

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## October 2, 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](http://www.etmac.org)

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville Chamber Office on Thursday, October 2, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed seven new guests. Joe Thompson and Chris Coyne presented a thank you banner to ETMAC for all the organizations support. Joe Thompson and Chris Coyne also presented Patrice Collins and Joleen Dewald a signed MoH photo for their outstanding support in the MoH convention.
- 83 members and guests were present. September minutes were approved with one correction.
- The Treasurer reported \$1,381.32 in checks written, a \$1000 contribution to the MoH convention and deposits equaling \$530 along with \$0.19 interest - leaving a balance of \$10,737.88 - Total
- The Webmaster Report – Purchase ability now available, Website functional

### Guest Presentations by:

**Heroes for Horse – Lynn Petr** - executive director of Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, a therapeutic horse riding program for wounded veterans in East Tennessee – in need of veterans

**Wreaths Across America – Bernice Koprince** – \$15 to buy a wreath to place on a veterans grave; wreaths will be placed on Dec 13 - <http://www.wreathsassamerica.org>

**Pellissippi State – Rick Heath** – Veterans Day Program on Nov 11 at 11 am at the Hardin Valley Campus, guest speaker CPT Bill Robinson

**Linda Broyles – University of TN** – National Association of Veterans Upward Bound, helping veterans decide what to do next after their service commitment; more info [utkvub@utk.edu](mailto:utkvub@utk.edu)

## Announcements

### **Medal of Honor Convention Update – Joleen Dewald**

- Was a huge success! 53 recipients have attended – Largest Group Since Civil War
- President Allen gave Special Thanks to Chief Coyne and Joe Thompson's for their hard work on the MoH convention

### **Veterans Day Parade – Gene Bayless**

- November 11, 2014
- Register online – [www.legionknox.org](http://www.legionknox.org) - Legion Post 2 – Open until end of October – 100+ units last year

### **Patrice Collins – Special Note:**

- Veterans Day Luncheon – November 11<sup>th</sup> - Marriott – Downtown – Lt Gen Mike Holmes, alumnus of UT – Guest Speaker – Commander's choices for enlisted honoree awards are due soon; please start considering potential nominees.

## **MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES**

- **UT Air Force ROTC** – Capt Michael Nelson – 83 cadets; Air Warfare leadership EX; Combat Dining in
- **UT Army ROTC** – CPT Warde – Recruiting in full force; Largest Freshman Class in a while; Oct 30 – Land Nav; FTX in Catoosa in November
- **AF Recruiting** – MSgt Robson – Active Duty is recruiting guard folks in specific AFSC's such as combat control and pararescue
- **Military Entrance Processing Station** – Maj Wunder – October is busiest ASVAB testing – 181 schools assigned
- **119th Command and Control Squadron** – Lt Col Willocks – Looking to find some community projects
- **134th Air Refueling Wing** – Capt Stephanie McKeen – 45 personnel deployed at various locations around the world; 110 personnel returning from Guam, Continuing to support CENTCOM. Spring 2016 Air Show in planning process
- **I-230th Air Cavalry Squadron** – LTC Mel Clawson – Thanked everyone for the opportunity to help with MoH; within 90 day of Troops coming home
- **278th Armored Cavalry Regiment** – LTC Keith Scott – Thanked everyone for the opportunity to help with MoH; High Ops tempo training coming up, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran Outreach Program on Sutherland
- **844th Engineering Battalion** – MAJ Allen Floyd – last ETMAC meeting for Maj Floyd; Thanked the East TN community for being so supportive
- **Co D, 4th Combat Engineer Battalion** – Capt Charlie Hunt – Dealing with the Suicide of one of its members; Fort Knox training; Marine Corps Ball on Nov 1st
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center** – Col Jessica Meyeraan – Chief Hoteling visited last week; CMSgt Hunt will speak at the graduation of 309 Students; Construction still ongoing - Track Drainage and New Parking lot;
- **USCG Auxiliary Division 12** – CDR Dave Roberts – Recreational boating season is winding down; Know your vendor's safety record before paddle sporting such as rafting
- **1/100 Engineer Battalion - small**

## **VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES**

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association** - Joleen Dewald – Fundraisers November 7<sup>th</sup> – Sporting Clay Shoot in Oak Ridge, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 MOH Dinner honoring Mr. Coolidge.
- **Mountain Man Memorial March** – Joleen Dewald – Registration is open [www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com](http://www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com) – April 11, 2015, Gatlinburg, TN, Looking for volunteers.
- **American Legion** – Mike Testerman – 710 members statewide, Oct 25-26 Turkey Shoot Fundraiser, November 11, 2014 Veterans Day Parade
- **Air Force Association** – Steve Dillenburg – October 13, 2014 AFA (Bud Bacon) Golf Tournament – Scramble Fundraiser, Annual Cyber Patriot Challenge – Open for Team Registration – Waiver of fees for all girl teams
- **Air Force Sergeants Association** – Sue Dauber – October 11, 2014 12 Hour POW/MIA Walk/Run – 0700-1900, Register [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter** – #18 flight – Spring 2015
- **ESGR – Jack D’Araujo** – 32,000 Guard and Reserve still mobilized federal active duty; Army and Air Guard – H2H being succumbed into Veterans program
- **Knox County Veterans Services Office** – Tom Humphries – Office closed 6-8 Oct
- **TN Department of Veterans Affairs – East Region** – Bonnie Johnson – November 5, 2014 – Big Veterans Outreach on Sutherland Avenue
- **Marine Corps League** – Laimon Godel – Veterans fast launch program; [mclknox.org](http://mclknox.org)
- **Vietnam Veterans of America** – Rich Gill – Town Hall meeting at 7 pm at United Methodist Church on Washington Pike concerning PTSD - Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>; Website - [www.vva1078.org](http://www.vva1078.org), Meet second Tuesday of every month at Red Cross Knoxville Facility
- **MOWW** – Nolan Sharbel –Website – [www.mowwregionV.net](http://www.mowwregionV.net) or 865-693-8170 or [0.haddock@comcast.net](mailto:0.haddock@comcast.net) - meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday October 8, 2014 at 11:00AM at Rothschild’s on Kingston Pike
- **Project Healing Waters** – Steve Thompson – three day fishing trip for disabled active military service personnel and veterans; Forty (40) participants - housed on Pigeon Key, a historic island in Florida
- **MOAA** – Bill Potter – 17 October meeting at Rothschild’s

**Next meeting - Thursday, November 6, 2014  
Knoxville Chamber**

**ETMAC Webpage:** Please send anything to be added to the calendar to [ballen@brownandroberto.com](mailto:ballen@brownandroberto.com)

**The meeting was adjourned at 09:53 AM**