

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER 22:	Annual Mud Run
SEPTEMBER 26:	Dedication of the Sequoyah Branch Library Building in memory of Brigadier General Walter J. "Bud" Bacon II
OCTOBER 1:	Deadline for new ETMAC Logo design contest. To be turned into John Dyess or Patrice Collins.
OCTOBER 3:	Honor Air Flight #13.
OCTOBER 9:	Bud Bacon Golf Tournament
OCTOBER 13:	Navy Ball – click here for info and to register. http://www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/7626
OCTOBER 13:	TVBA's Fundraiser for Big Brothers/Big Sisters
NOVEMBER 9:	Veterans Day Parade and Veterans Day Luncheon
NOVEMBER 9 & 10:	Knoxville Homeless Veterans Stand Down
NOVEMBER 17:	Marine Corps Ball

STAY CURRENT: WWW.ETMAC.ORG

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

• The September 6, 2012 ETMAC meeting was brought to order by President John Dyess at 8:30 a.m. A total of 61 members and guest were present. The minutes of the August 2 meeting were approved. Treasurer report was given by Barry Allen. The current balance is \$19,856.15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Webmaster Report – Laimon Godel:** For the month of August, there were 1,235 visitors. 1,869 page views. Russia and China have checked it out!
- **New ETMAC Logo – Patrice:** The entries for designs for a new logo are due on October 1st. The winner will receive a \$300.00 cash prize!
- **Veterans Day Luncheon – Patrice:** Unit Honoree information needed by September 30th. Needs short bio and photograph. John Becker will be the Master of Ceremonies this year.
- **Library Dedication in Honor of Bud Bacon – Joe Sutter:** The dedication of the Sequoyah Branch Library Building in honor of Bud Bacon will be Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the library. ETMAC donated \$200.00 for refreshments. For more information on the event, contact Michael Grider at 865-215-4750.
- **Homeless Veterans Stand Down – Clyde Vincent:** The Stand Down will be on November 9th and 10th at the Armory on Sutherland Avenue. Volunteers are needed as well as donations. Contact Clyde at 865-546-4813 or 865-607-6321.
- **Election Process for 2013 ETMAC Officers & Board – Jim Mungenast:** The election will be held at the end of the year. Three Officer and two Director positions will be filled. If you want to serve, contact Patrice and she will give you the numbers of the committee.

UNIT ACTIVITY

- **UT AIR FORCE ROTC – Lt Col Brian Delamater:** This semester the students will be hiking the Appalachian Trail. Their Dining Out event will be October 26th with Col Owen Ragland as the guest speaker. Sent 15 to field training this summer.

- **UT ARMY ROTC – LTC Danny Kelley:** Army vs Air Force flag football game will be battled on November 14th. Still looking for a venue to hold this sporting event! Work is moving along for their new facility. All the contractors working on the site are military. Smallest class enrolled at UTK.
- **MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING STATION – LCDR Lester Isaac:** They will be moving to the Federal Building soon. Oh, that's what he said last month! But progress is being made. He needs volunteers for the Honor Guard for the October 3 Honor Air flight.
- **119TH COMMAND & CONTROL SQUAD – Lt Col Vince Franklin:** Their funding was cut on one of the programs he is working on by about \$22 million. He went to Washington, DC and straightened them out and got the funds back.
- **134TH AIR REFUELING WING – CPT Joey Keith:** They had a hurricane evacuation. They still have one airplane constantly deployed to Afghanistan. General Ray Johns came in and toured the facility. Was impressed with the community support. They still have deployments every month to the desert.
- **1/230 AIR CAVALRY SQUAD – LTC Mel Clawson:** August 2 got notification of sourcing. They will be going out February 14th. They are doing exercises until then. Had Aviation Resource Management Inspection with no deficiencies. Dust Off unit is doing great things. Lost a 58D in a shoot down in Afghanistan.
- **278th ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT – Col Jeff Archer:** Camp Shelby weathered the hurricane. Knox Area Prayer Breakfast will be on October 5th at 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. at the Expo Center. Reserving two tables for recently deployed troops. If you know of any troops who have just come home, please contact Col Archer at 255-3228.
- **489TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION – CPT Chris Sweitzer:** He just got back from deployment. Most of soldiers came home from Afghanistan in August. There will be a change of command ceremony December 2nd and 3rd. Will have a welcome home ceremony, but not a definite date yet.
- **844th ENGINEERING BATTALION – MAJ Dennis McVey:** Battalion got back in August from Hawaii. Doing annual training requirement classes. Planning next annual training event.
- **Co D, 4th COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION – CPT Charlie Hunt:** September 22nd is the Annual Mud Run. November 17th is the Marine Corps Ball.
- **I.G. BROWN TRAINING & ED CTR – Col Tim Cathcart:** They have about 3,500 students right now. They need more dorm and class rooms. He got all his programs funded. Trying to spend it.
- **TENNESSEE WING, CIVIL AIR PATROL – Lt Col Dent Young:** Student evaluations are going on. The worse thing they had to say about Col Cathcart was they didn't get to spend enough time with him. Always looking for members.

ORGANIZATIONS

- **ETVMA – Joleen Dewald:** The City has put up new signs. The fundraiser for the memorial will be Monday, May 6, 2013 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year will be honoring Paul B. Huff who was a Metal of Honor recipient from WWII. The guest speaker will be John C. McMannis.
- **AMERICAN LEGION – Bob Dewald:** Continuing their fundraising. They are sending three veterans on the up-coming Honor Air trip. They now have over 600 members. 1st Sgt Lee Dalton has been elected to the Executive Council. October 26 is deadline to get applications in to be in the Veterans Day Parade. Dr. Tom Kim will be the Grand Marshall.
- **AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION – Steve Dillenburg:** The Bud Bacon Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on October 9th at Royal Oaks beginning at 12:00 noon.
- **AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOC. – Mike Gates:** Recently held in FL their international convention with 1300 attendees. Also, hosted a professional air conference.
- **HONOR AIR – Joe Sutter:** Flight # 13 will be on October 3rd. They have 50 WWII veterans signed up and 75 Korean veterans. The flight should be back to Knoxville around 8:15 p.m.
- **BEN ATCHLEY VETERANS HOME – Doug Ottinger:** Their beds are full. They have two veterans going on the Honor Air trip!
- **ESGR – Dr. Jim Foggin:** Had booths at the Bristol race and a NASCAR event here in Knoxville.

- **TN VETERANS BUSINESS ASSOC. – Jonathan Williams:** They are getting teams together to participate in the Big Brother-Big Sister fundraiser which will be on October 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. January 28th and 29th will be the Business and Education Expo at the Convention Center.
- **KNOX COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFICER – Buzz Buswell:** Renovations to their new office space is moving right along.
- **MARINE CORPS LEAGUE – Laimon Godel:** Virgil Young heads up the Young Marines. They have two units now, one in north Knoxville and one in Alcoa. Eric is the editor of their Americanism Award Book. Their detachment won the National award.
- **MOWW – Joe Eddlemon:** New commander, Don Amburn. Joe's son Scott plays in the Oak Ridge Symphony Orchestra. They are having a concert on Veteran's Day, November 11th, featuring *The Greatest Generation*. Music and readings from the book. The concert will be at 3:00 p.m. at the Clayton Performing Arts Center at Maryville College.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

October 4, 2012 ETMAC meeting will be at the Knoxville Chamber at 8:30 a.m.