

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

OCTOBER 4, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

OCTOBER 13	Navy Ball
OCTOBER 13	Fund raiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters
OCTOBER 26	UT Air Force ROTC – Dining Out
OCTOBER 27	Dining In – 1/230 Air Cavalry Squad
NOVEMBER 9	Veterans Day Parade and Luncheon
NOVEMBER 9 & 10	Knoxville Homeless Veterans Stand Down
NOVEMBER 14	2 nd Annual Army ROTC vs. Air Force ROTC Flag Football Game
NOVEMBER 17	Marine Corp Ball
NOVEMBER 17	Welcome Home Warriors – 489 th
DECEMBER 2	Hometown Heroes Event

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- The October 4, 2012 ETMAC meeting was brought to order by President John Dyess at 8:30 a.m. A total of 67 members and guests were present. The minutes of the September 6 meeting were approved. Treasurer report was given by Barry Allen. The current balance is \$26,801.02.
- Major General Max Haston and his wife Ann were in attendance. General Haston gave a presentation regarding the agencies that make up the Department of Military in Tennessee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Operation Military Kids – Carrera Romanini:** They will have a Science demonstration and activities on October 13th. Then a trip to the circus! For more information contact Carrera at Carrera@utk.edu or 865-974-9724.
- **Veterans Day Parade – Gene Bayless:** Applications for units to participate in the parade are due by October 26th. The definite parade route has not yet been determined. Lineup will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the civic coliseum.
- **Veterans Day Luncheon – Patrice Collins:** Still needs short bio and photograph of some of the Honorees. John Becker will be the Master of Ceremonies this year. The luncheon will begin at 12:30 p.m. right after the parade. Owen Ragland is managing the flow of the event.

UNIT ACTIVITY:

- **UT AIR FORCE ROTC – Lt Col Brian Delamater:** Released assignments for seniors that will be graduating in the spring. Most got the assignments they wanted.
- **UT ARMY ROTC – LTC Danny Kelley:** Franz Walkup, brother of Frank Walkup, has been wounded in Afghanistan. He was transported to Germany treatment. Keep this family in your prayers. Bruce Crandall will flip the coin at the Air Force vs Army flag football game.
- **MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION – 1SG Steven Schaffner:** Last physical year they did 5,685 medical exams. Qualified 4,377 new recruits. Shipped 2,415 to basic training.
- **119TH COMMAND & CONTROL SQUAD – Lt Col Vince Franklin:** Gained the funding needed that had been cut. Future project funding will continue to be a priority
- **134TH AIR REFUELING WING – Colonel Thomas Cauthen:** Unit had one of the first tankers in support of the effort to remove Gadhaffi from control of Libya. Air National Guard and Reserves owns

about 60% percent of the tankers involved in air fueling support. Last year flew 5200 hours. Going to add an Air Medical Evacuation Squadron from the 118th Air Wing which no longer has C-130s.

- **1/230 AIR CAVALRY SQUAD – Captain Jacob May:** Sending six OH Delta aircraft to Florida, Avon Park, for aerial gunnery training.
- **278th ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT – Col Jeff Archer:** COL Keith Scott will be taking his place when he retires next spring. They have 148 out of over 3700 soldiers that awaiting medical categorization. The regiment has a lot of new equipment including 276 Joint Combat Radios. The Regiment continues to acquire Bradley ODDSA fighting vehicles. A major effort is underway to teach their soldiers about suicide and how to recognize and respond to the signs of potential suicide.
- **489TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION – LTC Clifford Faulkner:** All soldiers are back from their mandatory leave time at the end of their mobilization. The unit qualified 100% of Soldiers on the weapons training range. 17November is the date for the unit change of command and Welcome Home Warrior Citizen ceremonies. All ETMAC members are invited. The events will be held at the Army Reserve Center, 1334 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville.
- **844th ENGINEERING BATTALION – MAJ Alan Floyd:** September 23rd they had a change in battalion commander. LTC Wanda Williams is the new commander.
- **Co D, 4th COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION – Capt. Charles Hunt:** Toys for Tots drive is underway. To give toys or volunteer call the coordinator, Sgt. Megan Larkin at 865-680-2030
- **I.G. BROWN TRAINING & EDUCATION CTR – Col Tim Cathcart:** Had 4200 “Boots on the Ground” at the TEC during FY 2012.. 45 ,000 to 46,000 for the Distant Learning Products. They broadcast 24/7 by satellite worldwide to Air National Guard installations. A \$3,000,000 upgrade to the Public Affairs Studio has been completed.
- **NAVAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT CENTER – Chief Todd Johnson:** Center still in construction mode. Navy Ball, set for 13 October celebrates the Navy’s 237th birthday.
- **TENNESSEE WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL – Lt Col Dent Young:** They had about 1800 flying hours this year and credited with seven saves this year.

ORGANIZATIONS

- **ETVMA– Joleen Dewald:** ETVMA newsletter has gone out and tickets were now available for the 2013 Medal of Honor Evening, scheduled for Monday, May 6th.
- **METAL OF HONOR CONVENTION – Joleen Dewald:** On Tuesday, November 13, ETMAC will host a Greet and Meet with Medal of Honor Recipient Bruce Crandall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Worlds Fair Park. Invitations will be forth coming.
- **ESGR – Dr. Jim Foggin:** - ESGR is active in Pay Checks for Patriots. There will be at a Job Fair on October 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Tennessee Department of Labor office on University Avenue, Knoxville and a similar event in Talbot. At last month’s ESGR meeting, Lance Corporal Rod Leadbetter from Delta Company, made a presentation about his experiences while deployed in Afghanistan. There are approximately 64,000 Guard and Reserve members on active duty that will be coming home soon and they will be looking for jobs. Professor Baldwin Lee of UT is looking for photos taken by the troops while serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. He is putting those on a web site called *Through the Eyes of a Soldier*. There will also be an exhibition and a book.
- **MOUNTAIN MAN MEMORIAL MARCH – Lee Dalton:** Started in 2008 with the Walkup family with 40 cadets. Last year they had 69 families they honored and 583 participants. In 2013 they will offer a \$5,000 in scholarships to the Gold Star family members.
- **HONOR AIR – Joe Sutter** - Flight 13 on Oct. 3rd was a great success and a great homecoming was received when they returned to McGhee Tyson.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

November 1, 2012 ETMAC meeting will be at the Knoxville Chamber at 8:30 a.m.