



## EAST TENNESSEE MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

September 1, 2022, at The American Red Cross

55 were in attendance

### Upcoming Events

ONGOING Fundraiser for Operation Honor Guard Info at <https://www.wate.com/operation-honor-guard/>  
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- 1st Sat Breakfast at the Elks Club #160 5600 Lonas Rd, Knoxville - 8:00 - 9:30am
- 2nd Sat Breakfast at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Ave, Knoxville - 8:00-9:30am
- 3rd Sat Breakfast at the Community Center in Powell, 1708 W. Emory Rd, Powell - 8:00-10:00am
- Last Sat: Three Breakfasts throughout our area: 8:00 am - 9:30 am at all three locations below:
- DAV Chapter #24, 2600 Holbrook Dr., Knoxville,
  - VFW Post 5154 in Blount County, 2561 Hobbs Rd., Louisville
  - DAV Chapter #26, 530 Kingston Ave, Oliver Springs
- 2nd Tuesday Project Healing Waters meets at Central Bearden Baptist Church 6300 Deane Hill Dr Knoxville from 1800-2000
- 25 SEP Gold Star Mother and Family Day at 3pm at Ramsey House. Contact Marilyn Childress 678/920-1989 or [president@veteransheritagesite.org](mailto:president@veteransheritagesite.org) for details.
- 1 OCT Night for Patriots is a fundraiser for Smoky Mountain Service Dogs. It will be at the Venue Event Center in Lenoir City beginning at 6pm. For information, contact Mike Kitchens at [rmkitch1@charter.net](mailto:rmkitch1@charter.net)
- 8 OCT American Legion Riders Post 2 Bike and Auto Show from 10am until 3pm 5700 Old Rutledge Pike, Knoxville Contact Dan Chipman 865/719-1207 [chipmanvttmn@gmail.com](mailto:chipmanvttmn@gmail.com) for details
- 10 NOV 'We Honor Veterans' at Maury Middle School. Keynote speaker will be MG Leslie Purser. Program begins at 1pm. 965 Maury Circle, Dandridge

For a complete listing of events, [visit http://www.etmac.org](http://www.etmac.org) and click events

### *ETMAC BUSINESS SESSION*

#### Treasurer's Report: Derren Burrell

Beginning Balance	\$20,558.57
Deposits	176.50
Expenses	152.00
Ending Balance	\$20,583.07

- **Membership dues may be paid online**

<https://www.etmac.org/resources/etmacresources/membership->

[application/](#) or mail a check payable to ETMAC to Patrice Collins at the Knoxville Chamber: 17 Market Square, #201, Knoxville, TN 37902. Donations on our website are also appreciated

- President Report –Leslie Purser -Thank you to everyone involved with Medal of Honor Convention.
- Webmaster’s Report – Dent Young –542 visitors with 529 being new. 488 were from the US and 15 were from China. Most popular pages were Local Resources, Veterans Services and Veterans Groups
- 2022 Medal of Honor Celebration – Joleen Dewald. – September 6-11. Patrice is the volunteer coordinator. will not be any large public events. They are expecting over 40 Medal of Honor recipients to come.
- Other ETMAC Announcements - Patrice Collins –We received a \$2500 donation from Enterprise Foundation. 10 November will be the ETMAC Veterans Appreciation and Awards Luncheon at the Airport Hilton. ETMAC will be honoring the Marines this year. Unit commanders, begin thinking about who you would like your honorees to be. Also looking for units to submit volunteers for the Medal of Honor Convention.

#### **First Time Attendees**

- **Alvin Wagner, Lost Vets Rescue**
- **Stuart Hall, ETN Veterans H.G.**
- **Mike Robison, Pigeon Forge Military Honor Guard**
- **Steven Phillips**
- **Brenda Palmatier**
- **Noah Rempfer, Vols for Veterans**
- **Heinz Lauer, Pets for Vets**
- **Sharon Hudson, American Red Cross**

