



October 6, 2022 - Meeting Minutes
Meeting Location: Knoxville Chamber
47 attendees

Upcoming Events

ONGOING Fundraiser for Operation Honor Guard: go to this link to donate:

<https://operationhonorguard.networkforgood.com/projects/170836-east-tennessee-day-of-giving-hosted-by-wate>

- 1st Sat Free Breakfast for Veterans & Guests at the Elks Club #160 5600 Lonas Rd, Knoxville – 8:00 - 9:30am
- 2nd Sat Free Breakfast for Veterans & Guests at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave, Knoxville - 8:00-9:30am. Also on the 2nd Saturday, Kodak UMC 2923 Bryan Rd, Kodak
- 3rd Sat Free Breakfast for Veterans & Guests at the Community Center in Powell, 1708 W. Emory Rd, Powell - 8:00-10:00am
- Last Sat: Free Breakfast for Veterans & Guests throughout our area: 8:00 am - 9:30 am at all three locations below:
- DAV Chapter #24, 2600 Holbrook Dr., Knoxville,
 - VFW Post 5154 in Blount County, 2561 Hobbs Rd., Louisville
 - DAV Chapter #26, 530 Kingston Ave, Oliver Springs
- 2nd Tues: Project Healing Waters meets at Central Bearden Baptist Church 6300 Deane Hill Dr Knoxville from 1800-2000
- 21 OCT Rocky Top Bourbon Charity 1920s Prohibition Speakeasy Casino Night, Chips for Charity. <https://go.rallyup.com/chipsforcharity> or Chris Bryant 865/659-1001 for details.
- 22 OCT Project Healing Waters Fly Tying Demo joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org
- 23 OCT Project Healing Waters New Participant Outing 0800-1500 joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org
- 22-23 OCT Worth It 2022 at Overcoming Believers Church in Knoxville. <https://youareworthit.net/> for details.
- 28 OCT Project Healing Waters Clinch River Outing 0800-1600. joe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org
- 4 NOV Women Veterans Dinner at Cokesbury UMC www.esawomenvets.rsvpify.com for details.
- 5 NOV Veterans Day Flag Placement 8:30am at both Lyons View and John Sevier Cemeteries Pickup will be Nov 15th at 10am.

- 9 NOV 38th Annual Veterans Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at 11:30am at the Airport Hilton. Reservations accepted until November 3rd. Information at www.etmac.org.
- 10-11 NOV Spirit & Service Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series. Veterans may receive 2 free tickets. boxoffice@knoxvillesmyphony.com or 865-291-3310
- 10 NOV ‘We Honor Veterans’ at Maury Middle School. Keynote speaker will be MG Leslie Purser. Program begins at 1pm. 965 Maury Circle, Dandridge
- 10 NOV Smile Day for our Vets South Knox Dental 865-577-7535 for details.
- 11 NOV Free meal for veterans at Calhouns and Corner16 from 10:45am until 4:00 pm.
- 11 NOV American Legion Post 2 & City of Knoxville Veterans Day Parade
<https://legionknox.com/veterans-day-parade/>
- 12 NOV Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Holiday Food Drive 8-10am at Walmart 1997 Buffalo Tr Morristown and from 12:30 until 3pm at Walmart 4331 W Andrew Jackson, Morristown
- 13 NOV War Dog March at Pellissippi State’s Hardin Valley Campus. Details at <https://veteransheritagesite.org> or Marilyn Childress at 678/920-1989
president@veteransheritagesite.org

For a complete listing of events, [visit http://www.etmac.org](http://www.etmac.org) and click events

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Treasurer’s Report: Derren Burrell:

- *Beginning Balance* \$20,583.07
- *Deposits* \$2,484.30
- *Expenses* \$686.58
- *Ending Balance* \$22,380.79

- **Membership dues may be paid online:**
<https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership-application/> or mail a check payable to ETMAC to Patrice Collins at the Knoxville Chamber: 17 Market Square, #201, Knoxville, TN 37902. Donations on our website are also appreciated
- President Report –Leslie Purser -Thank you to everyone involved with Medal of Honor Convention.
- Webmaster’s Report – Dent Young – 534 visitors last month with 517 being new. Most visitors came from US, Russia, China and the Philippines. Resources, Veterans Services and the Veterans Luncheon were the most visited pages.
- Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins –9 November will be the Veterans Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at the Airport Hilton. Lt Gen Larry Nicholson will be the keynote speaker. Thank you for the nominations from the unit commanders. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the USMC Toys for Tots program.

