



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

MAY 5, 2011 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- MAY 21 “Fishing with a Soldier” Event: This free event will be held on May 21, 2011 at Douglas Lake in TN. They have 39 boats to fill with troops and Veterans. The TWRA will provide one day fishing licenses to all participants. For more information contact Deb at debmckay@patriotguard.org
- MAY 27 Knoxville Remembers Yesterday’s Soldiers, Today’s Veterans program at the New Harvest Park in Knoxville from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. More details to come.
- MAY 28 Tennessee Smokies “Salute to Heroes Night”. On-Field Memorial Ceremony at 5:00 pm, First Pitch at 6:15 pm. Free Admission for Veterans and active Military.
- MAY 29 Smoky Mountain Thunder Memorial Ride. Ceremony begins at 10:00 in Sevierville, TN. The 60-mile ride begins at 11:00 am and finishes at the Veterans Overlook on Clinch Mountain for the closing ceremony.
- MAY 30 Memorial Day Event: American Legion Post #2 will have a ceremony at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at the World’s Fair Park on May 30, 2011 beginning at 9:45 am. Major General Terry “Max” Haston, The Adjutant General, Tennessee National Guard will be the guest speaker. The Post 2 program will be followed by a short ceremony to dedicate the six additional names that have been added to the Memorial this year. For information on this event or to volunteer to be a reader of fallen soldiers’ names, please contact Joleen@etvma.org or call 633-8337
- JUNE 4 Remote Area Medical “Salute to Service”: This event will commemorate the 67th anniversary of D-Day and will be held on June 4, 2011 at noon at the Knoxville Downtown Island Home Airport.
- 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
- 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.
- DECEMBER 10 “Wreaths Across America” placement of wreaths on Veterans graves. More info to follow in the future.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, May 5th, 2011, at the American Red Cross, ETMAC Vice-President Barry Allen presiding. A total of 43 members and guests were present. The April meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$11,824.22.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **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 activities at the Air Base which included a program that had over 100 children in attendance. For residents of Blount County they have just opened up 4 seats in the Nursing Training Program. Also, the SAF grant will end in June and funds are still available to support programs.
- **Change of Commands (Patrice Collins):** The 489th Civil Affairs Battalion will have a COC on May 11, 2011 at 11:00 am at the U.S. Army Reserve Center on Weisgarber Rd. The 134th Air Refueling Wing will have a COC on June 4, 2011 at 3:30 pm at the Parade Field at the Airbase. Patrice will send out more info via email.
- **Kerbela Shrine Circus "Honor Our Troops" (Patrice Collins):** This year's circus will be on October 21, 2011. More information to come.
- **Remote Area Medical "Salute to Service" Event (Patrice Collins):** This event will commemorate the 67th anniversary of D-Day and be held on June 4, 2011 at noon at the Knoxville Downtown Island Home Airport.
- **Coal Creek Armory M1911 Award (Ole Olson):** A free pistol will be awarded to a deserving Iraq or Afghanistan Veteran. For more information contact Ole at cololeolson@bellsouth.net
- **VA Clinic (Patrice Collins):** The Knoxville VA Outpatient Clinic is in dire need of Volunteers.
- **Wreaths Across America (Deb McKay):** Your organization can raise money by selling wreaths to cover over 20,000 graves in Knoxville. The wreaths will be placed on December 10, 2011. For more information contact Deb at debmckay@patriotguard.org
- **Fishing with a Soldier (Deb McKay):** This free event will be held on May 21, 2011 at Douglas Lake in TN. They have 39 boats to fill with troops and Veterans. The TWRA will provide one day fishing licenses to all participants. For more information contact Deb at debmckay@patriotguard.org

SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Air Force ROTC (LtCol Mike Angle):** Tech Sgt Scott Graham is the new NCO. Will be commissioning 21 cadets in May. There will be 5 or 6 field training exercises coming up this summer. LtCol Angle will be transferring to NORTHCOM in Colorado Springs, CO. His replacement will be LTCol Brian Delamater. There is nothing that gives more of an impact to our organization than the Mountain Man Memorial March and the Gold Star Organization.
- **UT Army ROTC (1st Sgt Alford Dalton):** Recently had a very successful 4th annual Mountain Man Memorial March with over 420 participants and over 35 Gold Star Mothers. Will be commissioning 24 cadets in May. Senior instructor MSG Michael Dougherty is retiring. Another instructor MSG Herbert Gill is transferring. Will be sending cadets to summer training exercises. On May 13, 2011 they will have a Change of Command and LtCol Mike Kelly will replace MAJ Evans. The next assignment for MAJ Evans will be Fort Campbell.

