

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

November 6, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS –

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Parade – 10:40 am

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Luncheon – 12:30 pm – Downtown Marriott

Complete listing of events: www.etmac.org

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville Chamber Office on Thursday, November 6, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed four new guests.
- 67 members and guests were present. October minutes were approved with no corrections.
- The Treasurer reported \$2,647.73 in checks written, \$2500 paid to the Chamber for services provided by Patrice Collins and deposits equaling \$7,448.13 - leaving a balance of \$15,539.13 - Total
- The Webmaster Report – Purchase ability now available, Website functional

GUEST PRESENTATIONS BY:

Wreaths Across America – Mayor Tim Burchett – \$15 to buy a wreath to place on a veterans grave; Wreaths will be placed on Dec 13 - <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org>

UT – Director, Andy White – Seeking Executive Aerospace & Defense MBA students from East TN

Tennessee AgrAbility Program - Eileen Griffin Legault – Want to help Vets who would like to return to farming; More info call 865.200.4527 or email elegault@utk.edu

Operation Military Kids – Angie Beaty - Thanked ETMAC for support of various functions to help military families

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Allen - reminder from about donation requests for Christmas, family day, etc. and membership dues will be due in January; ETMAC nominations for upcoming positions – elections in December

Veterans Day Parade – Marty Everett

- November 11, 2014
- Register online – www.legionknox.org - Legion Post 2 – 100+ are scheduled to march

Patrice Collins – Special Note:

- Veterans Day Luncheon – November 11th - Marriott – Downtown – Lt Gen Mike Holmes, Guest Speaker; John Becker will return as master of ceremonies; Parade will stream “live” on WBIR

Todd Johnson –

- Nov 23 will be a luncheon, awards and promotion for sea cadets at NOSC 11 am

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC** – Capt Mike Wilson – Successful Combat Dining in; Career Day will be 11 Nov; Results of annual Army/AF Flag football competition – Air won; Color Guard supporting Parade and Veterans day luncheon
- **Air Force Recruiting Command** - MSgt Robson – Active Duty is recruiting guard folks in specific AFSC’s such as combat control and pararescue – open to any branch of service; AF also seeking a few other areas
- **119th Command and Control Squadron** – Lt Col Willocks – Completed global exercise as new cyber unit; Successful Wing IG inspection
- **134th Air Refueling Wing** – Capt Stephanie McKeen – IG inspection was a success - Wing received grade of “Effective”
- **I-230th Air Cavalry Squadron** - LTC Mel Clawson – Bridge dedication on 24 Nov in honor of 1st. Lt. Thomas Williams and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Daniel Cole; First group of deployed folks coming home by Thanksgiving & second group by Christmas
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion** – MAJ Bryce Wunder – Financial crunch putting strain on training; Dining out coming March 2015; Sending some folks to national training center; Supporting a WAREX with Texas Army National Guard
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center** – Col Jessica Meyeraan – 600 Students engaged in either “on-board” class or satellite course; Construction still under way; Bringing on a brand new curriculum for NCO academy
- **NOSC** – CDR Jordan - Successful Navy ball
- **USCG Auxiliary Division 12** – CDR Dave Roberts – Leadership course at TEC in April 2015; District training conference at TEC March 2016

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association** - Joleen Dewald – Fundraisers November 7th – Sporting Clay Shoot in Oak Ridge, May 4th 2015 MOH Dinner honoring LTC Charles Coolidge.
- **Mountain Man Memorial March** – Joleen Dewald – *Change to hotel and weekend – Greystone Lodge*; Registration is open www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com – April 11, 2015, Gatlinburg, TN, Looking for sponsors & volunteers.
- **Air Force Association** – Steve Dillenburg –AFA (Bud Bacon) Golf Tournament was a success; Annual Cyber Patriot Challenge has begun
- **Air Force Sergeants Association** – Mike Gates –Hosted first POW/MIA run/walk – raised 3000K
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** – Nov 1 reunion breakfast was a success; #18 flight – April 15, 2015
- **Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home** – Doug Ottinger – Annual Memorial service to honor veterans who have been cared for by the home - 18 Nov 2pm
- **ESGR – Jack D’Araujo** – 30,700 Guard and Reserve still mobilized federal active duty; 5,600 on State duty; ESGR – available for unit briefings
- **American Red Cross** – Jess Hernandez – Cantina open for coffee, donuts, water at the Veterans parade; Ceremony - 2 pm Lyons View Cemetery on Veterans day
- **Knox County Veterans Services Office** – Tom Humphries – Available to answer questions concerning new “Choices Card”
- **Marine Corps League** – Laimon Godel – Nov 22 - Lt. Bonnyman Memorial Service - Medal of Honor citation will be read
- **MOWW** – Nolan Sharbel – Massing of the colors postponed until Spring; Website – www.mowwregionV.net or 865-693-8170 or O.haddock@comcast.net - meets 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:00AM at Rothschild’s on Kingston Pike
- **Project Healing Waters** – Steve Thompson – Smoky MTN grand slam challenge raised 45K cash and 14K “In-Kind” donations; scheduling fall classes
- **Volunteers of America/Stand Down** – Relocated to the Volunteer Ministry building
- **MOAA** – Col Jim Fetterman – Reorganizing at the moment; Meeting at Rothschild’s

**Next meeting - Thursday, December 4, 2014
Knoxville Chamber**

ETMAC Webpage: Please send anything to be added to the calendar to ballen@brownandroberto.com

The meeting was adjourned at 09:21 AM