



**EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
June 2, 2022, at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce**

**Upcoming Events**

**Locations and times - Free Breakfasts for Veterans and their family**

- 1st Sat Breakfast at the Elks Club #160 5600 Lonas Rd, Knoxville – 8:00 – 9:30am
- 2nd Sat Breakfast at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave, Knoxville – 8:00-9:30am
- 3rd Sat Breakfast at the Community Center in Powell, 1708 W. Emory Rd, Powell – 8:00-10:00am
- Last Sat: Breakfast at three different locations in our area: 8:00 am – 9:30 am. Locations below:
- DAV Chapter #24, 2600 Holbrook Dr., Knoxville
  - VFW Post 5154 in Blount County, 2561 Hobbs Rd., Louisville
  - DAV Chapter #26, 530 Kingston Ave, Oliver Springs
- 2nd Tues: Project Healing Waters meets at Central Bearden Baptist Church 6300 Deane Hill Dr Knoxville from 1800-2000
- 25 June Project Healing Waters Tremont Outing from 0830-1600 Contact [joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org).
- 25 June Sons of the American Legion Post 2 Annual Golf Tournament at Three Ridges Golf Course. Dan Chipman at 865/719-1207 for details.
- 8 July Celebration of Farm Bureau's core values – Faith, Family, Farm and Freedom from 6-8:30 pm at Heartland Meadows, 5428 Salem church Rd, Knoxville. Details by calling 865/215-2379
- 2-4 Sept Retreat for veterans suffering from PTSD. Held at Locust Springs Christian Retreat Center in Greeneville TN. Sponsored by The Proud Protector. Contact Kathy Denton at 423/914-0608 for details.
- 10 Sept Mud Run sponsored by the Marine Corp League. Register at [www.knoxmud.org](http://www.knoxmud.org)

***ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION***

**Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell**

Beginning Balance	\$19,700.87
Deposits	1,250.77
Expenses	154.46
Ending Balance	\$20,797.18

- **Membership dues may be paid online at <https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmac-resources/membership-application/>** or mail a check payable to ETMAC to Patrice Collins at the Knoxville Chamber: 17 Market Square, #201, Knoxville, TN 37902. Donations on our website are also appreciated.
- President's Report – Leslie Purser – Thanks to everyone that had a part in Memorial Day celebrations.
- Webmaster's Report – Dent Young – no report
- 2022 Medal of Honor Convention – Joleen Dewald – September 6-11. They will need volunteers, but not until the beginning of August.
- Dean Borsos, James H Quillen VA Medical Center - gave information on Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission. We will hopefully be receiving new medical centers here in our area. The report must go through analysis and approval, so nothing definite yet. The full report was sent out on June 1. Please refer to that report for more information.
- Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins – November 9, 2022, will be the 37th annual ETMAC Veterans Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at the Airport Hilton. ETMAC will be honoring the Marines this year. Unit commanders - begin thinking about the enlisted member of your unit you would like ETMAC to honor.
- Mike Copeland – Spoke about an opportunity for veterans and their families. They cover much of the United States and do damage assessment following storms. Visit their website for more details, [amsnetwork.co](http://amsnetwork.co). Their primary need currently is for Damage Assessors, and the requirements are: Previous damage assessment experience is desired but not necessary. Online training will be provided and must be completed by all contractors. Identify primary and secondary electrical facilities including poles, primary wires, secondary wires, services, primary insulators, transformers, fuses, reclosers, substations, etc. Demonstrate proficiency in distinguishing between energized versus de-energized lines and open/tripped versus closed protective devices. Identify the difference between electrical, cablevision, and telephone lines. Visually inspect all line segments, including the walking out of the facilities to visually verify no damage or other issues are present. Surveying damage, determining which protective device is available to isolate the identified damage and for developing a restoration plan for a designated area or circuit.

