

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

June 6, 2013 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JULY/AUG	NOSC along with Harley Davidson Ride/Concert for Wounded Warrior Project
JULY 22	O'Charley's Hometown Hero Celebration for MSgt Michael Trost at 6:00 pm O'Charley's at Turkey Creek located at 11036 Parkside Drive
JULY 23	Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting – presented by Vietnam Vets of America Community Action Center – 2247 Western Avenue
SEPT 14	Knoxville Area Veterans Stand Down – National Guard Armory
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans' Day Parade and Veterans' Day Luncheon

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the Knoxville Red Cross Office with President Barry Allen, presiding. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed five new members and guests
- 47 members and guests were present, and the May meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$684.04 checks written, deposits made for \$575 - leaving a balance of \$16,028.76
- President Allen
 - Formally thanked The Red Cross for hosting the ETMAC meeting for this month
 - Formally thanked Alcoa Kiwanis Club for inviting him to speak about ETMAC and the economic impact of the area's military on the local economy; President Allen asked Commanders to begin updating their units' economic contribution in order to update the Economic Impact of the military for a projected 2014 report.
 - Recognized USAA for sponsoring this year's Veterans Luncheon with \$500 dollars as well as Owen Ragland for acquiring the sponsorship
- Patrice announced that O'Charley's will be launching five restaurant re-openings and the Kingston Pike location will honor John Dyess – 11 June at 6:30pm

GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Volunteers of America-Stand Down-Byron Dickerson** – 865-546-4813 – works with anyone with any military experience, (any status, any length of time) – who may be struggling with meeting their financial obligations as well as deployment issues, or in need of legal/medical assistance – 14 Sept at the National Guard Armory on Sutherland Ave, 8am-3pm

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Brian Delamater** – Field training under way for sixteen cadets; Thanked ETMAC for their incredible support of all the military units; New commander **Lt Col Jack Lancaster** coming from the Pentagon, is a former Space and Missiles Officer
- **UT Army ROTC – LTC Danny Kelley** – 25 total Commissioning including summer graduates; Twenty-five Juniors in field training, prepping for one hundred freshmen cadets; Statistics for commissioning for Army ROTC are as follows; Army 50-60% (5,000 cadets) Active Duty, of the remainder 60% go to Guard & 40% to the Reserves; West Point commissions @ 1000 cadets to AD, OCS @ 200 to AD

- **US Army Knoxville Recruiting Command – CPT Jared Hull (New Commander)** – New CC took command on May 8th; Working the Oak Ridge Secret City Festival, Army Birthday Celebration event; Recruiting is pushing Reserve component; Large focus on community Involvement
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Jason McNear** – Re-location of MEPS is scheduled for August 2nd; implementing Furlough starting on July 12
- **119th Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Sam “Bull” Keener** – completed annual field training with a visit to Nuclear SUB in Kings Bay, Georgia; Furlough set to begin in July
- **134th Air Refueling Wing – Capt Joey Keith** – Fort Campbell case Lot sale at McGhee Tyson 14-16 June; 30 Civil Engineer team returned from deployment
- **1-230 Air Calvary Squadron – LTC Mel Clawson** – 68 employees will be furloughed equals @ 95% of full-time manning; Golf tournament was a success, all eighteen holes were sponsored – raised \$3000 for scholarships; AT in August
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Maj Gabe Johnson** – 300+ Grads from NCOA/ALS; 260+ coming in for new class; Department of Homeland security the week of August 19th – teams will compete on detection of Nuclear/Radiation material has been **CANCELLED** due to budget cuts

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **American Legion** – Preparing for annual Golf tournament on 15 June at 1:30 pm – contact Josh Plane at 865-805-8781; Signed 700th member; Selling old building in order to purchase a new Post
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – 150 attendees at the 4 May State Convention & banquet at Crowne Plaza – presented a five hundred dollar check to General Hudson for the AF museum; AF museum will continue to raise money through legacy data plates – anyone can be honored by purchasing a plate – for more info visit <http://www.legacydataplates.com/>
- **Honor Air – Sam Hardman** - Flight #15 will be Wednesday Oct 9th; selling cookbooks, watches and T-shirts to raise funds for flight
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention Update – Patrice Collins** – received email from Chairman Joe Thompson confirming the website will go live on 21 June <http://www.mohknoxville.com/>
- **TVBA – Jonathan Williams – KnoxGives** - teaming up with the American Diabetes Association and Boys/Girls Club Need to host a Bicycling event along with an after party–The event will be held at the World’s Fair Park on June 8th - Volunteers needed. Five local bands will provide the entertainment
- **American Red Cross – Knox & Blount Counties – Jess Hernandez/Lori Marsh**– Many Volunteers currently in Oklahoma helping with Tornado clean-up; Red, White and Rock event – June 20 at Hunter Valley Farms – 6:30 pm, live music and food – chaired by Lori Tucker of WATE; Grant funds for Guard/Reserve still available to those who have been deployed to Afghanistan/Iraq
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs Office – Buzz Buswell** – during the month of May spoke with 110 vets in office; Wanting to get the word out that they are willing to travel to any reasonable location to help Veterans who would not otherwise be able to travel to their office
- **East TN Department of Veterans Affairs Office – Bonnie Johnson** – Roane, Anderson, Morgan – 21 August at VFW in Harriman – there to help with Veteran related issues
- **Marine Corps League** – Mud Run is approaching in September, volunteers needed; More info to come
- **Vietnam Veterans of America – (Knox Chapter) Barry Rice/Gary Ellis (New President)** – Formal dedication for chapter 1078 on 11 June at 7 pm – Ashville Hwy
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel/Joe Eddlemon** - Meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am

**Next meeting – Next Meeting – Thursday, July 11
Knoxville Chamber**

- **ETMAC Webpage:** Please send anything to be added to the calendar to webmaster@godel.com

➤ **The meeting was adjourned at 0921**