



Chattanooga Area Veterans Council

Serving veterans and their organizations of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama

CAVC Quarterly Meetings at new location

Beginning with the 13 March CAVC Quarterly Membership meeting the Council will hold its meetings at the Red Cross facility at 4115 South Access Road. Take Hwy 153 to the Amnicola Hwy. exit 6. South Access Road is just West of the interchange. Go approximately 1/4 mile to the Red Cross building on your right. Enter via the side door (the door facing the parking lot) – the sign says “Training Entrance”. A light lunch will still be served for attendees.



Area map with location of Red Cross building.



The Red Cross building – main entrance on the left, “Training Entrance” door on the right.



What you see as you approach the location.



The meeting room.

Special Thanks to our CAVC members For their 2015 dues

Chattanooga Area Veterans Council thanks the following member organizations who have paid their 2015 dues:

Reserve Officers Association
Tri-State Women Veterans
American Legion Post 159, Hixson
Knights of Columbus Holy Family Assembly 3250
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95
DAV Robert Loveday Memorial Chapter 6
Get Veterans Involved, Inc.
Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Your Organization's dues payment helps pay the various overhead costs of the CAVC: copies, postage, PO Box, website, membership meeting lunches, etc.

To pay your organization's dues, make your \$20 check payable to Chattanooga Area Veterans Council, and mail to: CAVC, PO Box 24984, Chattanooga, TN, 37422

Medal of Honor recipient Sammy Davis comes to Chattanooga

Sgt. Sammy L. Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for action against the Vietcong in the Republic of Vietnam West of Cai Lay on 18 November 1967. Mr. Davis will be the guest speaker at the National Medal of Honor Museum of Military History's Annual Fund Raiser and Awards Banquet held on Saturday evening, 25 April 2015, from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm at the Chattanooga Convention Center. Plan to attend and learn why Sgt. Davis has been called the "Real" Forrest Gump of Vietnam!

The Banquet will include a Social Time from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm followed by the program, dinner, and a silent auction.

Make reservations by contacting Jim Wade, Museum Director, at jfwbike@bellsouth.net.

The National Medal of Honor Museum's website is www.mohm.org.



6th Cav Museum Renovations

The museum will add two handicap restrooms on the first floor, a handicap lift, kitchen area and handicap restroom for the 2nd floor community room provided by Catoosa County's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST). The \$116,000 grant to the museum will make the building ADA compliant and allow the 2nd floor to be used for exhibits, meetings and special events. KRH Architects in Dalton is the company managing the project. "We are so thankful to Catoosa County for awarding this grant to the museum so our building meets ADA code and allows all our visitors and guests access to our exhibits and special events," said Chris McKeever, museum director.



The 6th Cav Museum is located at 6 Barnhardt Circle, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742. Contact them at 706-861-2860. Visit the website for more info:

www.6thcavalrymuseum.org

SpiritHorses for Veterans at Eagles Rest Ranch

The Ranch will be offering a new program for area Veterans called "Hangin' with the Horses at Eagles Rest Ranch". It will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month during Jan.-Feb.-March, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Veterans are welcome to come during those hours to get to know the horses, learn to groom, lead, and generally just enjoy the horses through ground work. The horses could use some 'TLC' and hopefully this will be a good fit for some veterans. Those who would like to ride a horse can schedule a time with the Ranch Manager to come back another day to ride. Programs for Veterans are all free. This is their small way of thanking Vets for their service!

Meet the Horses at Eagles Rest Ranch – Enjoy the fellowship. Lead, Brush and Love a Horse.

Ginger Brown, Spirit Horses for Veterans. Email Ginger at: ginger@eaglesrestranch.com or call 423-421-3205.



Fishing with a Soldier

Come to the Grasshopper Recreation area on Chickamauga Lake April 25th for a day of fishing and fun. Fishing licenses and food will be provided. You bring your fishing gear and life vests. Veterans will be paired up with a boater for a great day of fishing and prizes!

This event is open to all military branches, active duty, reserve, retired, and state guard units.

The location is on Chickamauga Lake in North Hamilton County (Sale Creek Recreation Area). Take Hwy 27 N to McCallie Ferry Rd to May Rd. which brings you to the recreation area.

To participate you must pre-register. A confirmation email will be sent in late March with a map and start time. Please contact one of the following people to pre-register:

Chase Estep, USMC, at 423-946-3561 or via email at: chase_estep@yahoo.com.

Rich Ballard, US Army (ret), at 423-650-1052 or via email at: sfbigdogi@aol.com.

Jerry Goodner, US Army Vietnam vet, at 423-650-1423 or via email at: bigintn@charter.net.

Greg Wright, US Army (ret), at 423-313-5533 or via email at: wrightmetree@gmail.com.



The Armed Forces Day Parade is May 1st – To enter your unit, float or display, submit your application to Bill Norton at bill@metroservicesinc.com then get busy with you parade entry! This is the 66th year of Chattanooga's Armed Forces Day Parade – Let's make it a great one!

Siskin Hospital Celebrates Life Beyond Disability

The 12th Annual Possibilities Luncheon will be held on 18 February 2015, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, at the Chattanooga Convention Center.



The featured guest speaker is W. Mitchell, an international speaker who has survived two devastating accidents. The first was a blazing motorcycle wreck that left him with burns over 65% of his body, and the second was a plane crash that left him paralyzed from the waist down. Yet, this former Marine refused to let either event prevent him from living a full and productive life. In spite of his challenges, Mitchell persevered and became a successful businessman, environmental leader, political commentator, commercial pilot, public speaker, river-rafter and sky-diver.

