



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL
May 5, 2022, at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce
with 54 attending
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
- 28 May 8:30 am placement of flags at both State Veteran cemeteries; 11:00 am at Knoxville National Cemetery.
- 30 May 8th Annual Ruck March for Veterans starts at Jefferson City Community Center. 6:30 sign in, begins at 7:30. 8.2 miles. Registration \$20 865/406-0402 for more details.
- 31 May Flag pick up at Knoxville National Veteran Cemetery on May 31, at 7:00 pm
- 1 Jun Flag pick up at both State cemeteries will be on Wed, June 1, at 10:00 am weather permitting.
- 11 Jun Veterans Heritage Site Foundation “Honoring our GSMNP Veterans” at the GSM Heritage Center in Townsend at 11am.
- 15 June Heroes and Horses summer session begins, contact Chelsea@rideatstar.org

For a complete listing of events visit the ETMAC website www.etmac.org and click on “calendar”.

ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION

Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell

Beginning Balance	\$20,233.57
Deposits	353.75
Expenses	886.45
Ending Balance	\$19,700.87

- **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 – nothing new to report
- **Webmaster's Report** – Dent Young – 783 visitors, 767 were new. Most accessed pages were Local Resources, Veteran's Groups, and the Veteran's Calendar. The top countries represented by our visitors were USA, Brazil, and India.
- **2022 Medal of Honor Convention** – Joleen Dewald – September 6-11. They will need volunteers, but not until the beginning of August. We are one of only 2 cities that have hosted more than once. Should be sending out information soon to units about getting involved.
- **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.
- **First Time Attendees**
 - Lawrence Nicholson, retired.
 - Karen Lee
 - Jacob Corbett with TEC
 - Amy Cross with Caris Healthcare
 - Anna Beth Meccia
 - Neal Whetsel with VFW Post 5154
 - Jamie Prince with AFSA Ch 479
 - Joseph Satterfield with 119th COS

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES

- **3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard** – LTC Joseph Westfall- no report
- **119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron** – Maj Willie Posey – Troops in motion.
- **1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion** – CPT Hulon Holmes – no report

- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Col Jason Brock – Completed Nuclear Operations Readiness assessment. Gen Hughes is on base conducting. Acts have been announced for the upcoming air show in September. 9 June ESGR Boss Lift flight. Introduced new chaplain.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit – CW3 Brian Culberson – 278th is representing the entire Army National Guard at the Sullivan Cup Competition at Fort Benning, Ga. This competition brings together tank crews to test their mastery of a variety of skills, including gunnery and maneuver, over a period of two weeks. The unit of the 278th representing the Army National Guard is the Q-4278 out of Rockwood. The 278th has upgraded much of their equipment including new M1A2 Abrams Tanks, M2A2 Bradley IFV, and Paladin SPA. The renovations continue at their Sutherland location. Looking forward to supporting the Medal of Honor Celebration.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – LT Col Bryan Ewing – no report
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Jacqueline Bradford – no report
- 844th Engineering Battalion – MAJ Justin Warrick – no report
- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Shawn Balent – Training ongoing.
- ETSU Army ROTC. – 1LT Andrew J. Sepulveda – Preparing for commissioning. Took several awards in the Mountain Man Memorial March.
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Lt Col Jacob Corbett – Change in Command coming upon June 1. Looking for 14 inbound enlisted and are working to get their BOH raised to allow them to find housing.
- Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Justin Bergman – Enjoyed supporting Honor Air.
- National Guard Recruiting and Retention BN – 1SGT Christian Casteel – Continuing to push the Governor's initiative of Drive to 55. Looking for events to attend during the summer.
- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville – CDR Trier Kissell – no report
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Col Dent Young – no report
- UT Air Force ROTC – Capt Wil Coley – 30 Apr will be the Gamma Cup which Det 800 hosted, and UT brought home the trophy. They will have about 127 cadets on campus for the competition. 10 May will be the Awards Ceremony at 1450 in the Cox Auditorium. 21 May is Commissioning at noon for 14 new 2nd Lt in the Student Union. Lt Col Estep is leaving on 16 May for Montgomery, Al where he will be the Mission Support Group Commander for summer field training.
- UT Army ROTC – LTC Justin Howe – Unable to attend

