



EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

October 5, 2017 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- NOV 9 Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon @ 11:30am, Downtown Marriott
- NOV 10 Veteran's Day Parade, Gay Street Downtown Knoxville, 11am
- NOV 11 Rocky Top Crafter's Honoring Vets @ Main Street Baptist Church, Rocky Top, TN
- NOV 13 DAV Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at Golden Corral
- NOV 17 UT Military Veteran Alumni Reunion Weekend

For a complete listing please visit <http://www.etmac.org> and click events

ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION

- **Welcome and Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 8:30am at the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. MAJ Stephanie McKeen presided over the meeting. A total number of 20 were present.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by MAJ Stephanie McKeen
- **Introduction of new Attendees:**
 - Christine White – Development and Community Outreach Manger, Catholic Charities
 - Assistant Petty Officer Trevor Ragin, Recruiting Office Atlanta
- **Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell** Balance of \$15,985. Deposit \$225. About \$1600 checks for luncheon.
- **Webmaster's Report – no report**
- **Family Fun Jam** – Walt Hanson – Free and Beer to get your attention. Christine White - Free admission to family jam on Veteran's day at the stables at Hunter Valley Farm, 9111 Hunter Valley Lane, November 11: 1-6pm featuring Country music, square dancing, football, craft beer and cider and so much more!
- **Veterans Day Parade – Fri., Nov. 10 - Gay Street/downtown Knoxville – Larry Sharp (go to legionknox.com)**
- **Veterans Appreciation Luncheon – Thurs., Nov. 9 - Marriott Downtown – www.etmac.org - Patrice Collins** Thanks so Commanders for all their honorary information and their pictures. Will be at 11am and speaker will be Captain Wooziak. A little over 200 people to attend.
- ETMAC Announcements – Patrice Collins – fliers in back for UT Knoxville military veteran reunion. Dedicating new military Veteran center that day and half price tickets for military and Veterans.
- President's Report – Major Stephanie McKeen – Board members check email regarding Sam Hartman Award.

MILITARY UNIT UPDATES

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – *No Report*
- 1-100th Engineer Battalion – *unable to attend*
- 119th Cyber Operations Squadron – Maj Chris Morin – *No Report*
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – *unable to attend*
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – 60th anniversary and dinner on way. Air Park and Hanger will be done and drill coming up.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment – COL Jimmie Cole – *No Report*
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – MSgt Chris Robson
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – *unable to attend*
- 844th Engineering Battalion – MAJ Andrew Wyman
- Coast Guard Recruiting – East TN Region – AET1 Christopher Rapp – looking to recruit from interactive duty reserve and other branches to be a Coast Guard Pilot. Have to be a current aircraft commander.
- Co D 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Cullen Torres – Holidays are big for the Toys for Tots drive that is put on every year. If you know of anywhere that there is a big gathering of people that can place a box, contact Sergeant Steven Xiong, Marine Toys for Tots Coordinator at 865-522- 2414 x. 115 or email: toysfortotscoordinator@gmail.com
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Col David Meece; in between classes so quiet right now. Personal note: Wishing everyone a fond farewell and thanks for everything. Have been more than colleagues but like a family and will miss you all. Moving to the D.C. area to do family programing.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) - *unable to attend*
- Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Emily Wilson – *no report*
- Navy Operational Support Center – LCDR Kevin Settle – Drill weekend, Oct 21-22. Same weekend as Navy Ball and tickets still available or you can sponsor a young sailor to attend the ball.
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Lt Col Dent Young
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – CDR Tom Murphy – *unable to attend*
- UT Air Force ROTC –Lt Col Matt “Ocho” Castillo 24 October is a career day for all the cadets. Thanks for all the units on the base for showing the cadets all the different areas of work that they do.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air Force Association – Paula Penson Next Monday is annual fund raiser for gold tournament. 64 registered and 16 are recruiters. 8 slots still open.
- American Legion – Larry Sharp – *No report*
- American Red Cross – Tom DeHoog – *No report*
- Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home – Doug Ottinger – *No report*
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 – Don Smith – *No Report*
- East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen Dewald – *Unable to attend*
- East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard – Reid Gerhardt no report
- Habitat for Heroes – Rick Garner – *No Report*
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Freddy Owens - *unable to attend*
- ESGR – Jack D’Araujo – Nominations being taken for good employers, Freedom award and can put in nomination for their boss, Patriot award.
- Honor Air – Ethan Frazier – Thanks to all who showed up for arrival on the Honor Air. It was probably the largest turnouts ever.
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries – *unable to attend*
- Knoxville Vet Center – Emily Feedback *no report*
- Marine Corps League – Eric Nash *no report*
- Mountain Man Memorial March – Joleen Dewald – *Unable to attend*

- MOWW – Paula Penson – October 28 at 9:15 at First Baptist Concord, Color Guards and guidons representing units and organizations in the area will be holding a ceremony in dedication to the gold star mothers.
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Steve Thompson – *No report*
- Veteran Appreciation Program – Larry Sharp – *No Report*
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Patty McGrew *no report*
- Volunteers of America/Supportive Services for Veterans Families/Stand Down – Clyde Vincent – *No Report*
- Women Marines Association – Lindsay Long – *No Report*
- Rolling Thunder – Brenda Owensby – *No Report*
- Yellow Ribbon Fund Veteran Caregivers Support Group – Stephanie Trost *No report*

Next Meeting of ETMAC: Thursday, November 2, 2017
Knoxville Chamber of Commerce
8:30am

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