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **US Army Recruiting Company (MAJ Jason Deel):** Looking for soldiers who have prior service experience. MAJ Jason Deel invites you to his Change of Command ceremony on May 12, 2011 at 9 am at the East TN Veterans Memorial, World's Fair Park. MAJ Deel's next assignment will be Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Captain Scott Glidden will replace him.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station (CDR Darrell Neeley):** They met the testing goal for the 8th straight year and also received the MEPS of Excellence for the 1st quarter. The Change of Command will be May 19, 2011 at the MEPS Station at 12:00 pm. Promotion ceremony will be at 11:00 am. Thanks to Col. Dearing for agreement that in case of disaster they can operate at McGhee Tyson Airbase. MEPS is going more high tech and allowing recruits to ship from where they are at by electronic signatures. The next assignment will be Great Lakes as the Military Training Director at Boot Camp.
- **1-230th Air Cavalry Squadron (CAPT Jake May):** MAJ Clawson is currently going to school for 3 months. Landed a Kiowa Warrior Helicopter at the Ben Atchley Veterans Home. They are having their annual training May 14-28, 2011 in Camp Atterbury, Indiana. The Unit had a fishing tournament on May 7th. Will also be having a display in Crossville for a military kid's camp.
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion (Heather Christopher):** Will be having a Change of Command and MAJ Faulkner will be taking command. The Family Readiness Group will be having a pre-deployment family picnic on May 12th at Victor Ashe Park starting at noon.
- **844th Engineering Battalion (MAJ Lawrence McKiernan):** Thanks to the Red Cross for their response to the recent storm damage. MAJ McKiernan will be transferring to Fort Leavenworth in July. MAJ Alan Floyd will be his replacement. Will be heading to Washington D.C. on May 19th to see CAPT David Brewer receive the MacArthur Award. Annual Training this year will be held at Fort Dix. Next year's annual training will be held at Pohakuloa Training Area in Hawaii.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Chief Don Felch):** Currently 51 Airman Leadership School students currently enrolled. There are currently 194 NCO's currently enrolled. Also have 101 NCO's at various locations going through phase one of the satellite program. ALS graduates on May 12th at Rothchild's catering. NCO Academy graduates on May 20th at Wilson Hall on McGhee-Tyson Airbase. The Media and Engagement Division has a crew in Tuscaloosa, AL documenting the tornado disaster recovery. The Officers Preparatory Academy recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of officer commissioning at McGhee-Tyson Airbase.

MILITARY AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** Thanks to everyone who supported the First Annual Medal of Honor Evening which was held on May 2, 2011. The event marked the 101st anniversary of the birth of Sandy Bonnyman. They raised over \$20,000 for the memorial. On Saturday, May 28th there will be a Silver Star Award Ceremony at the memorial. More details to come. Anyone that would be interested in donating to the memorial go to <http://www.etvma.org> On Memorial Day, they have a dedication ceremony for 7 new names that are engraved on the memorial. The American Legion Post 2 will have the Memorial Day program starting at 9:45 am. Following the program they will have the dedication ceremony and a reading of all 6,177 names.
- **Honor Air (Joe Sutter):** Flight # 9 was on April 13th and it included Korean War Veterans. Upcoming flights are August 3rd and October 5th. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>. If anyone knows of an organization interested in the recent ETMAC Economic Impact, Joe Sutter is available to speak about it.
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Doug Ottinger):** Thanks to the Marine Corps League for the events last month and also the National Guard for bringing a Kiowa Warrior Helicopter to the facility. Please come to the facility next week and celebrate Mother's Day at the facility. There will be many programs going on and you can view their events calendar online. 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.

- **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (Jim Foggin):** Held a pre-mobilization briefing on May 3rd for the Co D, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion Marines. John Dyess is currently on a Boss Lift which takes employers of Guard and Reserve members to the Gulf to visit training facilities. If you know of any employers that would benefit from a future Boss Lift, please contact Jim Foggin or John Dyess.
- **American Legion Post 2 (Gene Bayless):** On Memorial Day, they will have a ceremony at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at the World's Fair Park on May 30, 2011. Major General Terry "Max" Haston, The Adjutant General, Tennessee National Guard will be the guest speaker.
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1733 (Wayne Krabbenhoft):** Participated in the Mountain Man Memorial March and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the participants.
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association (Barry Allen):** Currently working on paperwork to get Non-profit status. Veterans and service members looking for a job can send their resumes to resumes@jointvba.org
- **Marine Corps League (Eric Nash):** Thanks to the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association and the Ben Atchley Veterans Home for allowing the Marine Corps League to participate in recent events. The Vietnam Moving Wall will be in Crossville from June 2nd through June 4th.
- **Karns High School JROTC (Jim Mungenast):** They have acquired two experimental planes and are looking for space to rebuild these planes. If you know of anyone who would have extra space please contact Jim Mungenast at bamaforce73@aol.com
- **Military Order of the World Wars (Paul McNeil):** Thanks to ETMAC for supporting the "Massing of the Colors" program. Former ETMAC Vice-President, Jack D'Araujo was the guest speaker.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Weinbaum, Secretary
East Tennessee Military Affairs Council