

# EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

## September 5, 2013 MEETING SUMMARY

### UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPT 14	Knoxville Area Veterans Stand Down – National Guard Armory
OCT 09	HonorAir Flight #15
NOVEMBER 10	Marine Corps Birthday Celebration – Rothchilds 12:30pm
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans' Day Parade and Veterans' Day Luncheon
April 12	Mountain Man March

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held on Thursday, Sept 5, 2013, at the Knoxville Chamber with Vice President Owen Ragland, presiding. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Ragland welcomed six new members and guests
- 76 members and guests were present, and the August meeting summary was approved and distributed with no corrections
- The Treasurer reported \$484.04 checks were written which included \$450 donation to the 134<sup>th</sup> & 119<sup>th</sup> family day events, \$53.83 deposits were made - leaving a balance of \$14,349.49
- The Webmaster report shows a total of 1,863 visitor Hits over the last month
- Marty Everett announced that the 88<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day parade will be Monday Nov.11, 2013 – Needs everyone to send in their entry forms ASAP. WBIR will televise the parade. This year is the year of the Navy. For more info: <http://www.legionknox.org/index.php?id=91>
- Scott Suchomski announced the the “Hometown Heroes Day” at the fair will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept and is free for any “Hero”, i.e. Police, Firemen, Teachers Military; There will also be a “donation” only concert by artist Randy Houser and all proceeds will go directly to HonorAir. Also at the fair, from 1-4pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an info booth open to all veterans organizations that would like to utilize it to get info out to the public – must sign up (first come, first serve); 6 pm Hometown Hero challenge; Have partnered up with the Congressional Medal of Honor Convention and will host in 2014 a student art/photography contest – more details to come
- Patrice Collins announced that the reservation system is up and running for the Veterans luncheon. She also asked that area Commanders get their nominees for the non-commissioned Honoree awards into her by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept. (Reminder: there is a price increase this year - 30 dollars for individuals and 300 dollars for a table. For more info: [http://www.etmac.org/html/2013\\_vet\\_luncheon.htm](http://www.etmac.org/html/2013_vet_luncheon.htm)
- Service and Sacrifice documentary honoring WWII vets airs at 5:55pm on Sept 5th or can view at [www.serviceandsacrifice.com](http://www.serviceandsacrifice.com)
- VP Owen Ragland highlighted a bouquet of flowers that were provided by Ms Anne Haston in honor of Sam Hardman.

## GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TC-MAC – Ernie Rumsby/Capt Walter** – Modeled their organization after ETMAC and have grown from 5 members to 100 members; Thanked Patrice for helping them build their organization.
- **Second annual “Pull for our Veterans”** fundraiser sponsored by the Oak Ridge Sportsman’s Association – **Joe Sutter** – Proceeds benefit the Wounded Warrior project – Sept 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> Skeet shoot – entry fee gets you Dinner on Friday and breakfast & lunch on Saturday

## MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC – Maj Michel Edwards** - in-processed 50 new freshmen cadets; Invitation to all to attend 16 Sept-burger burn to support the “Wounded Warrior Walk” For more info - [https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wounded-Walk/275213155947441?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Wounded-Walk/275213155947441?ref=br_tf)
- **US Army Knoxville Recruiting Command – CPT Jared Hull** – Car wash will be rescheduled – more info to come; Maryville center did a Car Wash for the “Wounded Warrior” project – raised several hundred dollars
- **Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Jason McNear** – Relocation scheduled for 25 Oct
- **119<sup>th</sup> Command and Control Squadron – Capt Stephanie McKeen** – Unit is losing 22 fulltime positions as well as 79 part-time positions
- **134<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing – Chaplain Stan Giles** – Several members just returned from Guam; Family Day is scheduled for 14 Sept
- **1-230 Air Calvary Squadron – LTC Mel Clawson** – Just returned from Annual training in Tullahoma; Prepping for Gunnery training
- **489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion – LTC Clifford Faulkner** – Had a dozen soldiers that graduated from basic training; Several folks are augmenting at other bases in support of deployed members
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center** – Airmen Rush was honored as the MAJCOM airmen of the quarter; Col Cathcart – CFC – kickoff 10 Sept (10 am) fundraiser – at the TVA tower in TVA plaza
- **The Paul H. Lankford EPME Center – CMSgt Donald Felch** – Currently have 260 NCO’s, 60 ALS students; Chief Felch is retirement will be 17 Oct and he will be replaced by Chief Thomas “TK” Stout
- **USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – DVCDR Dave Roberts** – Boomsday was a success with zero incidents

## VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association – Joleen DeWald** – The Medal of Honor flag will be coming to Knoxville on 28 Oct – TBD; May 5, 2014 will be annual medal of honor evening; There will be a fundraiser coming up in November – details to come; For folks wanting to use the site for events, please go to <http://www.etvma.org/contact-us/> and fill out the appropriate form
- **American Legion - Marty Everett** - announced that the 88<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day parade will be Monday Nov. 11, 2013 – Needs everyone to send in their entry forms ASAP; WBIR will televise the parade. This year is the year of the Navy. For more info: <http://www.legionknox.org/index.php?id=91>

- **Air Force Association – Steve Dillenburg – Showed a five minute video on cyber patriot contest;** AFA sponsors the Cyber Patriot HS competition, registration deadline is 10 Oct – for more info <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Honor Air – Joe Sutter -** Flight #15 will be Wednesday Oct 9<sup>th</sup>;
- **2014 Medal of Honor Convention Update – Joleen DeWald –** website is live – encourages everyone to view at <http://www.mohknoxville.com/>
- **Ben Atchley’s Veteran’s Home – Doug Ottinger –** Has several empty beds at the moment – encourage folks to get on the waiting list
- **ESGR – Dr James Foggin -** 50, 000+ Guard and Reserve still on active duty; Just a reminder that ESGR acts as an Omsbudsman between employee and employer so don’t hesitate to enlist their help; Several area business won the Patriot Award (Steel plate Fabricators & Eastman Chemical) - visit <http://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Who-is-ESGR.aspx> for more info
- **American Red Cross – Knox & Blount Counties – Jess Hernandez –** East Tennessee (VOAD) Emergency Preparedness Fair on 21 Sept (8am-5pm) at Cokesbury United Methodist Church – 9915 Kingston Pike
- **Marine Corps League – Laimon Godel -** Mud Run will be 21 September but online registration closes 10 Sept, need participants and volunteers to help; Toys for Tots will start taking donations shortly – more to come
- **Vietnam Veterans or America – (Knox Chapter) Barry Rice –** Presented an award to both Patrice Collins and John Becker for their outstanding help and service to the organization; Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept will be the next Vietnam Veterans meeting at 7 pm at the Shoney’s on Rutledge Pike
- **MOWW – Nolan Sharbel -** Meets the second Wednesday each month at Rothschild Conf. Center – 11am – Guest Speaker this month will be Jess Hernandez from Red Cross
- **Volunteers of America – Knoxville Stand Down – Clyde Vincent –** event will be 14<sup>th</sup> of Sept; Please contact Clyde for info 865-607-6321 (cell) or for more info go to - <http://www.kavsd.org/>

**Next meeting – Next meeting – Thursday, Oct 3  
Knoxville Chamber**

- **ETMAC Webpage:** Please send anything to be added to the calendar to [webmaster@godel.com](mailto:webmaster@godel.com)
  - **The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am**