Attend the luncheon and hear Mitchell's inspiring story, which is also the title of his book: "It's Not What Happens to You, It's What You Do About It."

For additional information contact Mickey McCamish at mmccamish@epilepsy-setn.org.

<https://www.siskinrehab.org/giving-special-events/possibilities-luncheon/>

CAVC Calendar of Events

18 Feb	Siskin Hospital Annual Luncheon
10 March	Parade Committee Meeting
13 March	CAVC Member Meeting
20 March	CAVC Banquet at Convention Ctr.
7 April	Parade Committee Meeting
21 April	Parade Committee Meeting
25 April	MOH Museum fundraiser dinner
25 April	Fishing with a Soldier
1 May	Armed Forces Day Parade
25 May	Memorial Day Service at National Cemetery

Veteran Designation now available on Driver's License



As most of you know, several merchants, local and nationwide, offer discounts to honorably discharged veterans. Of course they require some sort of identification. The universal ID has always been an original or certified copy of your DD Form 214. Most states, including Tennessee, are now offering veteran ID on driver license. An example is pictured below.

From the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security website:

Veterans must visit a driver services center and present a certified or original copy of their Department of Defense form 214 (DD-214), which is also known as discharge papers, to receive the special designation on a driver license or photo ID card. If the license or card is a renewal or duplicate of a non-commercial driver license, veterans may also visit one of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security's county clerk partners.

The standard state issuance or renewal fees apply for the transaction. **If it is not time to renew a driver license or photo ID, veterans may get a duplicate to replace a current non-commercial license or ID for \$8 for the first duplicate and \$12 for a second duplicate.** (emphasis added)

It's always nice to save a buck or two. Don't know if a merchant offers a discount to veterans? **ASK.**

CAVC Executive Board

Patty Parks, Chairman	423-326-0839
Billy Hewitt, Chairman-Elect	423-894-3568
Mickey McCamish, Vice-Chairman	423-634-1771
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Mark Parks, Treasurer	423-326-0839
Carol Laing, Secretary	423-309-1457

TriState Women Veterans

TriState Women Veterans, a social network of active duty, reserve, retired and veteran military service women has voted to become a unit of Military Women Across the Nation (Military Women), a federally chartered, 501 (c)(19) veterans organization.

Originally chartered in 1979 as "WAVES National" with membership limited to women of the sea services, Military Women changed its name at its 2014 National convention and immediately opened membership to women who have served honorably in any U.S. military service.

While the overall number of military veterans is shrinking, the number of women veterans is actually increasing according to the Veteran Administration.

TriState Women Veterans, which serves the Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama area, will retain its name as a "unit" of Military Women. If you are interested in joining TriState Women Veterans unit please contact Patty Parks at (423) 326-0839 or pattyjoparks@yahoo.com. For more information about Military Women visit www.milwomen.org.



Front Row (left-right): Treasurer Patty Parks of Ooltewah; President Rita Waller of Chattanooga; Penny Manna of Chattanooga; Lurline Person of Chattanooga and Netha Crawford of Ringgold, Georgia.
 Back Row (left-right): Rita Lykes Lockhart of Chattanooga; Secretary Gloria Gray of Hixson; Diane Howard of Ooltewah; Sheila Billings of Harrison; Vice President Cathy Brown of Chattanooga; Sandy Hughes of Chattanooga, and Debra Shadwick of McDonald.

Chattanooga Area Veterans Council Installation & Awards Banquet – Friday, 20 March 2015

Chattanooga Convention Center, Ballroom H
1100 Carter Street, Chattanooga

6 pm: Social Time ~ 6:30 pm: Welcome & Colors ~ 6:45 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm: Guest Speaker, Commissioner Grinder ~ 8:15 pm: Awards ~ 8:30 pm: Installation

Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder, Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs. Selected in January 2011 Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder is responsible for the operation of Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs' Field Offices, Claims Office, and four State Veterans Cemeteries. She is also an ex-officio voting member of the Tennessee State Veterans Home Board, which controls the three existing State Veterans Homes, and plans for future homes in Tennessee, and serves as the Southeast District Vice President for the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs.



The first female in Tennessee to serve in this capacity, Grinder retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard as a Colonel with over 35 years of service. She's an Operation Enduring Freedom combat veteran and traveled throughout Afghanistan, working with international diplomats and police as well as the Afghan leaders and local police officers to ensure standardized training and equipment for the Afghan Police.



Inducted into the Fort Benning Hall of Fame in 2004 Grinder is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, and the Joint Forces Staff College. Her military awards include the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal.

Commissioner Grinder is a member of many veterans' organizations including AMVETS, Vietnam Veterans of America, Women Veterans of America, Military Officers Association, National Guard Association of the United States, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

She holds a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, Grinder moved to Tennessee in 1989 where she met and married Ernie Grinder.

Submit completed reservation form with appropriate payment payable to "CAVC"

To: Mark Parks, CAVC Treasurer, 6920 Sawtooth Drive, Ooltewah TN 37363

POC Name: _____ Phone: _____ Organization: _____

\$225 Table (of 8) x _____ (# of tables) = \$ _____ **\$30 per person** x _____ (# of people) = \$ _____

Attendee Names & Meal Choices (*Beef, Salmon or Vegetarian/Circle one choice: 'B', 'S' or 'V' by each name*)

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