

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 1, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

- NOVEMBER 9 Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon – Parade starts at 10:45 am and luncheon starts at 12:30 pm at the Knoxville Convention Center.
- NOVEMBER 9 & 10 Knoxville Homeless Veterans Stand Down
- NOVEMBER 13 Meet and Greet Reception for Medal of Honor Recipient Col Bruce P. Crandall – Holiday Inn at World's Fair Park 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. You must RSVP to Joleen@etvma.org
- NOVEMBER 14 2nd Annual Flag Football Game
- NOVEMBER 17 Marine Corp Ball – contact Laimon Godel for more info at cpa@godel.com.
- NOVEMBER 17 Welcome Home Warriors – 489th

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The November 1st, 2012 ETMAC meeting was brought to order by President John Dyess at 8:30 a.m. A total of 71 members and guests were present. The minutes of the October 4th minutes were approved. Treasurer report was given by Barry Allen. The current balance is \$28,002.51.
- Members of the new Tri-Cities Military Affairs Council (TCMAC). They are a fairly new Council. They were given a lot of useful information from the Chamber and other members of ETMAC to take home with them to better serve their military community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Weigels** – Bill Weigel, Chairman & CEO. Ken McMullen, President. Kurt Weigel, Director of Recruitment came to our meeting. For the last 15 years they take Salvation Army children shopping the Saturday before Christmas and to lunch. They call it Weigel's Family Christmas. This year, they have ask ETMAC to give them the names of twelve military families that are having difficult times either financially or are struggling to re-enter the work force. They will give \$1,500.00 to each of the twelve families. The dead line for the reserve component units, the Red Cross, the Blount and Knox County Service Offices to have the names to Weigel's is _____.
- **ETMAC Webmaster Report – Laimon Godel:** No numbers as to the visits on the web site as the numbers would be posted on November 1st. Visit the site to see the calendar of Veteran Day events. There is also a page giving the names of restaurants/business that are giving free meals or a discount for veterans and active duty members on Veterans Day. They have a new page called Factoid.
- **Reception for w/Colonel Bruce Crandall, Medal of Honor Recipient – Joleen Dewald:** Will be held at the Holiday Inn World's Fair Park on November 13th from 5:30 – 7:00 p. m. RSVP to Joleen before November 5th at JOLEEN@ETVMA.ORG
- **Veterans Day Parade – Gene Bayless:** Units will start lining up at 9:00 a.m. at the coliseum and will step off at 10:45 a.m. (There will be portal potties this year for your convenience!!) To date, they have 111 units signed up. The route will be up Church Avenue to Gay Street. WIVK will broadcast the parade live. WBIR will be streaming the parade on 10 News 2.
- **Veterans Day Luncheon – Patrice:** Thank you to Col Ragland for volunteering to be chairman of the luncheon and Joleen Dewald for doing the video for the luncheon and doing the honorary booklet.

Commanders let her know who will be sitting at your table. You know who you are, so please get information to her as soon as possible. John Becker will MC the luncheon. There are also parking passes still available and if you need one, contact Patrice. Also free parking at the corner of Popular and Cumberland.

- **New President and Officers: Jim Mungenast:** The following have agreed to serve: Barry Allen-President, Owen Ragland-Vice President, Steve Dillenburg, Treasurer, At Large Board of Directors-Mike Gates and Marty Everett.

UNIT ACTIVITY

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Brian Delamater:** The first week of December the ROTC will be moving out of Stokley. Thirteen seniors will be commissioning in the spring. Sophomores are competing for college scholarships. Saturday, November 3, 2012 will be the UT Appreciation Game. They also will do a fly-by. They will have a Thanksgiving event for the cadets. They need contributions for the event as there is no funding for it.
- **UT Army ROTC – LTC Danny Kelley:** They will be tailgating on Saturday, November 3rd. Come join them. If you want, bring your own food and drinks. Inter-service rivalry will be November 14 from 3:00 to 4:30 at the Intramural fields. Will Commission around 30 cadets this year.
- **US Army Recruiting Command – CPT Scott Glidden:** The mission for this year has increased over 25% this year. Their main target has been the high schools.
- **US Air Force Recruiting Command – Master SGT Conley:** Pushing for battle field airman. UT lets them use their athletic complex. They test kids there once a month.
- **US Navy Recruiting Command – Commander Morgan:** There representing the navy recruiting for Commander David James. They are looking to recruit members of high school swim team.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Lester Isaac:** Knoxville MEPS won award of Excellence for the year. Their goal this year is to test 9,955 students this year.
- **119TH Command & Control Squadron – COL Keener:** They have had a global exercise in junction with the air force space in junction with the U S strategic command. On standby to help in the Northeast.
- **134TH Air Refueling Wing – CPT Keith:** A few weeks back they got to honor a WWII veteran with his air metal and his 4 oak leaf cluster. They are participating in their exercising inspections. They send out a jet every month.
- **1/230 Air Cavalry Squadron – LTC Lawson:** Will be lead commander on January 5th. In December they will be doing exercises with 75th Ranger Regiment. 169th Air Ambulance is scheduled to return home in mid December. They are standing down to go to northeast if needed.
- **278th Armored Cavalry Regiment – COL Jeff Archer:** Regional headquarters has been on standby to help in the Northeast. Gold Star Mothers will be riding in one of their vehicles in the Veterans Day parade. Suicide Prevention Stand Down is wrapping up. Since last month they have had another suicide in the state.
- **489TH Civil Affairs Battalion – LTC Clifford Faulkner:** Welcome Home Warrior Citizen ceremony will be on November 17th. Their unit will receive the Meritor's Unit Citation. This will be the 4th time the unit has received that award since 9/11.
- **844th Engineering Battalion – MAJ Dennis McVey:** Pay Check for Patriots helped one of the spouses obtain a better job. Assisted with the PTA drive. They are focusing on going north to assist in the clean up if needed.

