

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## May 1, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

– *For a VERY complete listing please visit [www.etmac.org](http://www.etmac.org) and click on the events tab for a detailed information on all upcoming events. Just click the event and the detail will open.*

MAY 5 East TN Veterans Memorial Association-4<sup>th</sup> annual Medal of Honor evening

MAY 31 Salute to Heroes Night – Smokies Stadium

SEPT 10-13 Medal of Honor Convention

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville chamber office on Thursday, May 1, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed three new guests
- 57 members and guests were present, and the April meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$1,085.11 in checks written, \$685 deposits were made - leaving a balance of \$14,023.93
- The Webmaster report - unavailable
- ETMAC is still looking for a Webmaster

### Guest Presentations by:

**J9 – LTC Eric Gozłowsky - Joint Force Headquarters in Nashville** – dedicated to providing guidance and direct actions that will produce healthy life choices and promote resiliency within our Guard family; Offers 23 programs to include Operation Military Kids, Strong Bonds, Combat Casualty Relief, Yellow Ribbon, Guard Your Buddy and more, for details visit <http://www.tnmilitary.org/for-our-families.html>

### Announcements

#### **Patrice Collins:**

- Smokies Baseball “Salute to Heroes” sponsored by New Horizon, May 31<sup>st</sup>- 5:15 pre-game followed by 6:15 game – free tickets for past and present military members
- Operation Military kids is offering “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens” a free workshop for military kids ages 12-18

### MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – Preparing for Commencement and Commissioning of ten; 11 cadets selected to continue with the commissioning track;
- **UT Army ROTC – LTC Danny Kelley** - LTC will be retiring in May; Maj Jared Crane from Fort Polk will be the incoming Commander; Commissioning cadets from both UT Knoxville and Chattanooga

- **Military Entrance Processing Station – CPT Gomez** – Thanked McGhee Tyson for hosting the Senior leadership conference in April
- **119 Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Sam Keener** – Finished Annual Field training which included initial qualification training for new cyber mission
- **134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing – Col Randy Gratz** – 52 deployed from within security forces and maintenance; hosting tours and refueling flights for ESGR, Leadership Blount, and Aviation Academy; 134<sup>th</sup> has now partnered with Tusculum College to bring classes for Bachelors and Masters programs to the base; McGhee Tyson had over 100+ participants in the MMMM
- **I-230<sup>th</sup> Air Cavalry Squadron – LTC Mel Clawson** – The number of aircraft being reduced by the Army restructuring may be significantly less than initially feared for TN Army Guard
- **278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment – LTC Keith Scott** – Regiments focus is on the upcoming exercise-XCTC – June 7-28<sup>th</sup>
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion –Maj Bryce Wunder** – One company tasked to support an Army contingency force; planning their full battalion mobilization to Catoosa in July
- **Co D, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Michael Lambert** – Headed to Fort Knox on May 16<sup>th</sup> for demolition training
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – SMSgt Marcy Broadway** – Change of Command on 22 of May – all invited; Col Cathcart will be pinning on his General Star in DC on May 29<sup>th</sup>; 300+ students on board; Civil Air Patrol will be training at the TEC for a week in June; Received 10<sup>th</sup> Air Force Organizational Excellence award
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Lt Col Dent Young** – Renovating building first week in June; Remote Area Medical will host their annual D-day ceremony on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Island Home Airport – more info visit ramusa.org; For more info on CAP go to [www.tncap.us](http://www.tncap.us)
- **USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – VCDR Dave Roberts** – Speaking on boating safety at the 134<sup>th</sup> on the May 4<sup>th</sup>

## VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald** – May 5, 2014 will be annual Medal of Honor evening; Memorial Day ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the May - need volunteers to read names
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention - Chris Coyne**– Reminder to go on the website to register to be a volunteer; website - [www.mohknoxville.com](http://www.mohknoxville.com)
- **Mountain Man Memorial March – Joleen Dewald** – MMMM was a huge success with 800+ participants; Please save next year's date in your calendar April 12<sup>th</sup> 2015
- **American Legion – Marty Everett** – Planted a Dogwood tree called an “Appalachian Spring” in honor of the Appalachian State ROTC cadet who passed away while competing in the 2012 Mountain Man Memorial March.
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – State AFA Convention – Nashville - 3 May – units will be receiving “outstanding unit” awards
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** – 128 WWII & Korean vets had a great time on the April 16<sup>th</sup> flight; next flight Wednesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup>
- **ESGR – John Dyess** – Guard and Reserve called to active duty declined to 38,000; ESGR, along with the 134<sup>th</sup> ARW, will host 40 employers on a KC-135 flight on May 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs office – Tom Humphries** – nothing to report

- **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 – Gary Ellis** – for info on joining email ppclaxton@hotmail.com or [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org); Next meeting on May 13, 7 pm at the Red Cross (Middlebrook); hosting a picnic on May 16<sup>th</sup> - [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** – May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Convention at Crowne Plaza Hotel; Organization meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am; JROTC awards program; Website – [www.mowwregionV.net](http://www.mowwregionV.net) or 865-693-8170 or [O.haddock@comcast.net](mailto:O.haddock@comcast.net)
- **Project Healing Waters – Steve Thompson** – Just finished third rod building class for area veterans; May 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> will be hosting 12 wounded warrior project veterans from the Nashville area – will fish the Clinch river; Tournament Oct 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with a banquet at the Museum of Appalachia

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 am**

**Please note – July’s ETMAC meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in July due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The meeting date is July 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 at the Knoxville Chamber.**

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