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air Force Association – Dick Webber – Air Force Association is now the Air and Space Forces Association. 22 Sept is target date for the celebration for the 75th anniversary of the Air Force. Working on a collaboration for a youth after school program and summer camp for STEM.
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – Richard Bennett – Several hiring events upcoming

- 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. There will be a bike blessing and ride on 14 May. The American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony will be at 11:45 on Memorial Day at the East TN Veterans Memorial at World’s Fair Park.
- American Red Cross –Jamie Buck – no report
- Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home – Doug Ottinger – Only state Veterans Home that received a “deficiency-free” report on their annual survey in 2021. They are hiring for all positions.
- Bunker Labs – Derren Burrell – Beginning new cohort in June for Veterans in Residence. They are booked through the year and are taking applications for next year.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078– Pat Polis – 8000 visitors to the Wall that Heals. Thanks to all the volunteers that supported.
- Y12 Serving Our Service Members (SOS) – SMSgt Christine Shawhan– Silkies Hike on 14 May
- 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 – continuing to provide services regularly.
- East Tennessee Veteran’s Memorial Association – Joleen Dewald –378 attended this year’s Medal of Honor Dinner. John McMannis was the speaker. The date for next year is 1 May. Ceremony at the Memorial on Tuesday, 10 May, for the renaming of a section of I40 “Troy McGill Medal of Honor Memorial Highway”. There will be 17 names added to the Memorial this year. On Memorial Day starting at 6:00 am all the names on the memorial will once again be read. They need approx. 120 volunteers to read the names. It costs \$40k/year to maintain the memorial.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – Jim Mungenast – 50th anniversary of ESGR. The Guard and Reserve force comprises 40% of our military. ORNL is a finalist for the Freedom Award, only 15 are awarded nationally. Boss Lift upcoming in June. ESGR volunteers brief all military organizations each year.
- Honor Air – Joe Sutter – Flight 30 was a great success, all returned safe and sound. Reunion breakfast was also well received. Flight 31 will be 12 October to honor women veterans.
- James H Quillen VA Medical Center – Billy Key – no report
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 – Henry Usey – no report
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – Anna Beth Meccia – 2 June Medic Blood Drive at the Restore.
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Emily Hager– no report.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries. – no report
- Knoxville Vet Center – Lyle Allen –no report
- Marine Corps League – Eric Nash – Car event at Midland Plaza. Mud Run is back on at Melton Hill Lake in September.
- 194 Fleet Reserve Association – Eric Nash – New and open to any enlisted that served in the Marines, Coast Guard or Navy. Contact Eric for details.
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– Bill Potter no report

- Mountain Man Memorial March – no report
- ORNL Veterans Group – John Gearhart – Looking forward to Medal of Honor Convention. Participating in several local veteran events.
- 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.
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – Geoff Freeman – Cleared over \$6200 at their golf tournament. Funds are used to support cadets at UT. Dedication of the UT Veteran’s Memorial will be on 26 Sept at 1500.
- Veterans Appreciation Program – Larry Sharp – no report
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Patty McGrew – Ceremony to honor veterans buried within the part, there are over 229 of them on 11 June at 11amat the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center.
- VFW Post 5154 in Maryville – Neal Whetsel – They will be at Sherwood Cemetery helping to place flags for Memorial Day. Also, a flag retiring service at the Post.
- VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown) & VFW Post 3380 (Dandridge) & Walter J. ‘Bud’ Bacon Chapter Distinguished Flying Cross Society, East TN Region – W. E. ‘Whit’ Whitworth/ – 1073 donated money to help kids go to camp. Increased donation & looking for additional Flying Cross awardees. Bill’s number is 865/254-9218. Post 3380 is having a ruck march on Memorial Day. They increased scholarship to students at Walter State. Delivered food baskets to homebound veterans.

Next meeting: Thursday June 2, 2022, at the Chamber. Please note the July meeting will be July 14th due to the 4th of July holiday.

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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

<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-](https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee-ESGR-171685266196286/)

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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

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356

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Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)

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Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>

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

Project Healing Waters

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Rolling Thunder

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

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless

<https://tvchomeless.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

<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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