- Eagle Rock Camp – Lynn Marilla, Founder/CEO – They host suicide prevention camps in Western NC. They then follow up with them and continue their support of the veterans that attend their camp. Eaglerockcamp.org for more details.
- Veterans Day Parade – Friday, November 11 @ 10:30 am on Gay Street.
- Joleen Dewald presented the official Congressional Medal of Honor Society Flag, which was displayed at the East TN Veterans Memorial since May, to the UT AF ROTC – Detachment 800. Det 800 hoisted the flag at the opening ceremony in May, which was the official kick off to Knoxville’s Medal of Honor Celebration in September 2022.
- Honor Air Flight 31 will take place on Wednesday 12 October. This is the Flight to Honor Female Veterans

First Time Attendees

- **Colby Tippens with the 278th**
- **Edward Shane Carney with Arconic Veterans**
- **Brian Evans with Knoxville Police Dept.**
- **Nathan Cayangyang with 212th Transportation Company**
- **Lynn Marilla with Eagle Rock Camp**
- **Oneta Fioravanti, Retired, Y-12**
- **Richard Meadows with the TN Dept of Labor**

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES:

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – LTC Joseph Westfall- *unable to attend*
- 1-100th Engineer Battalion – MAJ Matt Marshall – *unable to attend*
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – Maj Willie Posey – *unable to attend*
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – CPT Hulon Holmes – Troops in motion Waiting on budget approval and will be gearing up training soon.
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Lt Col Jason Brock – KC-135 R Model endurance flight upcoming and they will be refueling and change crews on their journey. Thanks to all for the 75th Air Force Celebration. Gearing up for the Christmas season and will be having a clay shoot fundraiser at Chilhowee Sportsman’s Club to benefit Santa Cop on 13 Nov.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit – LTC Tim Shubert – Continuing to add artillery to the 278th. Planning for annual training next spring. Completing remodel at headquarters. 23 Oct, LTC Shubert will be promoting to COL.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – LT Col Bryan Ewing – *unable to attend*
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Jacqueline Bradford – *unable to attend*
- 844th Engineering Battalion - CAPT Turner – *unable to attend*
- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Shawn Balent – Training offsite. Gearing up for Toys for Tots. They will have a box at the Veterans Luncheon. You can get more details on drop off locations on their website. They are looking for warehouse space. All donations stay in our community. [Toys for Tots Knoxville](#)
- ETSU Army ROTC. – 1LT Andrew J. Sepulveda – 24 cadets attending training this summer. 19 cadets graduated Air Assault, 1 cadet graduated Airbourne, 4 participated in a shadowing program. Graduated 2 LTs this summer. Fall FTX at Grey Armory coming up. 2 new LTs will commission in December.

- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Lt Col Jacob Corbett – 110 students coming in. 1 Oct all airmen received an increase in their housing allocation.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) – 1LT James Jonatchick – *unable to attend*
- Military Entrance Processing Station – 1SG Paul Lovelace – A Medal of Honor recipient came and enlisted 9 individuals.
- National Guard Recruiting and Retention BN – 1LT Daryl Jackson – *unable to attend*
- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville – CDR Trier Kissell – *unable to attend*
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Col Dent Young – Working to provide arial photos for damaged areas in Florida Have sent 250k images. Will be providing STEM simulations to Scouting groups.
- UT Air Force ROTC – Lt Col Tony Estep – 13 Sep - SER leadership team visited and spent the entire day with cadre and cadets. They observed AS300 class and LLAB and were impressed with caliber of cadets in our program. Col Caranta coined Cadet Bah for his outstanding performance as a Cadet Training Assistant at field training over the summer and Cap Coley for his tireless leadership over the summer running the detachment while the Det/CC was at field training. Cadets provided volunteer support for MOH Celebration events, Smokey Mountain Air Show, and the UTK Veterans Memorial. Oct 1 we hosted our annual Fall Field Training Exercise at Camp Tipton in Maryville, TN. Our underclassmen cadets got to practice small unit tactics, land navigation, entry control point procedures, and combat casualty care.
- UT Army ROTC – LTC Justin Howe – *unable to attend*