#### **MILITARY UNIT UPDATES**

- 3rd Regiment of the Tennessee State Guard – LTC Joseph Westfall- Brig. General Juan Santiago has retired. Brig. General Kevin Stewart will assume command Oct 1.
- 1-100<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion – MAJ Matt Marshall – no report
- 119th Cyberspace Operations Squadron – Maj Willie Posey – Supporting Air Show. AFT in Savannah GA coming up.
- 1-230 Assault Helicopter Battalion – SFC Giovanni DeZuani – no report.
- 134th Air Refueling Wing – Lt Col Lee Hartley - Air Show preview on Friday, anyone with a military ID is welcome on base. Parking is first come, first serve. Thanks to all the units helping.
- 278th Armored Cavalry Unit –CW3 Brian Culberson – Training complete for the summer. The renovations continue at their Sutherland location. Looking forward to supporting the Medal of Honor Convention and the Air Show. 911 Stair Climb on Sunday at the Sunsphere.
- 332nd Air Force Recruiting Squadron – LT Col Bryan Ewing – no report
- 489th Civil Affairs Battalion – CPT Jacqueline Bradford – no report
- 844th Engineering Battalion - CAPT Turner – no report

- D Co 4th Combat Engineer Battalion – Capt Shawn Balent – no report
- Coast Guard Recruiting – ME1 Steven Bradshear – no report.
- Coast Guard Auxiliary – Kevin Lindsay – no report
- ETSU Army ROTC. – 1LT Andrew J. Sepulveda – no report
- I.G. Brown Training and Education Center – Chaplain Wakefield – 2 Sept will be graduation and are opening it up to family and friends. 220 graduating.
- Knoxville Recruiting Company (Army) – CPT Mary Bustamante – Helping with Air Show. Willing to help with any events.
- Military Entrance Processing Station – LCDR Justin Bergman – Available to volunteer for any events.
- National Guard Recruiting and Retention BN – 1LT Daryl Jackson - no report
- Naval Reserve Center Knoxville – CDR Trier Kissell – no report
- Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol – Col Dent Young – 150 cadets completed the Tennessee 2022 encampment. All qualified for and were awarded the Rocketry Badge and the Stem Badge. Tennessee flew over 50 hours of High-Resolution Camera imagery, supplying approx. 20,000 images to FEMA of the Kentucky rain and flood damage.
- USCG Auxiliary Division 12 – Ron Boneau – no report
- UT Air Force ROTC – Capt Wil Coley – Cadets are back on campus. 60 new cadets this fall. Seniors have been assigned their positions. 12 nonrated, and 10 rated. Field Training cadets were #3.
- UT Army ROTC – LTC Justin Howe – 39 cadets went to summer training and performed in the top 10%. Several cadets also went to advanced training. 80 new freshmen. Golden Knights will be jumping at local events. Taking 10 cadets to the 10-mile run in DC. 240 cadets will be doing fall training. Veterans Day run will begin at 6am, meet up is at the Rock on campus.

## VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS UPDATES

- Air and Space Force Association – Dick Webber – 22 Sept is date for the celebration for the 75th anniversary of the Air Force. It will be held at the new hanger at McGhee Tyson at 5:30 pm. The focus of our organization is to develop the STEM workforce of the future.
- Air Force Sargent's Association – Jamie Prince – no report
- American Job Center / State of TN Department of Labor – Bill Adams – Multi County job fair on Sept 16, and Sept multi-employer job fair will be held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 at the American Job Center.
- American Legion Post 2 – Joleen Dewald – You can register for the Veteran's Day Parade at [www.legionknox.org](http://www.legionknox.org). This will be the first full parade in 3 years. Will be operating a concession stand at Neyland Stadium to raise money. Oct 8 is the car show.
- American Red Cross – Jamie Buck – Working the Air Show with a medical booth.
- Ben Atchley Veteran's Home – Doug Ottinger – no report
- Bunker Labs – Derren Burrell – Veterans in Residence program is now accepting applications.
- Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078 - Pat Polis – Dedicated new Memorial at the World's Fair Park. Working on raising money for Wreaths Across America.
- Y12 Serving Our Service Members (SOS) – Bonnie Harlow – We are honored to host the MOH Convention joint with ORNL at Y-12 on Wednesday, September 7th in the Zach Wamp Auditorium for a panel discussion with veterans and community members on veteran related topics; moderated by US

