

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## JUNE 7, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- JUNE 23      Wounded Warrior 5K race in downtown Knoxville sponsored by the Knoxville Track Club – go to [www.ktc.org](http://www.ktc.org) for more info and to register
- JUNE 30      “Salute to Heroes Night” at Smokies Stadium. The memorial ceremony begins at 5:15 p.m. and the first pitch is at 6:15. They are taking on the Birmingham Barons.
- JULY 12:      NEXT ETMAC MEETING – being held at Army Reserve Center on Weisgarber Road
- AUG. 9        “Beat the Heat” fundraiser dinner and auction for American Red Cross at Crown Plaza.
- OCT. 3        Honor Air Flight #13
- NOV. 9        Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Day Luncheon

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 7, 2012, at the American Red Cross. ETMAC Vice President, Barry Allen presiding. A total of 67 members and guest were present. There were no minutes of the May 3rd, 2012 meeting due to the malfunction of the recorder. Limited minutes for this meeting are on file. Treasurer Report: \$17,568.47
- Knox County Mayor Burchett introduced Robert “Buzz” Buswell, the new Veterans Affairs Service Officer. A job opening for a Deputy VA Officer position with Knox County Veterans Affairs Office is now posted.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Webmaster Report-** Laimon Godel: Web had 1,302 visits last month. Please send anything to be added to the calendar to [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
- **Tennessee Smokies “Salute to Heroes”** – Matt Strutner: On Saturday, June 30, 2012 Memorial Ceremonies will start at 5:15 PM and the first pitch will be at 6:15 PM. Free admission for veterans and active military. Matt was awarded the Lester Speeks Award from the American Legion for his work for the veterans at their Memorial Day Event.
- **Wounded Warriors Fundraiser** – Joe Sutter: On Saturday, June 16, 2012, the Oak Ridge Sportsmen Association will host a fund raiser, “Pull For Our Veterans”.
- **Military Hiring Event** – Cristy DeBaby-Glanding: University of Phoenix will host a **Resume Writing/Workshop** on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at their Knoxville Campus located at 10133 Sherrill Blvd., Suite 120, Knoxville 37932. They will then hold a Job Fair on June 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at their Knoxville campus.
- **Volunteer State Veterans Honor Guard** – Chaplain Mike Inman: Their purpose is to make sure all honorably discharged veterans are buried with full military honors. Any local funeral home will have information on how to contact them to provide military honors for burials.
- **National College of Business and Technology:** On Friday, June 22, 2012 they will host a Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, at 11:30 am and 5:30 PM. Their address is 8415 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. For more information, call 865-539-2011.

## UNIT ACTIVITY:

- **UT Air Force ROTC** – Lt Col Brian Delamater: Last month commissioned 13 new officers. Will send 15 for field training this summer. Due to move in to their new location this winter.
- **US Army Recruiting Command** – CPT Scott Glidden: They are making big push to recruit high school seniors. Flag Day they will have an event celebrating the Army's birthday.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station** – LCDR Lester Isaac: This month they have processed 2243 medical exams. Shipped out 1358 applicants to recruit training commands. Still hopeful they will move some day to the Federal Building. Organization day will be June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **119<sup>TH</sup> Command & Control Squad** – Lt Col Vince Franklin – Introduced the “day-to-day operations” Unit Commander Lt Col Samuel Keener and showed a short video of Lt Col Keener being tasered at a training. Unit is also getting ready for major budget cuts to come down the pipeline.
- **134<sup>TH</sup> Air Refueling Wing** – Col Thomas Cauthen: Are doing 12 to 15 training missions a week. Supporting NATO AWAX in Germany with their training missions. In 2010 and 2011 flew 4,000 hours. On pace to fly 5,000 hours this year. ORI in March 2013. They have 50 people getting ready to deploy.
- **489<sup>TH</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion** – MAJ James Rivenbark: Last ETMAC meeting. Capt Christopher will be his temporary replacement. Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM they are having a building party for Master Sgt Trost. Building a “man cave” for him in his barn. For more information contact david.christopher@usar.army.mil
- **I.G. Brown Training & Ed Center** – SMSgt Chad Bacon: June 7 is Graduation Day at the TEC for over 300 students. On Monday, June 11 there will be another 150 or so more that will graduate.
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol** – Lt Col Dent Young: Cadet of Tennessee won first place in annual drill ceremonies in the southeast region. They have a 100 cadets going to Ft Campbell for annual encampment.

