



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

OCTOBER 7, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- OCTOBER 15-16th: Veteran Stand-Down will be held at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike)
- NOVEMBER 11th: 10:00 AM Knoxville's 85th Veterans Day Parade sponsored by The American Legion Knoxville Post 2.
- NOVEMBER 11th: 12:30 PM - The East Tennessee Military Affairs Council 28th Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon. General Craig McKinley will be the guest speaker. **SOLD OUT**
- NOVEMBER 11th: ETVMA will add the names of 29 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes to the Memorial at 2:30 PM

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, October 7th, at the Knoxville Chamber, Joe Mazzola presiding. A total of 54 members and guests were present. The September meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$16,478.02.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Joleen Dewald):** 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). 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 (Joe Sutter):** Flight #8 was held on October 6, 2010 and 123 WWII visited the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. McGhee-Tyson airport hosted their largest to date "Welcome Home" celebration. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Doug Ottinger):** Four residents (3 females and 1 male) of the 123 WWII Veterans on the HonorAir trip were from the Veterans Home. 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 has been approved, so they have funds to assist organizations through June 2011 with Yellow Ribbon events and other programs. They also have five Nursing Assistant Training Scholarships available to military families. Contact Jess or Janice for more information.

- **Blount County Chapter of the Red Cross (Jerry Bennett):** Already involved with Yellow Ribbon events with the 278th and 134th. Recently participated in base clean-up and family day with the 134th Air Refueling Wing.
- **Web Site:** The web site had 1,237 visitors in September. If any organizations have a public newsletter they want distributed, please send it to Laimon Godel at webmaster@godel.com
- **Announcements (Joe Mazzola and Patrice Collins):**
 - **Veterans Day Luncheon – SOLD OUT** Any commanders who have not sent names of “honorees”, please send names to Patrice and John Dyess ASAP along with their bio and why they were chosen.
 - **Economic Impact Study for 2010** – Still need reports to complete study
 - **Karns High School Career Center (Jim Dee)** – Looking for any information on military careers
 - **Veteran Stand-Down (Laimon Godel)** - October 15th and 16th. They do need financial support. For more info go to <http://www.kavsd.org/KAVSD.html>
 - **Air Force Association (Jim Mungenast)** - The 3rd Annual Bud Bacon Golf Tournament will be held at Royal Oaks in Maryville, TN on October 11, 2010. For more info call 712-1102 to sign-up
 - **Veteran’s Day Parade (Gene Bayless)** - They will be accepting parade applications for participants until October 26, 2010. There will be new route for the parade and will be posted soon. Parade will be broadcast live on WIVK and streamed live on www.wbir.com If you would like an application, contact Gene at bgbayless@comcast.net or if you have any questions call 256-0486. The route will be a little different this year with more details to come.
 - **Horses for Heroes (Dick Kolasheski)** – A therapeutic riding program for Wounded Warriors in East Tennessee. For more information call 988-4711 or go to www.rideatstar.org
 - **Poker Run and Car Show to benefit HonorAir Knoxville (Bob Dewald and Skip Kaelin)** – The event was held on October 9, 2010.

SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Air Force ROTC (CAPT Jim Carbone):** LT. Mark Farley is the newest member of the staff. The Under-Secretary of the Air Force will be visiting soon. On October 30, 2010, they will have their “Dining Out” Contact CAPT Carbone for more info. LT. GEN Charles Coolidge will be visiting soon to speak to the cadets. On November 16th, they will be having a career day. General Gaddis, a former POW, will be speaking on Veterans Day in the Auditorium at the University Center at 6:00 PM. On November 13, UT will have the Military Appreciation Day during the home football game.
- **UT Army ROTC (MAJ Don Evans):** Recently completed field exercises. Will be traveling to Fort Knox soon for a Ranger Challenge. On October 22, the senior cadets will learn if they are infantry, armor, or aviation. Currently have 115 cadets enrolled. They will be very involved in upcoming Veterans Day activities. The next Mountain Man Memorial March will be a joint event with the UT Air Force ROTC.

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **US Army Recruiting Company (1stSgt Douglas Romero):** Recently made annual goal for fourth year in a row. This year ended at 110%. Next year the military is cutting back and recruiting levels expect to go down about 15,000. Those who join will have to wait longer to ship out. On October 15th, the 101st Airborne Jump Team will jump into the Oak Ridge High School football game with the game ball.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station (CPO Knight):** Commander Neeley recently got married. The Knoxville MEPS have completed their student testing program seven years in a row.
- **134th ANG Air Refueling Station (Col Tim Dearing):** Thanks to HonorAir Knoxville. Everyone from base currently home except for 17 individuals who are deployed. Recently completed base-closeout. The base currently has 1.1 Billion dollars in assets at the base. Also have 16 million in construction projects.

- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Col Richard Howard):** Thanks for the 134th for all their continued support. Largest class ever will graduate soon. General McKinley will be speaking at the base on October 10th.
- **Navy Operations Support Center (CDR Jeffrey Grant):** Thanks to all organizations that supported the Navy Ball. Will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade. The Navy Operation Support Center will be soon undergoing a \$2 million renovation.
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion (MAJ James Rivenbark):** Recently completed M16 and M9 range training and land navigation. Looking to do night-driving training and looking for a large piece of open land that they can use for the training. If anyone knows of land please contact MAJ Rivenbark.
- **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (John Dyess):** Currently there are 101,000. On October 21st, ESGR will next meeting and would like to have a representative from each guard and reserve unit there to offer input. Contact John Dyess for more info at jdyess2010@gmail.com
- **US Army Medical Recruiting (Staff Sgt Robert Santarsiero):** Army medical depart operates with less than 1,000 personnel each year. They do have about 200 scholarships a year for those looking to go into medical school. For more info email, Robert.Santarsiero@usarec.army.mil
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association (Jonathan Williams):** On January 25th, 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 for more info. Currently the TVBA has over 40 members.
- **Camp Hope (Bruce McElhaney):** Mike White, the founder of Camp Hope, is being awarded Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Pentagon. Recently, escorted and spent time with a terminally ill Marine Veteran as he arrived in Tennessee.
- **American Legion Riders (Skip Kaelin):** Thanks HonorAir Knoxville, the American Red Cross, and the 119th for support with the Poker Run and Car Show to benefit HonorAir Knoxville.
- **14th Annual Komen Race for the Cure (Patrice Collins):** This will be held on Saturday, October 30th. Go to <http://www.komenknoxville.org/> for more info.
- **Stop Loss Special Pay (Barry Allen):** The deadline has been extended to December 3rd, go to http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2010/0710_stoploss/ for more info
- **The Center For the Study of War & Society (Cynthia Tinker):** Please check out the newest newsletter at <http://web.utk.edu/~csws/default.html>

Respectfully Submitted,

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