Army Brigadier General Rich Gross (Ret.), this is a ticketed event. SOS supports the Heroes & Horses at STAR, Lenoir City. Next session starts on Friday, Sept 9th. Contact: Bonnie.Harlow@pxy12.doe.gov cell 865-406-4237

- Caris Health Care – Brenda Palmatier – looking for volunteers to visit with homebound veterans.
- Covenant Health Military Recognition Program – Cindy Winterberger – no report
- Disabled Veterans Chapter #24 – Dave Swanson – They provide transportation Monday-Thursday to the Medical Center in Johnson City. They also provide medical equipment to veterans. They need volunteer drivers.
- East Tennessee Veteran's Honor Guard – Jim Mungenast – continuing to provide services regularly. October 12 will be a fundraiser for the Guard.
- East Tennessee Veteran's Memorial Association - Joleen Dewald – Friday October 28 is their annual Clay Shoot at Chilhowee Sportsman's Club.
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) - Jim Mungenast / Leslie Purser – UT Battelle won the Freedom Award. There were almost 2800 nominees and only 15 winners. September 19 will be the ceremony recognizing them and it will be held at the 134<sup>th</sup> ARW. We are also participating in several events this month.
- Enlisted Association of National Guard of Tennessee - SMSgt Christopher Gragg – no report
- Female Veterans of Est TN – Bonnie Bonner – no report
- Frontline Gardens – Stephanie Trost – no report
- Honor Air - Joe Sutter – Flight 31 will be 12 October to honor women veterans.
- Irreverent Warriors – Christine Shawhan – Documentary will be premiering in November. Details to follow. They are working to create community to help prevent veteran suicide.
- James H Quillen VA Medical Center – Dean Borsos – no report
- Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Francis D. Grady Assembly 1083 – Jeff Brown – no report
- Knoxville Habitat for Heroes – Rick Garner – no report
- Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council – Cindy Winterberger – no report
- Knox County Veteran Services Office – Tom Humphries. No report
- Knoxville Vet Center – Lyle Allen – Mobile Center available for events. Heading to Kentucky to help with flooding victims.
- Lost Vets Rescue – Alvin Wagner – They are a nonprofit providing immediate response to any veteran in need.
- Marine Corps League – Ken Deboer - Mud run is back on 10 Sept. Visit mclknoxville.org for details. Meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. 5 November will be the Marine Corp Ball. Honorarium for Lt Alexander Bonnyman will be 19 November.
- 194 Fleet Reserve Association – Eric Nash - no report
- Military Order of the Purple Hearts Chapter 356- Thomas Booker – no report
- MOAA – Bill Potter – no report
- Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)/ Reserve Officers Assoc.– Bill Grieve - Preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> National Convention for ROA in September in DC. ROA is also going to Paraguay to meet with fellow soldiers from South America. ROA will have a tent for the Air Show at the VFW in Alcoa.
- Mountain Man Memorial March – Justin Howe – will be held 21-22 of April 2023

- Navy League – Joe Holloway – no report
- ORNL Veterans Group – John Gearhart – no report
- Pets for Vets – Heinz Lauer – They match shelter dogs with veterans in need. They are trained to meet the needs of the individual.
- Rolling Thunder – Carlos Hollifield – no report
- STAR – Horses & Heroes Program – Chelsea Taylor – no report
- TN Department of Veteran Services – Knoxville Field Office – Charles McGhee – Pac Act passed a couple months ago. They are establishing presumptives for several conditions that may be linked to service in the desert and for Vietnam Veterans and their families.
- Team RWB - Christian Koshaba - Hold events to help veterans connect with each other. Lots of events coming up. Check out their website for details. 25 September Community Day at Covenant House of Brewing. 16 October will be Spartan Race in Nashville.
- Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network – Emily Hager- no report.
- Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - Brandon Harris - no report
- United Veterans Council – Natalie Donahue – no report
- UT Army ROTC Alumni Council – Dedication of the UT Armed Forces Memorial will be on 22 Sept at 1500.
- Veteran Heritage Site Foundation – Marilyn Childress – 25 Sept will host National Gold Star Mother and Family Day at Ramsey House beginning at 3pm.
- Veterans Mental Health Council – Cindy Winterberger - Hosting a suicide prevention play on Oct 22-23.
- VFW Post 5154 in Maryville – Doug Burt – Hosting disabled veterans for the Air Show on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and will be providing parking as a fundraiser on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Distributing school supplies to several organizations. Freedom Fest coming up in October to honor first responders.
- VVA Chapter 1073 (Morristown) & VFW Post 3380 (Dandridge) & Walter J. ‘Bud’ Bacon Chapter Distinguished Flying Cross Society, East TN Region- W. E. ‘Whit’ Whitworth/ - no report
- Volunteers for Veterans Noah Rempfer - This is an organization of law students at UT. They want to raise awareness of the possibility of expungement and help individual veterans better understand the process prior to attending expungement clinics.
- Volunteers of America – Amanda Millsaps- Have taken 166 veterans into their program this year. They help homeless veterans.
- **Next meeting: Thursday October 6, 2022, at the Chamber of Commerce on Market Square**

