

**Community Military Appreciation Committee
Minutes
March 4, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith. Prayer led by Randy Warneke with a special prayer to the family of Beth Brown recently departed. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Erixson.

Funeral Services for Beth Brown will be March 16th 11:00 AM at Willamette National Cemetery with full honors, then 1:00 PM at the Vancouver Funeral Home for a Celebration of Life.

2. **Members Present:** Chairman Larry Smith, Chairman Dan Tarbell, Secretary Anita Stadey, and Treasurer Bruce Evans. Executive Board Members: Chaplain Randy Warneke, Marketing Director Samantha Whitley, Operations Jim Erixson with Randy Warneke, Safety Roy Billings, Supply/Website Bill Hauser, Outreach Dan Sockle, Members at Large Shane Gardner (absent) and Mike Burton [11]

Richard Alvarez (AM Vets VFW 7824), Karen Brown (Dignity Memorial), Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Randy Crisp (CVI), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks Military Assoc.), Bob Day (PT Boat 658), Thomas Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol, 40 et 8, + A. L.), Glenn Fischer (VFW 7824), Jackie Gabbert (Keller Williams Realty), Jack Giesen (Oregon Military Vehicles), David Hancock (NIVA), Natalie Hanthro (Vancouver Trust), John Hopkins (CVI), Pamela Libby (Bright Eyes Dove Release), Dan Matthews (DJ 4 Help), Tim McLaren (Fort Vancouver Pipe Band), Pam Peiper (Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler Rep.), Ron Powers (Powers Impact Training), Frazier Raymond (Buffalo Soldiers), Joel Scott (Employment Support Guard and Reserve), Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze Productions), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Jo Ann Strickland (A.L. Aux + VAVS), Linda Tarbell, Marlene Varga (Homes for Heroes), Ralph Walker (Fotos with Flair), Jadia Ward (Bright Eyes Dove Release), Toni Wise (Vancouver Trust) Guests: LTC Brad Aiello, Alex Peraza-Gonzales, Dion Hess (Fishing with Veterans) [32]

3. **CMAC Guests:**

- A. **Fishing with Veterans – Dion Hess** reported that this event will be held June 26th at the Ridgefield Marina. There will be a BBQ in the afternoon. They are looking towards 100 members fishing and about 40 boats on the water, most of them with guides. So far Dion has about 20 Wal Mart stores sponsoring this event.
- B. **Alex Peraza-Gonzales** gave an update on how his career is moving forward. Very uplifting!
- C. **CMAC Treasure’s Report – Bruce Evans.** \$11,000 in Restricted Funds. \$44,000 in accounts.
- D. **Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler – Rep. Pam Peiper** reported how Jamie has been working hard into acquiring a Medical Unit to travel throughout the state for those that find it very difficult to make trips to the VA Hospitals. She has one now that will be making trips once a month to different locations in the state.
- E. **Lt. Col Brad Aiello – 6th Engineer Support Battalion Inspector Instructor.** He will be our Guest Speaker for Memorial Day Ceremony. Brad gave a brief introduction about himself.

4. **CMAC News:**

- A. **Our Community Salutes** - Chairman Larry Smith talked about Our Community Salutes. It will be held on April 28th, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Skyview High School. Ice Cream Social afterwards. Sponsored by Mackay Sposito and Wal Mart.
- B. **Fisher House – Jo Ann Strickland** “Fisher House Ribbon Cutting” March 23rd at the VAPORHCS Vancouver Campus (1601 E Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661).
- C. **Fort Vancouver National Historic Trust – Natalie Hantho** said it’s that time of year again for the “General George C. Marshall Leadership Awards. Nominating deadline is February 2, 2016 online at www.fortvan.org/marshallaward.. Marshall Award Dinner will be on March 9, 2016 at the Artillery Barracks Building at 5:30 PM. Tickets available at the same website.
- D. **“America’s Jihad” – Dan Sockle** new book released now. A collection of 24 individual journeys from 9/11 to today, humanity’s struggle against Jihadists, the Far Left, the Far Right, and other Extremists. This book is

about building and repairing bridges across cultural and political divides. To purchase book or visit website go to <http://americasjihad.com> . For a CMAC member discount use code use U6W8P953.