### **First Time Attendees**

- Chris Kirby with Smoky Mtn Hospice
- Kevin Lindsay with USCG Auxiliary
- Col Roxanne Toy with TEC
- Mike Copeland with Aligned Management Solutions
- Lou Danner with McNabb Military Services

### **MILITARY UNIT UPDATES**

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – LTC Joseph Westfall- no report
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – Maj Willie Posey – no report

- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – CPT Hulon Holmes – no report
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Col Lisa Simmons – Dedication of new hanger, hoping to be home to the new refueler. Drill coming up.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit – LTC Tim Shubert – Training coming up this summer in some warm locations. Competition in Bradley Cup, Scout received 3<sup>rd</sup> best placement for the country. Prepping for upcoming Medal of Honor event. Renovations continue on Sutherland Ave location.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – LT Col Bryan Ewing – no report
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Jacqueline Bradford – no report
- 844th Engineering Battalion – CPT Andrew Turner – troops in motion. Completed annual training for most units. Planning for next year.
- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Shawn Balent – Drill upcoming. AT coming up in July. Troops in motion.
- Coast Guard Recruiting – ME1 Steven Brashear – Participating in events around the area.
- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Kevin Lindsay – Supporting recruiting.
- ETSU Army ROTC. – 1LT Andrew J. Sepulveda – no report
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Lt Col Jacob Corbett – Change of Command with Col Roxanne Toy coming in as new Commander. 100 students on base currently.
- Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Justin Bergman – Staff changes.
- National Guard Recruiting and Retention BN – 1LT Daryl Jackson - no report
- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville – CDR Trier Kissell – no report
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Col Dent Young – Encampment coming up in July for 175 cadets.
- UT Air Force ROTC – Capt Wil Coley – School is out for the summer. Several going to Field Training, where Col Estep is Mission Support Commander. 13 commissioned in May.
- UT Army ROTC – LTC Justin Howe – Unable to attend

## **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES**

- Air and Space Force Association – Dick Webber – Air Force Association is now the Air and Space Force Association. 22 Sept is target date for the celebration for the 75th anniversary of the Air Force.
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – Richard Bennett – no report
- American Legion Post 2 – Joleen Dewald – They are meeting at the DAV Chapter 24 building at 2600 Holbrook Lane, Knoxville on the 1st Monday of the month until their new building is constructed.

- American Red Cross –Jamie Buck – no report
- Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home – Doug Ottinger – no report
- Bunker Labs – Derren Burrell – no report
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078– Pat Polis – no report
- Y12 Serving Our Service Members (SOS) – SMSgt Christine Shawhan– Our local employee group. Serving Our Servicemembers (SOS) continues to be involved in community activities and employee mentoring. This group is all volunteer, some current/former military but also employees that just love our veterans. SOS provides family assistance for any deployed servicemembers, helping with meals, yard work or home repairs as needed. Most recently, SOS partnered with STAR Heroes and Horses Program at the Lenoir City on Fridays, 10:45 – noon. We provide refreshments and host a social hour between classes for the veteran participants and volunteers, open to all veterans to drop in, meet the group, tour the facilities, and see what STAR all is about. Heroes & Horses is only one of the many therapeutic programs that they offer. This is a family friendly event; if you have kids or want to bring a friend, all are welcome to join us on Fridays 10:45 - noon. The next session starts on Friday June 17th to August 12th. Call the STAR office with any questions. Y-12 has also become a proud sponsorship of the MOH convention. We look forward to hosting the next convention at Y-12, on Tuesday, Sept 6 and to assist with other associated activities throughout the week, culminating with the gala on Saturday, Sept 10. This is an exciting time for the Medal of Honor Convention, Knoxville and our Veteran community, and we are excited to be a part of it.
- Covenant Health Military Recognition Program – Cindy Winterberger – no report
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – Garrett Hanas – no report
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Honor Guard – Jim Mungenast – no report
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Memorial Association – Joleen Dewald –Thanks to everyone that came out to read names on Memorial Day. Monday May 1, 2023 is date for next year’s Medal of Honor dinner. Due to tickets selling out in recent years, changes will be made for next year. James Scott will be the speaker. Dinner will be honoring Raymond Cooley. Next meeting will be on 6 June at 6pm. More to follow on details and volunteer opportunities for the Medal of Honor Convention.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – Leslie Purser – Boss Lift 6 June. Lots of activities this summer.
- Honor Air – Joe Sutter – Flight 31 will be 12 October to honor women veterans.
- James H Quillen VA Medical Center – Dean Borsos- see report above.
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 – Henry Usey – no report
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – Anna Beth Meccia – no report.
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Emily Hager– no report.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries. – Several bills going through Congress currently that will expand benefits to veterans with toxic exposure.
- Knoxville Vet Center – Lyle Allen –no report

