

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## **MAY 3, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY**

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at Virginia College. ETMAC Treasurer, Barry Allen presided. A total of \_\_\_ members and guests were present. The April meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$17,568.47.

Mike Betz, \_\_ of Virginia College gave welcoming speech. Also, gave a tour of the school at the end of the meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **ETMAC Web Page:** Please send anything to be added to the calendar to [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
- Dr. Jim Foggin with ESGR gave presentation regarding Employment Assistance Workshop for May 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Robyn Rivers with Wreaths of Remembrance spoke about Knoxville Wreath Day of December 15, 2012. They would like to place a wreath on every grave in all Knox County Veterans Cemeteries. To donate or for more information call Robyn or Robert Rivers at 865-250-3666 or 252-432-1552. Also, [robertstrees@bellsouth.net](mailto:robertstrees@bellsouth.net).

### SENIOR ROTC UNITS:

- **UT Air Force ROTC (Lt Col Brian Delamater):** Commencements will be May 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. The Commissioning Ceremony will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 15 Cadets going to Field Training this summer at various times from May through August. The first several depart on May 15<sup>th</sup>. They received AFA recognition at the State Convention as the best AFROTC Det in TN and will be honored on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The cadets will be gone for the summer at the end of their classes. Det 800 Cadre in town for the summer. Almost all funded summer training programs have been cut and the reduced the number of required cadre at Field Training.
- **UT Army ROTC (\_\_\_ Jim Mungenast):** Having the awards banquet on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Will be honoring the UT ROTC. The Jr ROTC of William Blount High School will be the color guard. Also, the Farragut Cyber Admirals have won the state's Cyber Patriot competition and will be honored.

### MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY:

- **US Army Recruiting Company (CPT Scott Glidden):** Army recruiting is conducting awards ceremonies at 23 different high schools within his area of operations.

- **278<sup>th</sup> Army National Guard (Col Jeffrey Archer):**
- **Military Entrance Processing Station (LCDR Lester Isaac):**
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron (1 Lt Stephanie McKeen):**
- **134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing (Col \_\_\_\_ Gratz):**
- **1/230 Air Cavalry Squadron (LTC Melvin Clawson):** They are preparing for their Annual Training June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. Air Ambulance Detachment arrived in Theater safely and is doing missions daily. Counter Drug Operations will begin in May.
- **278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment (Col Jeff Archer):**
- **844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion (Josh Richardson):**
- **I. G. Brown Training and Education Center (1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Bacon and Master Sgt Stoudt):**
- **Navel Operations Support Center (Chief Todd Johnson):** June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Family Health Fair at NOSC, Knoxville, from 0900 to 1300. Alvarez Construction is looking to hire general laborers and skilled help for the remodel of their building. Interviews can be done on site at the construction trailer. If you know someone who is looking for this type of work, please pass this along.

#### **MILITARY AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS:**

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** The names of the veterans on the Memorial walls will be read again this year, beginning at sunrise. If you would like to volunteer to read, contact Joleen at 571-332-3100.
  - **American Legion (Marvin Tuggle):**
  - **Honor Air (\_\_\_\_):** The 12<sup>th</sup> flight to Washington D.C. on April 18<sup>th</sup> was a successful event other than a short delay at the airport on the return trip! Honor Air flight 13 will be on October 3, 2012. Knox County Commission passed a resolution to have the library building at Sequoyah Hills after Bud Bacon. An announcement will be made later for the date of the formal dedication.
  - **The Congressional Medal of Honor Society (\_\_\_\_):** He has a friend who works for the VA and is finishing her Master's degree in Child and Family studies. She would like to do volunteer work or an internship in Child and Family services. If anyone knows of a position of this nature, call \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Ben Atchley Veteran's Home (Doug Ottinger):** National Nursing Home week is week of May 13<sup>th</sup>. They have lots of events planned. They are also looking for another physician to work at the nursing home. If you know of anyone interested, contact Doug at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (James Foggin):** The 48<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ is coming home sometime between May 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. Delta Company Marines are having their Yellow Ribbon ceremony on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - **American Red Cross - Blount and Knox Counties (Jess Hernandez):** Wrapping up \_\_\_\_ grant. Grant runs out June 30th.
  - **Tennessee Veterans Business Association:** They are having a fund raiser and a bike ride "Red, Ride and Blue" which will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Vernon's Bar and Grill. It's a 30 mile ride. The event is to expand their footprint into the community and get others interested in TVBA. On July \_\_\_\_ they will have a Meet and Greet of elected officials. Time and place to be announced later. Jonathan was nominated as one of Knoxville's young entrepreneurs by the
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- **Knox County Veterans Affairs Office**

• **Blount County Veterans Affairs Office:** Blount County's Memorial Day program will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Blount County Court House. Capt. Gill Robinson??? will be the guest speaker.

• **East Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs:**

• **Marine Corps League (Eric Nash):**

• **The Military Order of the World Wars (Joe Eddlemon):** They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of every month at Rothchild's Conference room. Lunch is at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 12:00 p.m. Col Don \_\_\_\_ will be the guest speaker at the next meeting. He served in Afghanistan and will speak regarding Reflections on Operations for Stability.

• **K-9 Veterans Day (\_\_\_\_\_):** The ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the War Dog Memorial at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine, 2407 River Drive, Knoxville.

• Knoxville's Veterans Day Parade will be held on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> this year, along with the Veterans Day Luncheon.

***NEXT MEETING:***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kat Jones, Secretary  
East Tennessee Military Affairs Council