- E. **Veteran's Village – Michael Stacey** said that they now have a site at 51st and St James, Vancouver. Still waiting for the permits from the City but the owner of the property has agreed to hold the property until that time. There will be about 10 to 12 micro homes built for homeless female Veterans first. Still looking for sponsors, donations, or volunteers. Contact by email purekraze2014@gmail.com or website purekraze-eventsforvets.com.
 - F. **Elks Flag Day – June 14, 2016** at the Kiggins Bowl 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
 - G. **Vancouver Barracks Military Association** will be having their military talks every 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Marshal House. The Ambulance Project is underway and should be completed within a year. Meeting February 12th and 13th for the project. If you would like to volunteer contact Jack Giesen at 360-253-9334 or Jeff Davis at 253-223-0125 or visit the VBMA website.
 - H. **AFRC and Vancouver Elks Lodge Memorial Service** – March 10th at the Armed Forces Reserve Center starting 1:00 PM. This will be a memorial service for five or more unclaimed Veterans here in Clark County since 2008.
 - I. **Young Marines** – March 12th Graduation Ceremony at Safe Harbor Church 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM.
March 25th Easter Egg Hunt
 - J. **Veteran's Health & Hope – Ron Powers** discover the gift of health. March 8, 2016, 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the 40 et 8 Boxcar Room (7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver). Contact Ron at 360-798-7541 or Dan Matthews at 360-798-6629 or visit their website www.powersimpact.ichooseoptimalhealth.com.
 - K. **St. Patrick's Day (March 17th 7:00 PM) at the Kiggins Theater – Tim McLaren** announced that the Fort Vancouver Pipe Band will be playing Scottish tunes at the theater and the movie playing for this event will be "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne.
 - L. **Gun Raffle Tickets for Sale – (NIVA) David Hancock** 360-608-3556 or sftree@centurytel.net
(CVI) **John Hopkins** 503-367-2065 or Hoppie9@yahoo.com
5. **Memorial Day Ceremony – May 30th, 11:00 AM**, Fort Vancouver National Park - Main Gazebo. Reception: **10:00AM to 10:45AM**, Marshal House, (Invitation Only – CMAC Members are welcome!).
- A. Memorial Day set up: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
 - B. **Operations Director: Jim Erixson** Phone 360-901-7010 E-Mail jerixson014@centurylink.net

GROUP I Larry Smith

- 1. **MC Host Speaker-** Larry Smith
- 2. **Guests Speakers:** LT Col Brad Aiello (Inspector-Instructor USMC 6th Engineer Support Battalion) and on stage Sgt. Major Larry Beunafe (Senior Active Duty NCO), NPS Superintendent Tracy Fortman, Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt, Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler, and AFRC Colonel John Sweeney.
- 3. **Memorial Day Script/time line** – Larry Smith
- 4. **Chaplain** – Randy Warneke
- 5. **Photography** –Ralph Walker
- 6. **Media** – Toni Wise
- 7. **Invitations/Flyers/Programs** - Samantha Whitley
- 8. **Honoree Drivers** –Marlene Varga
- 9. **Honor Escorts** – Dan Tarbell escorting the wreath. Wreath Stands will be in front of Flags.
- 10. **Parade Escorts** – John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guards)
- 11. **Gold Star Family Escorts** – American Red Cross and MOAA
- 12. **Reception Escort** – Anne MacEnerny-Ogle (Gold Star Families)
- 13. **Flag Line** - John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guard, Legion Riders)
- 14. **Honor Guard/Posting Colors:**
 - (1) USMC 6th Engineer (2) Young Marines (3) Buffalo Soldiers (4) Northwest Indian Veteran Assoc.
- 15. **Bands** – Annette Allen (Vancouver Pipe Band) & 204th Band (YES!)
- 16. **Taps** – Richard Alvarez (VFW Honor Guard) Echo taps.
- 17. **Singer** - Rey Reynolds (National Anthem, God Bless the USA)

18. **Wreaths and Carnations** – Joel Scott Wreath, 1 Red Rose, & 12 Carnations
19. **Bright Eyes Doves Release** – Jadia Ward
20. **POW/MIA Chair & Table** – Jack Giesen/Jeff Davis
21. **Artillery Firing** – Dan Kern –Fire 6 rounds; one for each branch of service and one for fallen veterans. The area will have to be secured for safety reasons.
22. **Honor Guard/Rifle Salute** –Richard Alvarez VFW Honor Guard

