



## EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

### SEPTEMBER 2, 2010 MEETING SUMMARY

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: Patriot Day
- SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>: The Tennessee Valley Fair's "Hometown Heroes Celebration". All current or past military (with military ID) can come to the fair and pay only \$1. Better yet, you can bring three additional family members for only \$1.00 each as well. A "Patriotic Concert" featuring James Rogers will be performed that evening. See announcement section of the minutes for additional information on purchasing blocks of 50 reserved seats so less fortunate soldiers can attend the concert.
- SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>: POW/MIA Recognition Day
- SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>: Air Force Birthday
- OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup>: Navy Ball honoring the 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Navy at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. If interested in attending or becoming a sponsor for the event please visit the below link [www.knoxvillenavyball.org](http://www.knoxvillenavyball.org)
- OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>: HonorAir Flight # 8 will depart from TYS at 9:00 am.
- OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>: Next ETMAC meeting at Knoxville Chamber at 8:30 am.
- OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bud Bacon Golf Tournament at Royal Oakes in Maryville, TN. 11:30 am is Registration and lunch; 12:30 pm is shotgun start. \$65 per player. If interested please contact Charles Bowker at [cdbowker@hotmail.com](mailto:cdbowker@hotmail.com) or click on this link for a registration form [http://www.etmac.org/assets/2010\\_10\\_GolfFlyer.pdf](http://www.etmac.org/assets/2010_10_GolfFlyer.pdf)
- OCTOBER 15-16<sup>th</sup>: Veteran Stand-Down will be held at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike). For additional information please contact Clyde Vincent at 865-546-4816.
- NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: ETVMA will add the names of 25 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes to the Memorial immediately following the Veterans Luncheon at the Foundry.
- NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: Knoxville's 85<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade sponsored by The American Legion Knoxville Post 2. Participants will line-up from 9:00 to 10:15 am at the Knoxville Coliseum. Parade starts at 10:45. For a parade application and rules please click on the following link: [http://www.legionknox.org/html/annual\\_parade.html](http://www.legionknox.org/html/annual_parade.html)
- NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>: **VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON IS ALREADY SOLD OUT!** - The East Tennessee Military Affairs Council 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Awards and Recognition Luncheon. Start time is 12:30 at the Foundry. General Craig McKinley will be the guest speaker.

**STAY CURRENT: [WWW.ETMAC.ORG](http://WWW.ETMAC.ORG)**

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Knoxville Chamber, Joe Mazzola presiding. A total of 48 members and guests were present. The August meeting summary was approved as written. The treasurer's report shows an end of the month balance as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 of \$8,828.08.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (Mike Crawford):** On Veterans Day 2010, ETVMA will add the names of 25 East Tennessee Fallen Heroes. It costs \$300 to add each name and anyone that would be interested in donating to the memorial go to <http://www.etvma.org> On Thursday, September 9, 2010 they will have a board meeting at 4 PM at the memorial (L&N Station). Everyone is invited.
- **Honor Air (Joe Sutter):** Flight #8 will be held on October 6, 2010. Everyone is welcome at McGee-Tyson airport at 8 PM to welcome everyone back. To support Honor Air Knoxville, please go to <http://www.honorairknoxville.com/> The leadership team from Knoxville is assisting Honor Air Nashville for their first flight on September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans Home (Gene Bayless):** The home is currently full with 140 residents. They are always looking for organizations to spend time with the residents. If you're interested, please call 862-8100.
- **Veteran's Day Parade (Gene Bayless):** Invitations from previous participants have been sent out. If you would like an application, contact Gene at [bgbayless@comcast.net](mailto:bgbayless@comcast.net) or if you would like to volunteer call 922-2875. The route will be a little different this year with more details to come.
- **Knox County Veterans Service Officer (Nathan Weinbaum):** Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett has begun his term and is a strong supporter of our military and Veterans.
- **Blount County Chapter of the Red Cross (Jerry Bennett):** Currently working with the SAF grant. Recently supplied snacks to the families of the 134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing.
- **Knoxville Chapter of the Red Cross (Dennis McVey):** The SAF grant has been approved, so they have funds to assist organizations with Yellow Ribbon events and other programs. They also have five Nursing Assistant Training Scholarships available to military families. Contact Jess Hernandez or Janice Campbell for more information.
- **Web Site:** The web site had 1,367 visitors in August. If any organizations have a public newsletter they want distributed, please send it to Laimon Godel at [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
  - The Marine Mud Run is sold out. It will be held on September 11, 2010 at Melton Hill Park (3230 Williams Bend Road)
  - Veteran Stand-Down will be held at Parkwest Church (7635 Middlebrook Pike) on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They do need financial support. For more info call 546-4813.
- **Announcements (Joe Mazzola and Patrice Collins):**
  - In regards to the upcoming Veterans Day Luncheon, you can still pay Patrice directly if you choose not to pay online. Anyone who wishes to volunteer please contact Patrice.
  - The Tennessee Valley Fair will have its "Hometown Heroes Celebration" on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. All military and Veterans with proper ID can enter for \$1 and also bring an additional 3 family members for \$1 each. James Rogers will be performing and units and organizations can purchase a block of 50 reserved seats for \$250 and they will also be a stage co-sponsor. For more info call 215-1471.
  - Tennessee Veterans Business Association (Jonathan Williams): Currently have 37 paid business members. Recently Tim Burchett sponsored a bill in the senate regarding the TVBA. In the end of January they are going to have a Veteran owned business to business vendor day and job fair. Go to [www.jointvba.org](http://www.jointvba.org) for more info.

