

**Community Military Appreciation Committee
Minutes
February 13, 2015**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Dan Tarbell. Prayer led by Randy Warneke. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Erixson with a reading by Senator John McCain "The Pledge of Allegiance," about a Prisoner of War and what the US Flag meant to him.
2. **Members Present:** Chairman Larry Smith [absent], Chairman Dan Tarbell, Secretary Anita Stadey, and Treasurer Bob Brennan. Executive Board Members: Chaplain Randy Warneke, Advocate Morris Giesler [absent], Invitations/Flyers/Programs Samantha Whitley [absent], Operations Jim Erixson with Randy Warneke, POW/MIA Project Manager Robert Bean [absent], Safety Roy Billings [absent], Supply and Website Bill Hauser [absent], Gold Star Scholarships Dixie Hotaling, Ambassador Dan Sockle, and Member at Large Shane Gardner [absent]. [7]

Denise Bender (Homeward Bound), Mike Burton (Air Commando Association), Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Randy Crisp (CVI), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks Military Assoc.), Bob Day, Teresa Didier (Columbia Credit Union), Thomas Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol, 40 et 8, + A. L.), Jack Giesen (Oregon Military Vehicles), John Hopkins (CVI), Byron Jacobus (Water & Air Works), Jerry Keen (Chef de Gar 40 et 8), Kurt Kolch (Clark College Veterans Resource Center), Ray Kutch (NW Historic Ships Association), Mark Lacey (Pearl Harbor Survivors), June Laasch (American Red Cross), James Mead (VA Medical Center Museum), Leonard Mills (Elks Lodge #823), Jim Moody (Kiwanis), Bill Moorehouse (Buffalo Soldiers), Monica Ocampo (Oxford Suites), Frazier Raymond (Buffalo Soldiers), George Raynor (Korean War Veterans), Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze Productions), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Tom Stillman (Veterans Community Garden), Jo Anne Strickland (A.L. Auxiliary+ VAVS), Ralph Walker (Fotos with Flair), Jan Wojciechowski (PT Boat 658), Bobby Worden (Korean War Veterans), Marlene Varga (Homes for Heroes), Cody Wilhelm (Homes for Heroes). Guest: National Park Service: Tracy Fortman, Bob Cromwell, & Alex Patterson; and AFROTC Silver Wings Chapter Detachment 695 University of Portland: Mackenna Krohn [37]

3. **CMAC Guests:**

A. National Park Services – Tracy Fortman, Bob Cromwell, and Alex Patterson

1. **"Megaproject"** – Tracy Fortman gave a review about all the revitalization at the Barracks. The U S Forest Service will be moving into one of the buildings.
2. **Sweetheart Hangar Dance** Silent Auction and Fundraiser – **February 14th** 7 PM to 10 PM at Pearson Air Museum (1115 East 5th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661). Featuring Beacock's Swing Band with swing dancing. Tickets \$15 per person, limited seating, so get your tickets now! For more information call 360-816-6232.
3. **Garrison Flag** – In the center of Vancouver Barracks, the parade ground became a social arena where soldiers and local community interacted with the central feature of the flagstaff. It was used to figure distance measurements, boundaries of the reserve, and building coordinates, etc. The National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in partnership with the City of Vancouver and CMAC will be reconstructing this 100 foot tall flagstaff to again provide a focal point for the community. Dan Sockle and Jim Erixson will be CMAC's Directors for this project working with Alex Patterson.
4. **Public Lectures – February thru March** at Pearson Air Museum. Come and learn the history of aviation while visiting the museum. See the CMAC Newsletter for dates and time.

- B. Silver Wings ROTC University of Portland – Mackenna Krohn** Back in October 2014 Mackenna spoke about the "Greatest Generation Project" where she was asking for WWII Veterans to tell their stories. They are making videos and sharing this on social media. They will be doing a Bingo Fundraiser for this project, to be held February 26th at University of Portland from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Contact Mackenna at krohn16@up.edu or phone 253-230-6600. Learn about the project at website www.thegreatestgenerationproject.org or if you have questions thegreatestgenerationproject@gmail.com.