GROUP II Dan Tarbell

23. **Permit** – Dan Tarbell Permits for National Park Service and City of Vancouver.
24. **Set up/takedown Coordinator** – Jim Erixson Tues. 9:00AM. Tents - Friday at 8:00 AM
25. **Set up/take down** - Jim Erixson, Young Marines, Boy Scouts
26. **Stage** – Roy Billings Main Gazebo will be the stage. Decorations will be placed around the stage.
27. **Seating** – Roy Billings 800 Chairs (600 Brown, 200 White)
28. **Gold Star Seat Covers** – Bill Hauser
29. **Tents** – Bill Hauser (10) 20' x 20' and (1) 10' x 10' have been order and will be delivered Friday before the ceremony and picked up Tuesday after the ceremony.
30. **Port-a-potties** –Jim Czmowski with Mike Twist. Should have 2 Handicap and 4 Regular. NPS will order the port-a-potties.
31. **Parking** – Tom Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol).
32. **Public Transportation** - Tom Dombeck
33. **Radios** – Tom Dombeck Will check with the Amateur Radio Club.
34. **Security** – John Hopkins (CVI)
35. **Seating Escorts** – Doug Rhay
36. **Sound System** – Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze Events). Set up will be in the Gazebo. Electrical outlets are inside the Gazebo.
37. **Clean-up** – Young Marines-Boy Scouts & volunteers
38. **Wreath and Flag Stands** – Jim Czmowski
39. **State Flags: Set-up/Take-down** – Peggy Gresham and Young Marines
40. **Waste Connections** – Steve Stanley/Park Service Young Marines will collect trash bags. Need about 6 garbage containers and 6 recyclable containers.

Group III Jo Ann Strickland

41. **Indoor Reception (Marshal House)** - Jo Ann Strickland, Emblem Club, and Penny Ross.
42. **Banners** – Marlene Varga, Mike Burton
43. **Reception Committee** – Karla Bean and Emily Stoutsenberger
44. **Indoor Greeter** – James Mead

Group IV Anne McEnery- Ogle

45. **Outdoor Reception** – Anne McEnery-Ogle (MOAA, Red Cross, Neighborhood Association, Boy & Girl Scouts, Lions Club, and 4H Club). Reception will be between National Parks Bivouac and Gazebo.
46. **Water** – Byron Jacobus (Water & Air Works – The Water Store)
47. **Juice & Coffee** – Dan Sockle (MOAA) Need juice for Indoor Reception, Red Cross, and Outdoor Reception. Need coffee for Indoor Reception and Red Cross.

Group V

48. **Cemetery Flags** – Richard Alvarez
49. **Memorial Site Flags** – Doug Rhay Need flags around memorial site.
50. **Military Vehicles** –Jack Giesen Need new site to park vehicles.
51. **Vancouver Fire Department**
52. **40 et 8 Loci** –Jerry Keen

A. **National Park Service Soldier's Bivouac** to follow after the Memorial Day Ceremony till 5:00 PM.

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CMAC Meeting Dates

Mar. 18 th	Pearson Air Mus.	9:00 AM
Apr. 1 st	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Apr. 15 th	TBA	9:00 AM
Apr. 29 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
May 13 th	Pearson Air M.	9:00 AM
May 27 th	Marshal House	9:00 AM
June 10 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
June 24 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
July 8 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
July 22 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Aug. 5 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Aug. 19 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Sept. 9 th	City Hall	9:00 AM
Sept. 16 th	AFRC	9:00 AM
Sept. 30 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Oct. 14 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Oct. 28 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Nov. 4 th	AFRC	9:00 AM
Nov. 25 th	40 et 8	8:30 AM

CMAC Events

April 28 th	Our Community Salutes – Skyview H.S.	6:00 PM
April 23 rd	Redheart Ceremony – Great Meadows	10:00 AM
May 30 th	Memorial Day Ceremony – Fort Vanc.	11:00 AM
	Reception	9:45 AM
June 25 th	Costco “Heroe’s Night”	
July 4 th	NPS Independence Day and Parade	
Sept. 11 th	9/11 Ceremony – City Hall	9:00 AM
Sept. 17 th	POW/MIA Ceremony – AFRC	11:00 AM
	Reception	9:45 AM
Nov. 5 th	Veteran’s Day Parade –	10:00 AM Ceremony
		11:00 AM Parade
Nov. 11 th	Veteran’s Day Ceremony – AFRC	11:00 AM
	Reception	9:45 AM

- Armed Forces Reserve Center 15005 NE 65th Street, Vancouver, WA
- 40 et 8 7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA
- Artillery Barracks 600 E. Hathaway Road, Vancouver, WA