## SENIOR ROTC UNITS

- **UT Air Force ROTC (Lt Col Mike Angle):** Currently 114 cadets enrolled. Recently had a fundraiser at the company Alcoa and raised more than expected. They recently had a white water rafting course as a leadership clinic completely organized by the cadets.
- **UT Army ROTC (MAJ Don Evans):** Currently have 115 cadets enrolled. The cadets spent the summer in Ft. Lewis, WA to compete with over 270 other units. They scored better than the other 38 schools in the brigade. On September 20 there will be a national list released to determine whether the seniors will be placed in active duty or the reserves. Some cadets will be joining the Pride of the Southland Band for UT football games this season. The next Mountain Man Memorial March will be a joint event with the UT Air Force ROTC.

## MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY

- **US Army Recruiting Company (MAJ Jason Deel):** The East Tennessee region has approx. 9,924 square miles with 4 recruiting stations and 32 soldiers on staff. They are located in Oak Ridge, Knoxville, Maryville and Cookeville. For the current fiscal year they have put in 326 soldiers with a goal of 309 and for the reserves they have put in 45 soldiers with a goal of 39.
- **Military Entrance Processing Station (CDR Darrell Neeley):** Shipping remains down but the numbers are coming back up. They are looking to move locations by August 2011. The MEPS Education Specialist was selected as the Civilian of the Year for the Eastern Sector GS-10 and above.
- **134<sup>th</sup> ANG Air Refueling Station (Col Bradley McRee):** Current operations continue. They are preparing an IDP (Installation Development Plan).
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center (Col Bradley McRee):** Continue to set records for enrollment for the NCO academy. The next class will have 250 students with the majority of those students on active duty.
- **844<sup>th</sup> Engineering Battalion (MAJ Lawrence McKiernan):** The new commander is LtCol Wolfe. Recently held "Welcome Home Warrior" ceremony to honor the soldiers with 116 awards. Spouses, family members, and employers were also recognized. Starting up a brand new company in Chattanooga, the 316<sup>th</sup> Militarization Augmentation Company with 120 slots.
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control (Lt Mark Farley):** The new group will be called the 219<sup>th</sup> Command Control Group and under that will be the 119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron and the 228<sup>th</sup> Communications Support Squadron.
- **Navy Operations Support Center (CDR Greg Jones):** Currently 220 reservists with 32 of them deployed overseas. The Navy League will sponsor the Navy Ball. They will be having a Navy Ball honoring the 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Navy on October 2, 2010. For more info go to [www.knoxvillenavyball.org](http://www.knoxvillenavyball.org) CDR Jones will be retiring on September 12, 2010 and Jeff Grant will take over the NOSC.
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (MAJ James Rivenbark):** The Battalion has finally fully returned. They are completing training at this time.
- **Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (John Dyess):** Currently there are 102,800 guard and reserve on active duty. There will be a 2 day employment seminar free to soldier/spouse on September 21-22 Marriot Hill Ave starting at 7:45 am. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, ESGR will sponsor a luncheon at Rothchild's (8807 Kingston Pike). Everyone is invited if you RSVP to John by September 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact John Dyess for more info at [jdyess2010@gmail.com](mailto:jdyess2010@gmail.com)
- **Air Force Association (Jim Mungenast):** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bud Bacon Golf Tournament will be held at Royal Oaks in Maryville, TN on October 11, 2010. For more info email Chuck Bowker at [cdbowker@hotmail.com](mailto:cdbowker@hotmail.com)
- **Air Force Association (Jim Mungenast):** The Air Force's annual cyber security competition "Cyber Patriot" begins this fall. For more info go to <http://www.afa.org/CyberPatriot/>
- **John Sevier (Gene Bayless):** On September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm there will be a "Grave Marking Ceremony" at the grave of John Sevier at the Intersection of Main Street and Gay Street.

- **VFW (Tom Dehoog):** National Scholarship Program called “Voice of Democracy” for high school and “Patriot Pin” for middle school. Go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for more info

Respectfully Submitted,

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