

# **EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

## **November 7, 2013 MEETING SUMMARY**

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- NOVEMBER 8 Congressional Medal of Honor Flag Raising
- NOVEMBER 10 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration – Rothschild’s 12:30pm
- NOVEMBER 11 Veterans’ Day Parade and Veterans’ Day Luncheon
- DECEMBER 5 ETMAC Meeting - Chamber
- APRIL 12 (2014) Mountain Man March
- SEPT 10-13 (2014) Medal of Honor Convention

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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, Nov 7, 2013, at the Knoxville Chamber. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed several new guests
- 67 members and guests were present, and the October meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$1,608.87 in checks were written with \$1,371 being for the purchase of the new ETMAC coin, \$3,611.20 deposits were made (Luncheon payments) - leaving a balance of \$19,780.48
- The Webmaster report shows a total of 1,425 Visitors browsed the site
- Patrice Collins – Gave an update on the Veterans luncheon; There are currently 495 reservations. For more info: [http://www.etmac.org/html/2013\\_vet\\_luncheon.htm](http://www.etmac.org/html/2013_vet_luncheon.htm)
- President Allen presented the new coin and formally presented coins to Laddy (who designed the coin) as well as Patrice for each of their contributions and hard work concerning the making of the coin
- President Allen announced that the board voted to rename the Civilian Warrior award to the Sam Hardman Civilian Warrior Award – the motion passed unanimously
- There was a motion presented by President Allen to set the coin price to \$15 for members and non-members. The motion passed unanimously.
- ETMAC is still looking for a Webmaster
- Gene Bayless – Gave an update on the 88<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day parade which will be Nov.11, 2013 - There are ninety entries to date; For more info: <http://www.legionknox.org/index.php?id=91>

## **GUEST UPDATES**

- **Hero 2 Hired – John Nelson** - federally sponsored program to connect employers with military folks looking for a job; family members of military are also eligible; would love to come to units and talk about the program – [john.nelson@iifdata.com](mailto:john.nelson@iifdata.com) or 615-218-7668; <https://h2h.jobs/>

## **MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – Completed an area conclave with other ROTC universities; hosted a dining out; In the midst of the Commanders Cup games against the Army ROTC program
- **UT Army ROTC – LTC Kelley** – Commanders cup games against Air Force ROTC program; Army ROTC program has been restructured and has only 270 programs; There were Three Tennessee Army ROTC programs cut to include MTSU, ETSU and TN tech which means UT Knoxville will gain many of the cadets from these programs.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Jason McNear** – Lease extended in current BLDG – move date TBD; still processing new recruits
- **119 Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Sam Keener** – losing 79 traditional guardsmen and 22 fulltime military personnel
- **134 Air Refueling Wing – Col Gratz** – down to 10 Aircraft which resulted in small personnel changes; forty-five folks deployed at the moment; The 134<sup>th</sup> Military Cops is raising money for their “Santa Cop” foundation. On Dec 7<sup>th</sup> they will go to Children’s Hospital and distribute all the toys that were bought with the funds.
- **278<sup>th</sup> – Maj Tim Shubert** – Currently serving as the plans/training officer; Members are training with virtual simulation trainers for TANKS along with live TANK training at Fort Campbell; Cavalry Ball on Dec 7; Force Structure changes coming in the future
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion – LTC Cliff Faulkner** – recently participated with NATO troops overseas; preparing for Nov drill
- **844<sup>th</sup> – MSG Josh Richardson** – Encountering excess staffing and equipment changes at the moment; overseas deployments cancelled
- **Co D, 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Michael Lambert** – Toys for tots – 7-8 & 11 Dec; Marine Ball Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup> in Gatlinburg
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – SMSgt Marcy Broadway** – sent home 279 students due to the gov’t shutdown and are slowly bringing them back to finish training
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Chief Todd Johnson** – Open invitation to host the Jan 2014 ETMAC meeting
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Lt Col Dent Young** – Has a Color Guard available for unit/community events

## **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES**

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen DeWald** – The Medal of Honor flag raising ceremony will be November 8 at 11am at ETVM with MoH recipient Joe Marm, Worlds Fair Park; May 5, 2014 will be annual Medal of Honor evening; for folks wanting to use the site for events, please go to <http://www.etvma.org/contact-us/> and fill out the appropriate form

- **American Legion – Marvin Tuggle** - announced that the 88<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day parade will be Monday Nov. 11, 2013; Sons of the American Legion will host a turkey shoot on Nov 9 & 10 at Possum Park, 9435 College St, Strawberry Plains; Hosting a Pearl Harbor Day remembrance today for veterans, survivors, military families and the general public to attend at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, located at 5901 Lyons View Pike beginning at 11:45 am on Dec 7
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – Successful “Bud Bacon” Golf Tournament
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** - Flight #15 went well even without a police escort; Flight #16 will be Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Air Force Sergeants Association – Mike Gates** - Attended International Convention in San Antonio – number of attendees were down due to shutdown
- **Ben Atchley – Doug Ottinger** – 19<sup>th</sup> of Nov at 2 pm Annual Memorial Service honoring the veterans who have passed in the home
- **ESGR – Jim Foggin** – Would love to provide briefings to various units on such topics as USERRA and ESGR services
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association – Barry Allen**- Annual Veterans and Education expo and Hiring fair will be Jan 27th and 28th 2014
- **American Red Cross – Knox & Blount Counties – Jess Hernandez** – Veterans Program at 2 pm Nov 11 at Lyons View Cemetery; attending the Veterans Day Luncheon
- **Knox County Veterans Affairs office – Buzz Buswell** – been appointed (by Mayor Tim Burchett) interim director of veteran services and senior services; Building a new senior center in Karns
- **East TN Dept. of Veterans Affairs – Don Smith/Bonnie Johnson** – thanked NOSC Seabees for helping with a building project
- **Marine Corps League – Laimon Godel** – 10 Nov Luncheon for Marine Corps birthday; 22 Nov – annual memorial service at highland cemetery; 7 Dec breakfast at Rothschild's; toys for tots in full swing;
- **Vietnam Veterans of America (New Knoxville Chapter) – Phil Claxton** – for info on joining email ppclaxton @hotmail.com
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** – Nov 16 Massing of the Colors at Second Presbyterian Church 2829 Kingston Pike; Organization meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am

**Next meeting – Next meeting – Thursday, Dec 5  
Knoxville Chamber**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 am**