- Marine Corps League – Eric Nash – Mud Run is back on at Melton Hill Lake on 10 September. Looking for more teams to sign up. See details above. Shoot coming up and details on website.
- 194 Fleet Reserve Association – Eric Nash – Participating in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Farragut.
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– Bill Grieve- no report
- Mountain Man Memorial March – no report
- ORNL Veterans Group – Lisa Bollinger – Hiring, positions available to veterans.
- Rolling Thunder – Carlos Hollifield – no report
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program – Chelsea Taylor – no report
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network – Emily Hager– no report.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless – Brandon Harris – no report
- United Veterans Council – Natalie Donahue – Reminder of breakfasts held each week. Tennessee Remember the Fallen was well received and looking to expand to other locations.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – Geoff Freeman - Dedication of the UT Veteran’s Memorial will be on 22 Sept at 1500.
- Veterans Appreciation Program – Larry Sharp – no report
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Ceremony to honor veterans buried within the park, there are over 229 of them on 11 June at 11 am at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center.
- VFW Post 5154 in Maryville – Neal Whetsel – Vietnam Veterans Memorial should be dedicated this summer. Nursing homes are bringing veterans to their breakfast on the last Saturday of the month.
- VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown) & VFW Post 3380 (Dandridge) & Walter J. ‘Bud’ Bacon Chapter Distinguished Flying Cross Society, East TN Region– W. E. ‘Whit’ Whitworth/ – **3380** held ruck march for Memorial Day. Runners carried flags plus their other gear. Placed flags on the main streets of Dandridge and placed a flag on veteran graves in five cemeteries. – Over 1500 flags. Also placed flags in Youngs Chapel AME Zion Church and the Oak Grove Cemetery in New Market. A Civil War Black Soldier is buried there because the Military Cemetery in Knoxville would not allow his burial there. **VVA 1073** \$500 donated to Golden Carroll for disadvantaged kids summer camp. Also donated to scholarship fund. Held two meet and greets with local communities. Conducted funeral details. Placed 1500 flags in Morristown cemetery. Also gave small flags to all children at the meet and greet held at Lowes Morristown.

**Next meeting: Please note the July meeting will be Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. It will be held at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce.**

**For input or corrections, please contact Kim Spencer 865/661 9856 or**

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[www.ETMAC.org](http://www.ETMAC.org)

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html>

American Legion

[legionknox.com](http://legionknox.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/Post2Knoxville/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/local-chapters/east-tennessee>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossTN/>

Ben Atchley

<http://www.tsvh.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TNStateVetreans/>

Bunker Labs Knoxville

<https://chapters.bunkerlabs.org/knoxville/>

Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

<http://www.vva1078.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vvachapter1078knoxville/>

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc 18-12

<https://www.cvma18-12.com/upcoming-gatherings.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/481217796399085>

Disabled Veterans Chapter 24

<https://www.dav.org>

East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association

<https://etvma.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ETVMA/>

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

<https://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/Tennessee>

<https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee-ESGR-171685266196286/>

Honor Air

<http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/honorair/>

Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

<https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/habitat-for-heroes/>

<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleHabitatforHumanity/>

Knights of Columbus Henry Usey

865-246-4413

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council

<http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office

<https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org>

Knoxville Vet Center

<https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Marine Corps League

<http://www.mclknox.org/>

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

[www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356

Charlie Caldwell 865-368-7289

[www.moph356.org](http://www.moph356.org) or

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Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)

[www.moww.org](http://www.moww.org)

Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMountainManMemorialMarch/>

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629-213-9707

Rolling Thunder  
<http://www.rollingthundertn3.com/index.php/about-tn3/>

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless  
<https://tvhomeless.org/>

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.  
<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/The-United-Veterans-Council-of-East-Tennessee-Inc-1912897478820375/>



UT Army ROTC Alumni Council

[http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior\\_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955](http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955)

<https://www.facebook.com/UTKAmyROTC/>

Veteran Heritage Site Foundation <http://veteransheritagesite.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHeritageSiteFoundation>

Volunteer State Honor Guard <http://www.milhonors.com>

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