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August 25, 2009
11:30 AM

Old Natchez Country Club
115 Gardengate Dr
Franklin TN 37069

Col. Gus Schettler
TN ANG

State of the TN Air
National Guard
Now and Future.

Colonel "Gus" Schettler is Director of Staff, JFHQ Tennessee Air Guard. He serves as the principal advisor to the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General - Air on a broad range of matters concerning the United States Air Force and Air National Guard. He serves as the state headquarters chief executive officer responsible for a wide variety of functions including strategic planning, transformation, force management, and state emergency response.

Col Schettler entered the U. S. Air Force in 1981 as a graduate of the University of Tennessee AFROTC program. He joined the 119th Tactical Control Flight in 1982 serving as an Air Weapons Controller/Director. In 1994, Col Schettler assumed command of the 228th Combat Communications Squadron. In 2003, Col Schettler assumed command of the 119th Command and Control Squadron, providing support to Headquarters USSTRATCOM three primary Command and Control mission areas: Global Operations, Homeland Defense Operations, and Natural Disaster Events.

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Space A Travel

Air Mobility Command (AMC) recently unveiled its first official Travel Web site. Members of the military community planning to use the military travel system can now go to www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp for the latest in AMC travel information. The site offers prospective space-available travelers a wealth of information, including an updated AMC passenger terminal contact list (complete with phone, e-mail and Web links).

Space-available flights, also known as "military hops," are a unique benefit to U.S. service members, retirees and their families. Under the AMC travel program, unused seats on U.S. military and military-contracted aircraft are made available to non-duty passengers on a space-available basis (once space-required or official-duty passengers and cargo have been accommodated).

MTC Board Notes

What does it take to transform an organization and in the same breath prepare it for deployment to Iraq? Well, if you got to see CPT Matt Smith's presentation last month you know it starts with hard work, focus, and an awful lot of acronyms! As more than one member noted, you also saw the growth of a young Captain (who will soon be a very young MAJ) who has begun to appreciate the "bigger picture". CPT Smith deploys with the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment in December. We wish him and everyone being deployed God-speed and a successful mission!

Congratulations are in order for **COL Mike Walsh** who was promoted to COL on 6 August 2009, enroute to his Iraq; and also to **CDR Mike Neuser** who assumed command of the Navy Recruiting District Nashville from CDR Clint Vollono at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Smyrna on Friday, 7 August, 2009.

The members of the Andrew Jackson Chapter have been successful in establishing a Service-member's Lounge at the Nashville International Airport. It will be dedicated on Tuesday, August 18th from 10:00—11:00 AM. More details to follow on volunteer opportunities.

We need for a Chapter Auxiliary Member to volunteer to be our Auxiliary Liaison to work with the National Auxiliary Committee on issues of relevance to surviving spouses. To be honest, we cannot exactly define the role or the commitment, but we can promise you that we will work to make sure that it is not too much for a volunteer to take on. Interested? If so give me a call at 415-6816.

See you at the August meeting!
Doug Minton, President, MTC

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Upcoming MTC Programs

September 22
CDR Mike Neuser *
All Services Scholarship Meeting

October 27
Tour of Arnold AFB

Our plan calls for us to assemble at Old Natchez Country Club at 6:30 AM, and depart from there no later than 7:00 AM for the drive to Tullahoma, TN. Our guided tour of Arnold Engineering Development Center is scheduled to start at 9:00 AM and conclude at approximately 11:00 AM; at which time our current plan is to proceed to the Base Club for lunch. Following lunch we will return to Franklin, TN, with an approximate arrival time of 2:30 PM.

The anticipated transportation cost per person will be \$25.00, plus you will be responsible for your own lunch cost.

We will collect the transportation cost at the August meeting!

November 24
Col Jackie Nave, TN ANG
Aeromedical Evacuation

* Current Middle TN Chapter Member.

Legislative News

On 23 JUL the Senate passed the 2010 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) S.1390 by a vote of 87-7. The House passed their version (H.R.2647) last month. The House and Senate bills include a number of other bills submitted as amendments that will impact favorably on the veteran community if they are not struck down in the compromise committee. These include, but are not limited to:

- End the deduction of VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities.(Senate only).
- Find other ways of cutting DoD health costs besides shifting costs to retirees.
- Extend eligibility for TRICARE Standard to gray area retirees.

House and Senate leaders will be appointed to a conference committee to resolve more than a thousand differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of the defense bill including difficult issues on procurement, detainees and more. In the past these difficult negotiations have usually dragged on into October or November or beyond. It's possible that Congress will have an incentive to expedite defense bill negotiations this year in order to clear the legislative decks for action on national health reform. But that remains to be seen. a

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