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MOAA Luncheon Meeting

27 October 2020; 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

**"Operation Stand Down
Tennessee"**

Eden Murrie

OSDTN CEO, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) USAF,
and MTC Member

*Old Natchez Country Club,
115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069*

Eden Murrie is the Chief Executive Officer for Operation Stand Down Tennessee (OSDTN), a veterans' resource non-profit.

Prior to assuming this position, Eden was a Director at the Partnership for Public Service, a Washington DC non-profit. Prior to this role, Brigadier General Murrie culminated a 29-year Air Force career as the Director of Air Force Services in Washington DC. She has senior executive experience including working on the National Security Staff for the White House, serving on the staff of a Member of Congress, developing, and executing a \$2 billion portfolio of worldwide programs and leading multinational organizations. Additionally, a master navigator with over 2400 flying hours, her flying career included serving as an instructor in 3 different aircraft.

Beyond business endeavors, Eden is a board member for The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, Tennessee State Veterans' Homes, Centerstone Military Services, and the Davidson County Veterans Court Foundation. Additionally, she is an adviser for the Nashville YWCA Dress for Success program.

Eden is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and has MAs in Political Science and National Security Strategy and an MBA from Vanderbilt's Owen School of Management. Married to Jon Murrie for 30-plus years, they have one daughter.

Special Announcement

In conjunction with her presentation at our October meeting, BG (Ret) Eden Murrie, Chief Executive Officer for Operation Stand Down Tennessee and a chapter member, has offered to host a limited number of interested chapter members for a tour of the non-profit's new headquarters and a lunch on Friday, November 20, 2020 starting at 11:00 AM.

A sign-up sheet will be available for 15 chapter members at the October meeting.

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Covid 19 Luncheon Precautions

Our September meeting went quite well, with 36 socially distancing members in attendance. ONCC management continues to assure us that they will be taking all appropriate measures in response to the latest COVID19 guidance. For those of you who feel comfortable attending, we respectfully request that everyone wear a mask into the club and when you are not seated at your table. Tables will be properly spaced, and seating limited to 6 per table. In place of the buffet, our meals will be plated and brought to our tables.

PLEASE NOTE

We will again ask members who plan on attending our October meeting to send their intentions to attend to the Chapter email address. This is so that we can provide the Old Natchez Club with a headcount that they can use to order food for the event. If you plan to attend please let us know (info@mtcmooa.org) no later than Monday, 19 October 2020.

President's Letter

An excellent September in-person meeting; our first since February! Our 36 attendees enjoyed a very nice luncheon from Old Nashville Country Club while we received a Tennessee Veterans Services Update from Deputy Commissioner Tilman Goins. We will also conduct our October meeting in person and will keep the same social distancing safety precautions we used in September. As a reminder, our precautions are as follows: For those of you who feel comfortable attending, we ask everyone to wear a mask into the club and when you are not seated at your table. Tables will be properly spaced, and seating limited to 6 per table. In place of the buffet, our meals will be plated and brought to our tables.

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our 2020 MTC Scholarship Initiative. By the beginning of October our contribution level was at \$6,409.20. These dollars support our annual Veteran Scholarships for Belmont and Lipscomb Universities. They additionally go toward building a perpetual endowed Lipscomb Veteran scholarship and building a fourth MOAA National endowed scholarship for military family members.

If you have not contributed, we ask that every member make a minimum \$25.00 tax-deductible contribution to support our scholarship initiative. If you are contributing directly to MOAA national, we ask that you annotate on your check that your donation be credited to the Middle Tennessee Chapter. For contributions directly to the Middle Tennessee Chapter, our scholarship letter to you included a self-addressed envelope, or you can drop off your check at the front desk at the next meeting. We want to wrap up all the collection by the middle of November so we can disperse the donations to the respective agencies before the end of the calendar year.

Before I close, I want to wish a heartfelt Happy Birthday to our US Navy brothers and sisters. 13 October 2020 will mark the Navy's 245th Birthday. The central theme of this year's 245th birthday and heritage week will be "Victory at Sea," which encompasses the Navy's efforts in battle during World War II in the Pacific Theater.

Our speaker for October will be BG (Retired) Eden Murrie who is the new CEO of Operation Stand Down Tennessee and a member of our Chapter. So, for those of you who feel comfortable attending, mark your calendar for the 27th of October and I look forward to seeing you there.


 Michael Patenaude
 LTC, USA Retired
 President

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Happy Birthday to the U. S. Navy,
Established 13 October 1775
by the Continental Congress.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Upcoming Programs & Events

23 October 2020; 1:30 CST
"MOAA National Annual Meeting"
(Registration available on www.MOAA.org)

27 October 2020; 11:30 AM - 1 PM
MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting *
"Operation Stand Down TN"
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* MTC Board Meeting will immediately follow this meeting so
as to not have our Board meeting on Election Day.

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3 November 2020
"Election Day"

Please register and VOTE!

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11 November 2020
"Veterans Day"

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12 November 2020
"OSDTN Annual Heroes Breakfast"
Music City Center, Nashville, TN

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17 November 2020; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
"Middle TN Chapter Toy Drive"
Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program conducted locally
by the Marines of Kilo Company 3rd Battalion,
23rd Marine Regiment.
Please bring **New Unwrapped Toys**
to our November meeting!

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17 November 2020; 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
MTC Monthly Luncheon Meeting
"Sea Cadets and Wreaths Across America"
Ms. Sheryl Tannahill
CDR (Ret.) USN and Chapter Member
Old Natchez Country Club, 115 Gardengate Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

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19 December 2020; 11:00 AM
"Wreaths Across America Ceremony"
Middle TN State Veterans Cemetery
7931 McCrory Ln, Nashville, TN 37221

Legislative Update

STATE

- Gov. Bill Lee has removed all corona virus business restrictions but says state of emergency will continue as long as the Federal declaration is in effect.
- A soldier killed in WWII has been buried 75 years later in his Tennessee hometown. PFC Oliver Jeffers was scheduled to be buried in Huntsville, TN on 7 October 2020. He was assigned to Company L, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division and was killed in action in Germany on 10 November 1944. His remains were not initially recovered because of ongoing fighting but have since been identified using circumstantial and DNA evidence by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

FEDERAL

- Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Patricia Wallace became the first female and first African American leader of the 91st Training Division earlier this month during a ceremony at Fort Hunter Liggett in California.
- The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic may be a contributing factor to a 20% rise overall in military deaths by suicide this year over 2019, Army and Air Force officials say. The various branches report different percentages, with the active-duty Army seeing the biggest increase of 30%. Military suicide rates are comparable with the U.S. adult population, after accounting for age and sex, for Active Component and National Guard, and lower for the Reserve.
- The Air Force Reserve Command is helping the Pentagon consider options for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard components for the Space Force, according to Lt. Gen. Richard Scobee, Air Force Reserve chief. "What they're looking at is how do they create a 21st century model ... that will really work for who America is now, and so, what they want to do is create a model for the personnel that includes both ... full- and part-time people as we go forward," said Scobee during the virtual Air, Space & Cyber Conference.
- Two-factor authentication is coming to myPay bringing an additional layer of protection in safeguarding pay account information for military retirees and annuitants.
- There is a new webpage on the Retired & Annuitant Pay website that lists the current **typical processing time frames** for R&A Pay actions. The webpage is under the "About R&A Pay" menu item on the www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary and is called "How Long Does It Take?"