

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

October 3, 2013 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- OCT 09 HonorAir Flight #15
- NOVEMBER 8 Congressional Medal of Honor Flag Raising – 11:00 am at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park
- NOVEMBER 10 Marine Corps Birthday Celebration – Rothschild's 12:30pm
- NOVEMBER 11 Veterans' Day Parade and Veterans' Day Luncheon
- APRIL 12 (2014) Mountain Man March
- SEPT 10-13 (2014) Medal of Honor Convention – visit website at www.mohknoxville.com

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, Oct 3, 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 two new members and guests
- 53 members and guests were present, and the September meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$75 in checks were written, \$3,503.66 deposits were made (Luncheon payments) - leaving a balance of \$17,778.15
- The Webmaster report shows a total of 1,502 Visitors browsed the site
- Marvin Tuggle – Gave an update on the 88th Veterans Day parade which will be Monday Nov.11, 2013 – Needs everyone to send in their entry forms NLT 28 Oct. WBIR will televise the parade and it will live stream on their website. WIVK will carry live coverage as well. This year is the year of the Navy. For more info:
<http://www.legionknox.org/index.php?id=91>
- Patrice Collins – Gave an update on the Veterans luncheon; There are currently 357 reservations – need to get to 500 pretty quickly. She also asked that area Commanders get their nominees names in for the non- commissioned Honoree awards ASAP as well as their guests' name. (Reminder: there is a price increase this year - 30 dollars for individuals and 300 dollars for a table. For more info:
http://www.etmac.org/html/2013_vet_luncheon.htm
- President Allen formally thanked Laimon Godel for his outstanding job as the ETMAC webmaster. However, Laimon would like to turn these duties over to another individual. Area Commanders were asked to pass this opening on to any interested individuals.

- President Allen introduced the new round Challenge Coin design as voted on by the members. A motion was made to make an initial order of 300 coins and to sell the coins to ETMAC members for \$10 and to non-members for \$20. The motion passed by the majority of members present.
- President Allen/Joe Sutter reminded the group that they will begin the local military “Economic Impact” report in the near future.
- Vice President Ragland reminded members to send unit/community activity dates and flyers to the webmaster to place on the ETMAC webpage for easy viewing

GUEST UPDATES

- **Rachel Moore** – Case Manager for Morristown office “**Volunteers of America**” - <http://www.voa.org/>
- Dawn Wade – Works in the Business Developing group for Vanquish Worldwide – for more info - <http://www.govanquish.com/>

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Jack Lancaster** – Thanked all who supported the 16 Sept-burger burn for the “Wounded Warrior Walk”, which helped \$1000+ for the charity; For more info - https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wounded-Walk/275213155947441?ref=br_tf
- **UT Army ROTC – LTC Kelley** – Gave a brief on the large drawdown of troop numbers and the effect it will have on the job market in the next few years
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Jason McNear** – Relocation scheduled for 25 Oct; MEPS has some used furniture for any unit that would like it – contact Michael Humphrey if interested 865-531-8221
- **119th Command and Control Squadron – Lt Col Sam Keener** – Impact of Gov’t shutdown - @300 Furloughed employees at MTAB
- **134th Air Refueling Wing – Chaplain Stan Giles** – Impact of Gov’t shutdown - @300 Furloughed employees at MTAB
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion – Chief Bryce Wunder** – Dealing with the gov’t shutdown
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – SMSgt Broadway** – currently have no broadcasting ability because of the Gov’t shutdown; also discussing sending the current students home until shutdown is resolved
- **Naval Operations Support Center – Chief Todd Johnson** – Navy Ball at Rothschild’s on 12 Oct; If anyone has any community projects the NOSC sea cadets would like to try to support those endeavors
- **Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Lt Col Dent Young** – Has a Color Guard available for unit/community events; Would also like to support some community projects

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, 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 88th Veterans Day parade will be Monday Nov.11, 2013 – Needs everyone to send in their entry forms NLT 28 Oct; WBIR will televise the parade. This year is the year of the Navy. For more info: <http://www.legionknox.org/index.php?id=91>; 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
- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg** – Cyber Patriot HS competition, registration deadline is 10 Oct – for more info <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** - Flight #15 will be Wednesday Oct 9th
Final decision on whether to go or not, because of government shutdown, will be made on Oct. 7th.
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention Update – Joleen DeWald** – The Medal of Honor flag raising ceremony will be November 8 at 11am at the East TN Veterans Memorial at World's Fair Park; May 5, 2014 will be annual Medal of Honor evening; website is live – Encourages everyone to view at <http://www.mohknoxville.com/>
- **ESGR – John Dyess** – Hiring Our Heroes (Job Fair) - October 29, 2013 from 10-1p.m, Grande Event Center, Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Hwy; for more info and to register to attend this event visit <http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/knoxville-tn-12>
- **Tennessee Veterans Business Association – Jonathan Williams**- Annual Veterans and Education expo and Hiring fair will be Jan 27th and 28th 2014 at the Knoxville Convention Center.
- **Marine Corps League – Laimon Godel** - Mud Run was a huge success
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel** - Meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am

**Next meeting – Next meeting – Thursday, Nov 7
Knoxville Chamber**

ETMAC Webpage: Please send anything to be added to the calendar to webmaster@godel.com

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am