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[www.ETMAC.org](http://www.ETMAC.org)

American Job Center/State of TN Dept of Labor

<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/jobs-and-education/services-by-group/services-by-group-redirect/job-placement-for-veterans.html> or [www.jobs4tn.gov](http://www.jobs4tn.gov)

American Legion

[legionknox.com](http://legionknox.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/Post2Knoxville/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/local-chapters/east-tennessee>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossTN/>

Ben Atchley

<http://www.tsvh.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TNStateVetreans/>

Bunker Labs Knoxville

<https://chapters.bunkerlabs.org/knoxville/>

Captain Bill Robinson Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1078

<http://www.vva1078.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/vvachapter1078knoxville/>

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc 18-12

<https://www.cvma18-12.com/upcoming-gatherings.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/481217796399085>

Disabled Veterans Chapter 24

<https://www.dav.org>

East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association <https://etvma.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ETVMA/>

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

<https://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/Tennessee> <https://www.facebook.com/Tennessee-ESGR-171685266196286/>

Honor Air

<http://www.honorairknoxville.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/honorair/>

Knoxville Habitat for Heroes

<https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/habitat-for-heroes/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleHabitatforHumanity/>

Knights of Columbus Henry Usey 865-246-4413

Knoxville Regional Veterans Mental Health Council <http://tnvhc.org/>

Knox County Veteran Services Office <https://www.knoxcounty.org/veterans/> [thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org](mailto:thomas.humphries@knoxcounty.org)

Knoxville Vet Center - <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Lost Vets Rescue [alshsc@gmail.com](mailto:alshsc@gmail.com) 757/817-7869 [www.thelostvets.com](http://www.thelostvets.com)

Marine Corps League - <http://www.mclknox.org/> Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)  
[www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 356 - Charlie Caldwell 865-368-7289  
[www.moph356.org](http://www.moph356.org) or [cddcardwell49@gmail.com](mailto:cddcardwell49@gmail.com)

Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) - [www.moww.org](http://www.moww.org)

Mountain Man Memorial March

<http://mountainmanmemorialmarch.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheMountainManMemorialMarch/>

Navy League – Joe Holloway 865/320-5093 [CTR1USN@gmail.com](mailto:CTR1USN@gmail.com)

Pets for Vets – Heinz Lauer [ceclauer@gmail.com](mailto:ceclauer@gmail.com) or 865/888-2754

Project Healing Waters [FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:FishingJoe.noe@projecthealingwaters.org) 629-213-9707

Rolling Thunder <http://www.rollingthundertn3.com/index.php/about-tn3/>

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless - <https://tvchomeless.org/>

United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, Inc.

<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/The-United-Veterans-Council-of-East-Tennessee-Inc-1912897478820375/>

UT Army ROTC Alumni Council

[http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior\\_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955](http://alumni.utk.edu/s/1341/alumni/interior_alumni.aspx?sid=1341&gid=2&pgid=7955)  
<https://www.facebook.com/UTKAmyROTC/>

Veteran Heritage Site Foundation <http://veteransheritagesite.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHeritageSiteFoundation>

Volunteers for Veterans - Noah Rempfer [nempfer@vols.utk.edu](mailto:nempfer@vols.utk.edu) 434/6650679

Volunteer State Honor Guard <http://www.milhonors.com>

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