



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

JUNE 2, 2011 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- JULY 21 “Beat the Heat” Auction to benefit the American Red Cross to be held at the Crown Plaza. 4 pm – 6 pm Auction Basket Viewing; 6 pm – 8 pm Auction and Dinner. \$25 per person. To order tickets: Call 865-584-2999. Online @ www.knoxarc.org – in the comment box, state # of tickets you are ordering. Mailing address: ARC, 6921 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37909
- AUGUST 2 East Tennessee Veterans Business Conference – Held at Y-12 – For more information go to <http://www.y12.doe.gov/vetcon2011/>
- SEPTEMBER 11 Tennessee Valley Fair Hometown Heroes Celebration
- OCTOBER 21 Kerbela Shrine Circus “Honor Our Troops” Night. Free admission to all Active Duty and Reserve Soldiers and their families. More information will be provided at a later date.
- NOVEMBER 11 - American Legion’s 86th Veterans Day Parade – Downtown Knoxville on Gay Street
- ETMAC’s 29th Annual Veterans Day Luncheon and Awards Program
- DECEMBER 10 “Wreaths Across America” placement of wreaths on Veterans graves. More info to follow in the future.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, June 2nd, 2011, at the American Red Cross, ETMAC President John Dyess presiding. A total of 43 members and guests were present. The May meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer’s report shows a current balance of \$12,076.31. ETMAC recognized Sam Hardman, who recently turned 93 years old.

DICUSSION ITEMS:

- ETMAC needs someone to volunteer to run the webpage www.ETMAC.org . Please contact John Dyess is your interested.
- **Project Brain (Jennifer Rayman):** A resource and training network for educators, families, and health professionals who support Traumatic Brain Injury. They provide free training about Traumatic Brain Injury. Go to http://www.tndisability.org/coalition_programs/project_brain for more information.
- **Remote Area Medical (RAM) (Patrice Collins):** 8th Annual “Salute to Service” event Commemorating the 67th Anniversary of D-Day. It will be held on Saturday, June 4th at the Knoxville Downtown Island Home Airport (2701 Spence Place) at noon.
- **Tennessee Valley Fair (Patrice Collins):** Hometown Heroes Celebration at the Fair will be on September 11, 2011. More details to come.

- Colonel Tim Dearing, Commander of the 134th Air Refueling Wing at McGhee Tyson Airbase is retiring after 37 years of service. Colonel Tom Cauthen will take command on June 4, 2011.

SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Army ROTC (CPT Bill Steinke):** The new Commander, LTC Danny Kelley will be onboard full time on June 15. Presented a certificate to ETMAC for its support of the Mountain Man Memorial March. Next year's MMMM will be on April 20-21, 2012. Will be sending cadets to summer training exercises. On August 13th they are having a "Welcome Back" BBQ for the cadets.

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **US Army Recruiting Company (CPT Scott Glidden):** CPT Glidden assumed command on May 12th. They are having a big push for the Army Reserve. On June 11 they will be participating in the Blount County BBQ Bash.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station (LCDR Lester Isaac):** The MEPCON Commander will be visiting on July 1, 2011. Thanks to the Red Cross for providing support for the upcoming "Organization Day" on July 1, 2011. MEPS will be moving to the Federal Building in Downtown Knoxville in December 2011.
- **119th Command and Control Squadron (1st LT Stephanie McKeen):** Col Evans recently had knee surgery and is currently recovering and doing great.
- **1-230th Air Cavalry Squadron (CAPT Jake May):** Recently returned from annual training. Currently having a display in Crossville for a military kid's camp.
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion (MAJ James Rivenbark):** Around 200 soldiers are currently training at Fort Dix, NJ and will be arriving in Afghanistan later this summer. Recently had a change of command in May. Thanks to the Red Cross and Food City for supporting the pre-deployment family picnic in May at Victor Ashe Park starting at noon.
- **844th Engineering Battalion (MAJ Lawrence McKiernan):** MAJ McKiernan will be transferring to Fort Leavenworth in July. MAJ Allan Floyd will be his replacement.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Col Bradley McRee):** Currently 99 students at the NCO academy. The Media and Engagement Division continues to produce media products that are available for domestic and international use. Check out their webpage at <http://www.angtec.ang.af.mil/>. Tech Sgt. Bill Smith will be taking a trailer of supplies to Joplin, MO to help in their recovery effort. Thanks to the Red Cross for their support.
- **Naval Operations Support Center (CDR Grant):** Recently held family day weekend. A couple weeks ago the Navy Seabees out of Knoxville donated time and resources to help clear trees in Johnson City after their storm damage. They are always looking for projects that they can support. A Navy Rear-Admiral will be the guest speaker at an upcoming ESGR Luncheon.

MILITARY AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** Thanks to everyone who attended the two events at the Memorial over Memorial Day Weekend. Also thanks to anyone who read the names on the Memorial after the Memorial Day Ceremony. Thanks to the Red Cross for supporting the events.
- **ETMAC Economic Impact Report (Joe Sutter, via prior emails):** If anyone knows of an organization interested in the recent ETMAC Economic Impact report, Joe Sutter is available to speak about it.
- **Honor Air (Sam Hardman):** Upcoming flights are August 3rd and October 5th. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>.

- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Doug Ottinger):** Pleased to announce the on May 16-18, the Veterans Home was inspected by the Tennessee Department of Health and received a deficiency free survey. Out of 86 facilities that were surveyed this year, only 3 were deficiency free. Visit their homepage at <http://www.tsvh.org/knoxville/index.html>. They are always looking for organizations to spend time with the residents. If you're interested, please call 862-8100.
- **American Red Cross (Lori Marsh and Jerry Bennett)** On July 21, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel there will be a "Beat the Heat" Auction to benefit the American Red Cross. For more information call (865) 584-2999. Recently supported a family day with the 1/230. The SAF grant will end in June and funds are still available to support programs. There are still some seats remaining for the Nursing Training Program for any military spouse or eligible child. For more information call Jerry at 983-0821
- **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (John Dyess):** There are currently around 91,000 mobilized from the guard and reserve. On June 4th ESGR will be supporting the NOSC family day. On June 11th ESGR will be supporting the Yellow Ribbon Program for the 253rd MP Company in Lenoir City. If you wish to attend the August 12th ESGR Luncheon, please let John Dyess know. It will be held at 11:30 am at Rothchilds.
- **American Legion Post 2 (Bob Dewald):** Current membership is over 700. Proud to participate in the Memorial Day Ceremonies this year. They have recently started the "Sons of the American Legion" and "American Legion Riders". Last year Post 2 had the best scrapbook out of all American Legion posts in Tennessee. Marty Everett was recently named a Region Vice-Commander for the State of Tennessee. Patrice Collins received the American Legion Post 2's Lester Speeks award on Memorial Day.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1733 (Tom DeHoog):** On May 16th they presented a certificate from the VFW National Commander to the family of Lt Col. Frank Bryant Jr., who was killed on April 27th in Afghanistan.
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association (Barry Allen):** They now have around 70 members. On August 2nd, Y-12 is hosting the East Tennessee Veterans Business Conference. For more details go to <http://www.y12.doe.gov/vetcon2011/> Veterans and service members looking for a job can send their resumes to resumes@jointvba.org.
- **Marine Corps League (Virgil Young):** On May 2nd they dedicated the "Outdoor Shelter" at the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home in the honor of Alexander Bonnyman, Jr. Also recently attended the family day for the Marines deploying to Afghanistan. Will be graduating 56 Young Marines recruit class. They now have around 130 Young Marines. Recently held a Memorial Day service in Farragut.

Respectfully Submitted,

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