- **I.G. Brown Training & Education Center – Master SGT Cavenal:** They had the largest class in Air Force history of the world. They had over 500 students. They have graduated their 30,000th student. They are working with Belgian students.
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Chief Todd Johnson:** USMC has redone and finished their obstacle course. They have obtained an anchor, cleaned it up and putting it on the front of their building. They will dedicate it to the son of the first sailor who was killed in Iraqi Freedom. A wood carver from Townsend donated a stump he carved into a fallen marine.
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Lt Col Dent Young:** Been a quiet month. All is good.

- **ORGANIZATIONS**

- **US Coastguard Artillery – Dave Roberts, Vice Commander of Division 12:** The Tennessee River is a Federal waterway. There is a person in the command center in Louisville, KY that monitors everything that is said on Chanel 16 of the radio.
- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen Dewald:** There will be no Veterans Day ceremony this year as it is on Sunday and there's another event at the park.
- **American Legion – Gene Bayless:** Their next meeting will be Monday, November 5th. They will have dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg:** The local chapter is named after Gen Holloway. On Saturday he will be inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame.
- **Air Force Sergeants Association Update – Bruce Damrow:** They just graduated their 30,000th student. They are reducing the number of divisions and are putting more people in the divisions. They will be having a Christmas party for the local chapter.
- **Honor Air – Sam Hardman and Patrice Collins:** The next flight will be April 24, 2013. On November 8th, Elmcroft Senior Living Community will have an auction/fund raiser for HonorAir from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Their address is 7521 Andersonville Pike. For more information and to see some of the items, go to elmcroft.com.
- **Ben Atchley Veteran's Home – Doug Ottinger:** They had some patients that attended the Navy Ball. Some will be attending the Marine Corp Ball.
- **ESGR – Dr. Jim Foggin:** They will have a meeting on November 29, 2012, at 6:30 at State Veterans Home. They will have a speaker to talk about military suicide. They had about 250 people come through at the Job Fair at University Avenue location. There is a national level data base for H to H to search for jobs. They still about 63,000 active duty members. Blalock Construction and Coke Cola are looking for military personal.
- **Mountain Man Memorial March – Joleen Dewald:** Registration is open for Gold Star Mothers and participants for the march. They may have to cap the GSM unless they get more funding. There is enough money for four scholarships.
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association – Jonathan Williams:** January 28-29 is their Business Expo. Jim Haslam, Sr. will be the key-note speaker at the dinner.
- **American Red Cross – Knox and Blount Counties – Jess Hernandez:** 1-800-redcross is the best way to donate money to help with the needs for the northeast coastal communities that was hit by hurricane Sandy.
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs Office – Buzz Buswell:** The grand opening for the new office will be November 5th at 9:30 a. m. The PTA group is in the space where their old office was.

- **East Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs – Don Smith:** On November 11th there will be a Veterans Day program at the Veterans Cemetery on Governor John Sevier Highway at 2:00 p.m. New Assistant is Yvette Martinez.
- **Marine Corps League – Laimon Godel:** Some of the funds from the September Mud Run went to finish the obstacle course for the Marines. Marine Corp birthday lunch will be on November 10th at Rothchild's Restaurant. Price is \$5.00. There will be a ceremony for Bonnyman on November 17th at 11:00 a.m. at the Memorial Cemetery on Sutherland Avenue.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m..
- **December _____, 2012 ETMAC meeting will be at the Knoxville Chamber at 8:30 a.m.**