



## EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

### **NOVEMBER 4, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY**

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: Knoxville's 85<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade sponsored by The American Legion Knoxville Post 2.
- NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: The East Tennessee Military Affairs Council 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon. General Craig McKinley will be the guest speaker. **SOLD OUT**
- NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: ETVMA will add the names of 29 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes to the Memorial at 2:30 PM
- NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Service at the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home for the 250 residents who have passed away since the home opened.

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#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Knoxville Chamber, Joe Mazzola presiding. A total of 48 members and guests were present. The September meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$18,993.28.

Special Guest: Navy Veteran John Ulstrom is currently marching from Texas to Washington, D.C. (1,450 miles) to raise awareness about PTSD and the plight of our nations Veterans. For more information regarding his march, go to <http://johnulstrom.com>

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** Presented the Autumn 2010 newsletter. You can join the "Honor Our Fallen" campaign by completing the form on the newsletter or by going to <http://www.etvma.org/honor-the-fallen/> This campaign helps ETVMA research, engrave names, and complete upkeep on the memorial. On Veterans Day 2010 at 2:30 PM (immediately following the Veterans Day Luncheon), ETVMA will add the names of 29 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes to the memorial (World's Fair Park). ETVMA is looking for Veterans to speak to school children who visit the memorial and talk about their service. For more info email Joleen at [joleen@etvma.org](mailto:joleen@etvma.org) It costs \$300 to add each name and anyone that would be interested in donating to the memorial go to <http://www.etvma.org>

- **Honor Air:** To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Doug Ottinger):** Attended the Air Force ROTC “Dining Out”. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, they will be having a “Memorial Ceremony” honoring the 250 residents who have passed since the home opened. The Marine Corps League is currently building a 28ft outdoor shelter. The home is currently full with 140 residents. They are always looking for organizations to spend time with the residents. If you’re interested, please call 862-8100.
- **Knoxville Chapter of the Red Cross (Jess Hernandez):** The SAF grant continues and they have funds to assist organizations through June 2011 with Yellow Ribbon events and other programs. They also have 3 Nursing Assistant Training Scholarships available to military families. They are also offering a “Coping with Deployment” class. Look for their hospitality van at the Veterans Day parade. Contact Jess or Janice for more information.
- **Blount County Chapter of the Red Cross (Jerry Bennett):** Also have a SAF grant and is involved with Yellow Ribbon events and other unit functions. Will be participating in a cookout at the airbase on November 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be at the Smoky Mountain Harley Davidson for Veterans Day.
- **Web Site (Laimon Godel):** The web site had 1,549 visitors in October. If any organizations have a public newsletter they want distributed, please send it to Laimon Godel at [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
- **Announcements**
  - **Veterans Day Luncheon (Jack D’Araujo and Patrice Collins):** – **SOLD OUT** The featured guest speaker will be General Craig McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau. There will be a small number of walk-up seats available for the luncheon.
  - **UT Center for the Study of War and Society (Cynthia Tinker):** On the night of Veterans Day, HBO will present a feature on PTSD.
  - **East Tennessee History Center (Joe Mazzola):** Free Admission on Veterans Day
  - **Veterans Stand Down (Virgil Young):** Assisted 135 Veterans for two days at the Parkwest Church of God. Also provided medical and legal services. If there is any organization that would like to become the main sponsor of the next stand down contact Virgil Young.
  - **Air Force Association (Jim Mungenast):** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bud Bacon Golf Tournament was on October 11, 2010 and they raised about \$2,200.00. The AFA will use this money for student activities focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
  - **Veteran’s Day Parade (Marty Everett and Gene Bayless):** The parade will start at Church St. and Hall of Fame Dr and end at Depot St. Parade will be broadcast live on WIVK (107.7 fm) and WBIR will broadcast the parade on their cable channel. If you and any questions regarding the parade contact Marty at [martyeverett@comcast.net](mailto:martyeverett@comcast.net) or call him at 256-0486.

### SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Air Force ROTC (CAPT Jim Carbone):** Thanks to all organizations for past support to the AFROTC. Lt Col Mike Angle was asked to brief the Commanders Conference with 144 Commanders present about the structure of ETMAC. The “Dining Out” was a successful event. The cadets will be getting a look at a KC-135 at the 134<sup>th</sup> Air Base next week. On November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the cadets will be raising a “quarter mile of quarters” on the UT campus to benefit the “Wounded Warrior Project”.
- **UT Army ROTC (LTC Don Evans):** The cadets recently completed the “Ranger Challenge Competition” at Fort Knox, KY. The Senior Cadets have received their “branches” and now know what they will be doing for the Army. The next Mountain Man Memorial March will be a joint event with the UT Air Force ROTC. They will be raising money for the march at the Tennessee vs. Ole Miss football game. They will be involved in many Veterans Day events.

### MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **US Army Recruiting Company (MAJ Jason Deel):** The recruiting company covers about 10,000 square miles. They have added 4 new soldiers to their company. Have put in 17 active and 3 reserve soldiers so far this month. Will be involved in a program called “Our Community Salutes” with more details to come. Working with area high schools to recruit future soldiers. Check out “Knoxville Area Recruiting Station” on facebook.

- **134<sup>th</sup> ANG Air Refueling Station (Col Tom Cauthen):** The base continues to grow and will have 12 airplanes by the end of the year. Returned from the “Airspace Expeditionary Force” where they had 300 deployed at various times in support of OEF/OIF. The economic impact has 1,600 people working at the base and the impact is \$3.1 million dollars a week. Will be involved in Veterans Day activities.
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control (Col Dave Evans):** Continues to pursue the group destination. The Air Force is currently reviewing its structure. They have expanded and picked up all cyber units in the state. On November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Alcoa High School football game (approx. 6:30 pm) they will be honoring Veterans in the Alcoa area. A Kiowa Warrior will be bringing the game-ball and each Veteran will pass the game-ball till it reaches the officials.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Col Richard Howard):** The Satellite NCO program will graduate next week. Recently installed a new TV studio at TEC. There will be a change in Commandant in February as Chief Master Sergeant Davidson is moving on after 4 years. Col Howard will be retiring February and Col Bradley McRee will take the command through July, 2011.
- **844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion (MAJ Lawrence McKiernan):** The Battalion will be supporting the parade with representation from the 390<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company (Chattanooga), the 733<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Company (Greeneville), and the 702<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Company (Gray, TN).
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (MAJ James Rivenbark):** The Battalion will be supporting the parade and the luncheon.
- **Marines, Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion (Captain Joseph Easterling):** The Marines will be returning from Afghanistan this month. They will be spending a week in California and then a welcome home ceremony sometime between November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. More details to come. They had a great success in Mozambique training their military on land-mines. Next year they will head to Senegal to help with land-mines. Also, recently spent time in Norway conducting training. There have been some changes to “Toys for Tots”, the Marines will remain the face of the program but will need support for work with the other aspects of the program.
- **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (John Dyess):** Currently there are 97,200 reservists and guardsmen on active duty. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am Senator Corker will be holding a town hall at Pellissippi State Community College. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, ESGR is hosting a civic leader flight with 2 aircrafts. You can now nominate employers for the Freedom Award. Contact John Dyess for more info at [jd Dyess2010@gmail.com](mailto:jd Dyess2010@gmail.com)
- **Air Force Sergeants Association (Mike Gates):** On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will be having a Christmas party at the Armed Forces Club. For more information go to [www.etmac.org](http://www.etmac.org)
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association (Barry Allen):** On January 25<sup>th</sup>, they will be having a Veteran Vendor Day at Rothchilds. It will be a business to business networking event along with a job fair. All military units and Veteran organizations are invited to participate. Go to [www.jointvba.org](http://www.jointvba.org) for more info.
- **Camp Hope (Bruce McElhaney):** Mike White, the founder of Camp Hope, was awarded Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Pentagon.
- **Marine Corps League (Virgil Young):** A film about the Korean War on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Goins Administration Building at Pellissippi State Community College. For free tickets go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/990292993>
- **Marine Corps League (Laimon Godel):** The Marines celebrate their 235<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 10<sup>th</sup>. They will have a cake celebration on that day Calhoun’s (Pellissippi/Kingston Pike) at noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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