

EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

September 4, 2014 MEETING SUMMARY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS –

September 10-13, 2014 – Medal of Honor Convention

Complete listing of events: www.etmac.org

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

- The meeting of the East Tennessee Military Affairs Council was held at the Knoxville Chamber Office on Thursday, September 4, 2014. President Barry Allen presided over the meeting. The meeting opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. President Allen welcomed four new guests.
- 62 members and guests were present. President Allen regretted not approving and distributing the minutes prior to the meeting, but they were distributed with corrections after the meeting.
- The Treasurer reported \$144.96 in checks written/ \$15.00 bank fee - leaving a balance of
 - \$733.97 Regions Bank
 - +\$10,855.04 UT Federal Credit Union
 - \$11,589.01 Total
 - The total did not reflect a recent check for \$1000.00, which the Board approved as a donation to the Medal of Honor Convention.
- The Webmaster Report – Purchase ability now available, Website functional

Introductions:

MSgt Robson, Linda Broyles, Jessica Wilson, Bethany Underwood

Announcements

Medal of Honor Convention Update – Joleen Dewald

- September 10-13, 2014 (Recipients start to arrive on Tuesday)
- WBIR Noon on Wednesday at Memorial (Volunteers) and 6PM Daily Broadcasts
- 53 recipients have committed – Largest Group Since Civil War
- New Campaign to donate to MOH Convention – Give Thanks on website at www.mohknoxille.com/givethanks
- Chief Coyne – Special Thanks for his, and Joe Thompson's, efforts as Co-Chairs of convention

Veterans Day Parade –

- November 11, 2014
- Register online - Legion Post 2 – Open until end of October – 100+ units last year

Patrice Collins – Special Note:

- Veterans Day Luncheon – November 11th - Marriott – Downtown – Lt Gen Mike Holmes, alumnus of UT ROTC – Guest Speaker – **Commander's choices for enlisted honoree awards will be due soon; please start considering potential nominees.**

MILITARY UNIT ACTIVITY UPDATES

- **UT Air Force ROTC** – Capt Michael Nelson – Maj Edwards – Retirement – September 17, 2014, Hiking Trip with Cadets, September 27th Field Training with Cadets
- **UT Army ROTC** – MAJ Jared Crain– Military Appreciation Game September 6th, Lee Greenwood, Veteran Friendly School Recognition, October 11, 2014 Alumni Reunion
- **119th Command and Control Squadron** – Capt Matt McKeen – Unit Leadership at Cyber Weapons and Tactics meeting in Washington DC, Continuing to Transition to Cyber mission with Air Force Space Command, Initial Cyber Training focus for all personnel.
- **134th Air Refueling Wing** – Col Mike Lindeman – 45 personnel deployed at various locations around the world; 110 personnel deploying to Guam for PACOM support in September as part of the Theater Support Package, Continuing to support CENTCOM. Spring 2016 Air Show in planning process, Col Gratz Retirement – September 26, 2014
- **I-230th Air Cavalry Squadron** – LTC Mel Clawson – Within 120 day of Troops coming home.
- **278th Armored Cavalry Regiment** – LTC Keith Scott – Recovery process to get Bradley's and Tanks back to home station for training, High Ops tempo training, Oct 11th Veteran Program
- **489th Civil Affairs Battalion** – Maj Bryce Wunder – Range Operations, Fiscal Issues
- **844th Engineering Battalion** – Josh Richardson – Unit may be alerted in the next few months.
- **I.G. Brown Training and Education Center** – Col Jessica Meyeraan – Construction has begun on new Facility, Track Drainage and New Parking lot. 259 new NCO Students and 65 Airman Leadership Students.
- **Naval Operations Support Center** – Griffin – Knoxville Greenway Project – Late Entrance to meeting
- **USCG Auxiliary Division 12** – CDR Dave Roberts – No Boating while Intoxicated (BWI) during Booms Day. Boaters must report Accidents to TWRA and the Coast Guard reports the statistics.

VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association** - Joleen Dewald – **Fundraisers** - 6K Fun Run – September 27, 2014 – Starts at Memorial by Coach Tindal (Men's Basketball Team) at 07:30AM, November 7th – Sporting Clay Shoot in Oak Ridge, May 4th MOH Dinner honoring Mr. Coolidge.
- **Mountain Man Memorial March** – Joleen Dewald – Registration is open www.mountainmanmemorialmarch.com – April 11, 2015, Gatlinburg, TN, Looking for volunteers.
- **American Legion** – Marty Everett – 710 members statewide, Oct 25-26 Turkey Shoot Fundraiser, November 11, 2014 Veterans Day Parade
- **Air Force Association** – Steve Dillenburg – October 13, 2014 AFA Golf Tournament – Scramble Fundraiser, Annual Cyber Patriot Challenge – Open for Team Registration – Waiver of fees for all girl teams
- **Air Force Sergeants Association** – Mike Gates – October 11, 2014 12 Hour POW/MIA Walk/Run – 0700-1900, Register www.active.com
- **Honor Air** – Joe Sutter – October 1, 2014 – Wednesday – 17th Flight
- **Ben Atchley State Veterans' Home** – Doug Ottinger– \$10,000 received in donations, Building parking lot project
- **ESGR** – Jack D'Araujo – 33,000 Guard and Reserve still mobilized federal active duty; Army and Air Guard – Special Ops in Iraq
- **American Red Cross** – Jess Hernandez – 9/11 Event Sunday – 11:00AM – World Fair Park
- **Knox County Veterans Services Office** – Tom Humphries – September 29, 2014 – Old Sears Building – Formal announcement for Veterans Treatment Center
- **Blount County Veteran Services Office** – Nathan Weinbaum
- **TN Department of Veterans Affairs – East Region** – Bonnie Johnson – November 5, 2014 – Big Veterans Outreach on Sutherland Avenue
- **Marine Corps League** – Howard Raines – MUD RUN September 13th – Toys for Tots Program
- **Vietnam Veterans of America** – Rich Gill – New Website - www.vva1078.org, Meet second Tuesday

of every month at Red Cross Knoxville Facility

- **MOWW** – Nolan Sharbel –Website – www.mowwregionV.net or 865-693-8170 or O.haddock@comcast.net - meets 2nd Wednesday September 10, 2014 at 11:00AM at Rothchild's on Kingston Pike

**Next meeting - Thursday, October 2, 2014
Knoxville Chamber**

ETMAC Webpage: Please send anything to be added to the calendar to ballen@brownandroberto.com

The meeting was adjourned at 09:30 AM