

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

June 5, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS –

For a complete listing please visit www.etmac.org and click events

AUG 16 5th Annual American Legion Poker Run to Support HonorAir
SEPT 10-13 Medal of Honor Convention

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville chamber office on Thursday, June 5, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed new guests.
- 54 members and guests were present, and the May meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$38.43 in checks written - leaving a balance of \$13,949.00.
- The Webmaster report – 2263 Visitors Last Month and Golf Tournament Entry Form on Website
- ETMAC is looking for a Webmaster

Introductions:

Col Jessica Meyeraan – New TEC Commander

Denise Raneir – Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078: Secretary and Treasurer

Guest Presentations by:

Stan Giles – D Day Presentation – Recited story about invasion of Normandy

Freddy Owen – When War Comes Home Forum Recap – 60 Churches and Organizations – Military Ministry
– www.tnvac.org

Announcements

Col David Evans:

- Golf Tournament – July 7th – Green Meadow Country Club for Wounded Warrior Project – Shotgun starts at 1300L. Fees - \$90 by 02JUL14 - \$100 after the 2nd

Patrice Collins:

- Operation Military Kids is offering “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens” a free workshop for military kids ages 12-18
- Remote Area Ministries - D Day Celebration – Stan Brock – June 7th Downtown Island Airport – 1000L

Barry Allen:

- Historian Jim Dee – Submitted ETMAC for “Be More Award” – ETMAC won Award. Selected for Public Service Announcement to run between July 15-Aug 15 on PBS

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC** – Lt Col **Jack Lancaster** – Commissioned 10 Lieutenants. **Enjoying summer break. Preparing for August**
- **UT Army ROTC** – **Phil Smith** – Commissioned 12 Lieutenants. LTC Kelly retired. Maj Jared Crane from Fort Polk will be the incoming Commander – June 28th

- **119th Command and Control Squadron – Capt Matt McKeen** – 119th CACS is still in transition – Col Franklin and Lt Col Keener in San Antonio securing Cyber Mission. Awaiting Manning Document from NGB
- **134th Air Refueling Wing – Col Randy Gratz** – 79 personnel deployed at various locations around the world; 125 personnel deploying to Guam in August as part of the Theater Support Package. 20% loss in Flying Hours. 134th has now partnered with Tusculum College to bring classes for Bachelors and Masters Programs to the base; Introduced Chief Parker as Command Chief, 01JUN14 – Hurricane Season starts
- **I-230th Air Cavalry Squadron – LTC Mel Clawson** – Medic Unit leaving on 13JUN14 to Camp Shelby. Second Draft of Budget Document was not good numbers. Loss of Aircraft would result in several full time jobs cuts to include a facility
- **Co D, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – 1st Sergeant Michael Lambert** – 106 Marines at 29 Palms, CA for training
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – First Sergeant** – No students currently. Satellite students start school next week, New Deputy Commander next week. Big construction on Dormitory to begin late August 2014
- **Naval Operations Support Center – CDR Kurt Jordan** – Family Day - Saturday 07JUN14

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald** – 77 Readers participated in Memorial Day Ceremony
- **Mountain Man Memorial March – Joleen Dewald** – 6 - \$1000.00 Scholarships were awarded to Gold Star Family members
- **American Legion – Marvin Tuggle** – 14JUN14 1300L - Golf Tournament at Three Ridges for fund raiser. Memorial Ride - 28JUN14 from Food City on Ashville Highway ending at Harley Davidson in Maryville
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – East Tennessee area awards included the state CyberPatriot champions from Farragut H.S. for both Open and All Service divisions and State K-8 Teacher of the Year from St. Mary's in Oak Ridge.
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans' Home – Doug Atchley** – 2 open beds
- **ESGR – Jack D'Araujo** – 32,000 Guard and Reserve still mobilized, 8-9JUL14 Operation Boss Lift trip to Fort Benning GA - with the 134th ARW support
- **American Red Cross – Jess Hernandez** – Two events – Navy Family Day and D Day Downtown
- **Knox County Veterans Office -Tom Humphries** – Updating office to be able to file electronically. Announcement – Hiring a Veteran Service Officer
- **Marine Corps League - Howard Rains** – Sept 13, 2014 is the annual Mud Run which will raise funds for ETVM and Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
- **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rich Gill** – New Website - www.vva1078.org
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** –Website – www.mowwregionV.net or 865-693-8170 or 0.haddock@comcast.net . Bearden High School – Homeland Security Risk
- **Project Healing Waters – Steve Thompson** – 12 wounded warrior project veterans from the Nashville Area fished the Clinch River; Green Cove Pond – Fishing Holes for Heroes. Late July fishing Clinch River. Tournament Oct 17th and 18th with a banquet at the Museum of Appalachia
- **Volunteers of America** – Melanie Finuf – Web Site - www.kavsd.org – Building up to 11OCT14 – Stand Down
- **NEXT MEETING - Thursday, July 10, 2014, at Knoxville Chamber**

Please send events to be added to the calendar to webmaster@godel.com

The meeting was adjourned at 09:25 AM