## MILITARY AND VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

- **ETVMA** – Joleen Dewald: Medal of Honor dinner great success. They raised over \$25,000 which will help maintain the memorial and pay for engraving of additional names. On Memorial Day it took 67 readers a little over five hours to read the 6,000 + names on the memorial.
- **American Legion** – Bob Dewald: His term as Post Commander is up. Leland Price will be taking his place. Post 2 now has 668 members.
- **Air Force Sergeants Association** – MSgt. (RET) Mike Gates: Chartered in 1961 as a non-profit, congressionally approved veterans service organization representing the interests of active duty and retired veterans, Total Air Force and their families. Have 111,000 members. Their CEO, John “Doc” McCauslin spoke before the Senate Armed Services Committee regarding veteran's rights on 6 Jun 2012. AFSA is undergoing a major reorganization and restructuring from 13 divisions to 7. We will be in Division 2 which will include VA, NC, SC, FL, TN, AL, GA, Panama, and Puerto Rico. Division 2 will be the largest division with over 24, 000 members.
- **Honor Air** – Joe Sutter: Honor Air Flight #13 will take place on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. Accepting veteran's applications.
- **Ben Atchley Veterans Home** – Doug Ottinger: Took a group of 20 residents to the Air Show in Smyrna last month.
- **ESGR** – Dr. Jim Foggin: Had a very successful employee assistance workshop in May with great media coverage of the event. There will be a job fair at the Armory in Maryville on July 24<sup>th</sup> sponsored by State Senator Doug Overby. There are 66,793 guardsmen on active duty.
- **TN Veterans Business Association** – Dustin Hicks: Red Ride & Blue cycle ride on Saturday, June 16, starting at Vernon' Bar and Grill at 9:00 a.m. Music, including local bands will start at noon. Jonathan Williams received the SBA Tennessee Veterans Small Business Champion Award for 2012 for his start up and continued work on the TVBA

- **American Red Cross** – Knox & Blount – Jess Hernandez and Ann Britton: The Red Cross is offering a free reconnection workshop for military members and their families. These sessions can be held the last two weeks of July or first two weeks of August depending on the workshop signups. There are 5 topics: Communicating Clearly, Exploring Stress & Trauma, Identifying Depression, Relating to Children and Working through Anger. Each session is approximately two hours (1- two hour session per topic).
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs Officer** – Buzz Buswell: Will be taking bids to make the new Knox County VA office handicap accessible. The county will be hiring a Deputy Veterans Affairs Officer to assist him so there will always be someone in the office during business hours.
- **Marine Corps League** –Laimon Godel: Thanks to the Young Marines for their service at the Memorial Day service at the memorial site in Farragut of Mitchell Stout. There will be a Marine Mud Run on September 22 at Milton Hill Park. Web site for information is [www.mclknnox.org](http://www.mclknnox.org). Capt Montgomery has and will speak to meetings regarding *Hidden Signs of Hearing Loss*.
- **MOWW** – Joe Eddlemon: The MOWW meets at Rothchild’s Conference Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**July meeting will be at Army Reserve Center on Weisgarber Road on July 12th. Col Bill Giles will be giving a presentation on “wound care” on the Modern Battle Field. You must RSVP to John Dyess if you plan to attend July’s ETMAC meeting since space will be limited. RSVP to [jdyess2010@gmail.com](mailto:jdyess2010@gmail.com) or 850-9960.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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