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES:

- Air and Space Force Association – Dick Webber – Thank you to the 134th for hosting the 75th anniversary of the Air Force. 200 attended. 10 Oct will be the Bud Bacon golf tournament coming up. Contact Joe Sutter for details.
- Air Force Sargent's Association – Jamie Prince – no report
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – Rich Meadows – Continuing to host job fairs. They provide two areas of service; they also work with individual veterans to help them get the skills they need to become employed. They have resources that are not being utilized.
- American Legion Post 2 – Joleen Dewald – You can register for the Veteran's Day Parade at www.legionknox.org. This will be the first full parade in 3 years. Will be operating a concession stand at Neyland Stadium to raise money. Oct 8 is the car show.
- American Red Cross – Jamie Buck – Working the Air Show with a medical booth.
- Bunker Labs – Derren Burrell – Veterans in Residence program is now accepting applications for the program beginning in January.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 - Pat Polis -. 5 female veterans from the chapter going on the Honor Air Flight to Honor Female Veterans. 11 Nov they will be at all the Calhouns locations raising money for Wreath's Across America. They will also be at all the Food City locations the first weekend of November to again raise money for the Wreaths Across America.
- Y12 Serving Our Service Members (SOS) – Bonnie Harlow– Heroes and Horses each Friday at STAR in Lenoir City from 10:45 until noon. Y-12 has 6 female veterans on the Honor Air Flight on 12 Oct. They will attend the Knoxville Veterans Day parade on 11 Nov and the Anderson County Veteran's Day parade on Saturday at noon at the Clinton Community Center. SOS supports veteran hiring at Y-12 with the Vet to Engineer program and Skillbridge. They are assisting with the MMMM on 22 April.

- Caris Health Care – Brenda Palmatier – no report
- Covenant Health Military Recognition Program – Cindy Winterberger – Their Caterpillar Kids Camp was successful with 65 kids. They will repeat in the spring. One in four of their patients are veterans.
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – Dave Swanson – They provide transportation Monday-Thursday to the Medical Center in Johnson City. They also provide medical equipment to veterans. They need volunteer drivers.
- East Tennessee Veteran's Honor Guard – Jim Mungenast – continuing to provide services regularly. Operation Honor Guard on 12 Oct will be a fundraiser for the Guard.
- East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald – Friday October 28 is their annual Clay Shoot at Chilhowee Sportsman's Club.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) - Jim Mungenast / Leslie Purser – UT Battelle won the Freedom Award, and we presented it to them on 19 Sept at the 134th with many dignitaries in attendance.
- Honor Air - Joe Sutter – Flight 31 will be 12 October to honor female veterans.
- Irreverent Warriors – Christine Shawhan – no report
- James H Quillen VA Medical Center – Billy Key – refer any vets you know to them for services. They are able to help with medical issues and are increasing their outreach staff.
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 – Jeff Brown – no report
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Cindy Winterberger – no report
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries – 5 Nov will be laying flags on the graves at the veterans cemeteries. Veterans that served in Guam or Thailand should refile for benefits that may have been denied previously. Also, veteran spouses should be alerted to apply for benefits.
- Knoxville Vet Center – Lyle Allen – no report
- Lost Vets Rescue – no report
- Marine Corps League – Ken DeBoer - Meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month. 5 November will be the Marine Corp Ball. Honorarium for Lt Alexander Bonnyman will be 19 November.
- 194 Fleet Reserve Association – Eric Nash - no report
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc. – Bill Grieve – no report
- Mountain Man Memorial March – Justin Howe – no report
- Navy League – Joe Holloway – no report
- ORNL Veterans Group – John Gearhart – no report
- Pets for Vets – Heinz Lauer – no report
- Rolling Thunder – Carlos Hollifield – no report
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program – Chelsea Taylor – They host an open house each Friday.
- TN Department of Veteran Services – Knoxville Field Office – Charles McGhee – no report
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network – Emily Hager- no report.
- United Veterans Council – Natalie Donahue – Would like to present to local businesses about Wreaths Across America
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – no report

- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Marilyn Childress – 13 Nov is the War Dog March at Pellissippi State' main campus on Hardin Valley. Proceeds will go the Military Dog Memorial that is being build, and to the Memorial site being constructed next to the Veteran's Cemetery on John Sevier. They have 68 veteran sites to place wreaths on across the area, and they need assistance to place all of them.
- Veterans Mental Health Council – Cindy Winterberger - Hosting a suicide prevention play on Oct 22-23.
- VFW Post 5154 in Maryville – Neal Whetsel – Collecting stuffed animals to give to first responders to assist when children are involved in a traumatic event. 29 Oct from 12-3, Family Freedom Fest at their location.
- Volunteers for Veterans - Noah Rempfer – no report
- Volunteers of America – Amanda Millsaps- Have taken 179 veterans into their program this year. They help homeless veterans.

Next ETMAC meeting is Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Knoxville Chamber

- **Any input or corrections, please contact Kim Spencer 865-661 9856 or kim@yourplacetoflourish.com**

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Unit and Veteran Organization Contact Information

ETMAC

www.ETMAC.org

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html> or www.jobs4tn.gov

American Legion

legionknox.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Post2Knoxville/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/local-chapters/east-tennessee>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossTN/>

Ben Atchley

<http://www.tsvh.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TNStateVetreans/>

Bunker Labs Knoxville

<https://chapters.bunkerlabs.org/knoxville/>

Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

<http://www.vva1078.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vvachapter1078knoxville/>

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc 18-12

<https://www.cvma18-12.com/upcoming-gatherings.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/481217796399085>

Disabled Veterans Chapter 24

<https://www.dav.org>

East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association <https://etvma.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ETVMA/>

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

<https://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/Tennessee> <https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee-ESGR-171685266196286/>

Honor Air

<http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/honoraire/>

Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

<https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/habitat-for-heroes/>

<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleHabitatforHumanity/>

Knights of Columbus Henry Usey 865-246-4413

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council <http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office <https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/> thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org

Knoxville Vet Center - <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Lost Vets Rescue alshsc@gmail.com 757/817-7869 www.thelostvets.com

Marine Corps League - <http://www.mclknex.org/> Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) www.moaa.org

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356 - Charlie Caldwell 865-368-7289 www.moph356.org or cddcardwell49@gmail.com

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) - www.moww.org

Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMountainManMemorialMarch/>

Navy League – Joe Holloway 865/320-5093 CTR1USN@gmail.com

Pets for Vets – Heinz Lauer ceclauer@gmail.com or 865/888-2754

Project Healing Waters FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org 629-213-9707

Rolling Thunder <http://www.rollingthundertn3.com/index.php/about-tn3/>

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - <https://tvhomeless.org/>

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.

<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/The-United-Veterans-Council-of-East-Tennessee-Inc-1912897478820375/>

UT Army ROTC Alumni Council

http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955

<https://www.facebook.com/UTKAmyROTC/>

Veteran Heritage Site Foundation <http://veteransheritagesite.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHeritageSiteFoundation>

Volunteers for Veterans - Noah Rempfer nempfer@vols.utk.edu 434/6650679

Volunteer State Honor Guard <http://www.milhonors.com>

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