs to support. The internet café is open to military family members. On June 26<sup>th</sup> they will be raising money from 9 am till 12 pm at the intersection of Louisville Rd and Topside Rd. On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Trent Summer will be performing at the Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson. Tickets cost \$25.
- **Web Site (Laimon Godel):** If any organizations have a public newsletter they want distributed, please send it to Laimon Godel at [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
- **Announcements (Joe Mazzola):**  
-“Flag Retirement” held at the Elks Club (5600 Lonas Drive) on June 12, 2010 at 12 noon.
- **Proud to be an American Parade and Festival (Carroll Russell):** A parade and festival will be held on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Maryville, TN (West Harper St) starting at 3:00 pm. Gunner from WIVK and John Becker from WBIR will take part in the parade and Tommy Clack, who is a triple amputee from Vietnam will be the guest speaker of the festival. For more information, contact Lori Wright at 556-2354.
- **Camp Hope (Bruce McElhaney):** They recently received a \$250,000 donation to build a new handicap accessible lodge.

### SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Air Force ROTC (LtCol Mike Angle):** Cadets are currently participating in field training and also professional training. The university is also hosting 14 cadets from ROTC's around the nation.
- **UT Army ROTC (MAJ Don Evans):** Introduced MAJ Don Evans, who recently replaced LTC David Leach. Cadets are currently at camps and professional development.

### MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **134<sup>th</sup> ANG Air Refueling Station (Col Tim Dearing):** Currently have 42 security police deployed in Iraq. Recently sent some airplanes and people overseas. The unit recently had one of its members pass away to natural causes.
- **844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion (LTC Adam Roth):** Spoke about the successes the 844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion had during their deployment to Iraq. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a change of command at Bearden Middle School. More details to come.
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control (Col Dave Evans):** There will be a “Hometown Hero” ceremony on August 7<sup>th</sup> at the base. Currently going through organizational construction to establish the 119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control group. They will bring back the 110<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron.

- **Navy Operations Support Center (CDR Greg Jones):** Thanks the Red Cross for participating in the recent family day. They will be having a Navy Ball honoring the 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Navy on October 2, 2010. Will have a change of command in September.
- **278<sup>th</sup> Army National Guard (MG (ret) Jack D'Araujo):** The webpage for the 278<sup>th</sup> is <http://tnarmynationalguard278thacr.shutterfly.com/>
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (MAJ Brian Bailey):** They will be having a change of command on August 14<sup>th</sup>. LTC Jeffery Swan will be the new Battalion Commander. Recently sent 32 soldiers to support the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne. Looking for training opportunities in agriculture between July 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to prepare for a future deployment to Afghanistan.
- **Marine Reserve Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion (Captain Joseph Easterling):** Thanks to the Red Cross for the help with the care packages. They have been in Afghanistan since late March. Other Marines from the unit will be in Africa in July and August.
- **ESGR (MG (ret) Jack D'Araujo):** Recently held a Yellow Ribbon event for the 230<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry Squadron.
- **Air Force Association (BG (ret) Jim Mungenast):** The AFA has teamed up with Northrop Grumman for JROTC units to participate in a nationwide cyber security contest. Go to <http://www.afa.org/cyberpatriot/> for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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