4. CMAC News:

- A. **AFRC Memorial Plaza** - . Contact Bob Bean for forms to be filled out for the bricks. \$100 for each brick with engraving up to 18 characters per line, 2 lines at most. These bricks will be placed at the new Memorial site in front of the new Armed Forces Reserve Center. To place your order call Bob at 360-696-2326 or 360-903-2340, and/or e-mail robertbean511 @msn.com.
- B. **CMAC Website** – Website should be running any time now. Minutes, Newsletters, Flyers, Sponsors, Links, Photos, Calendars, and Blogs will all be posted on the website. Flyers from e-mails and meetings will be forwarded and posted to website. The Minutes and Newsletter will be sent to the website only, printer friendly. Website is still the same www.cmac11.com. Bill Hauser is the Director for this Website. For more information contact Bill at 360-883-1421 or email bhauser1952@msn.com.
- C. **Costco “Hero’s Night”** – **Kristina Johnson** announced that Costco is planning again for this event since it was a big success last year. The event will be held June 27, 2015. Kristina would like to have suggestions or input to make this event even better. She is especially looking for someone to coordinate a Hot Rod and Custom Car Show to be held at the church parking lot next to Costco. Contact Kristina at 360-258-6239 or e-mail w01086mk01@costco.com.
- D. **Fort Vancouver National Trust Black History Month “The Buffalo Soldiers”** – **Jeff Davis**
February 25 thru 28th 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. There will be different exhibits along with the Buffalo Soldiers, held at the Red Cross Building (605 Barnes Road, Vancouver WA), throughout the week. See website www.fortvan.org/buffalosoldiers. On Saturday February 28th, 6:00 PM, a public lecture will be given. We will also have audio tours, self-guided tours, guided tours, and group reservations. Visit website www.nps.gov/fova/index.htm. Phone (360) 992-1804.
- E. **Veterans Affairs Medical Center** – **Daniel Herrigstad** would like to have a representative from CMAC to attend their Town Hall meetings. They meet every 2nd Wednesday of every month. **Chairman Dan Tarbell** reported about the 63 Plaques, each one with a Clark County Vietnam Soldier missing in action or killed, that will be placed on a Memorial Wall at the VA Medical Center here in Vancouver.
- F. **Our Community Salutes** – **Chairman Larry Smith** is coordinating this event with the Vancouver School District, Evergreen School District, and other School Districts to participate in this event. The U S Navy has committed to this event and will have contact with the other Branch of Services. This event will probably be held in 2016, though, since the end of the school year is coming up shortly.
- G. **Korean War Memorial Dedication** – **June 25th** at 2:00 PM. Site will be behind City Hall at the VFW Plaza in downtown Vancouver by the railroad berm.

5. Memorial Day Ceremony – May 25th, 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:** (Marine), Col. David Johnson, US Army Brigadier General Kurt J. Ryan, NPS Tracy Fortman, Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler, Mayor Tim Leavitt
3. **Memorial Day Script/time line** – Larry Smith
4. **Chaplain** – Randy Warneke
5. **Photography** –Ralph Walker
6. **Media** – Madie Kozacek Need Bio’s.
7. **Invitations/Flyers/Programs** - Samantha Whitley Need Bio’s.
8. **Honoree Drivers** –Marlene Varga Have 2 Vans available.
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 MacEnergy-Ogle (Gold Star Families)
13. **Flag Line** - John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guard, Legion Riders)
14. **Honor Guard/Posting Colors:**
(1) Marine Corps League (2) Young Marines (3) Buffalo Soldiers (4) NIVA

15. **Bands** – Annette Allen (Vancouver Pipe Band) & 204th Band
16. **Taps** – Richard Alvarez.
17. **Singer** - Rey Reynolds (National Anthem, Solo: God Bless the USA)
18. **Wreaths and Carnations** – Joel Scott
19. **Bright Eyes Doves Release** – Jadia Ward
20. **POW/MIA Chair & Table** – Jack Giesen/Jeff Davis
21. **Artillery Firing** – Don Olsen –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** – John Hopkins 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
25. **Set up/take down** - Jim Erixson, Young Marines, Boy Scouts, Snowmass
26. **Stage** – Roy Billings Main Gazebo will be the stage.
27. **Seating** – Roy Billings 800 Chairs (600 Brown, 200 White)
28. **Gold Star Seat Covers** – Bill Hauser
29. **Tents** – Bill Hauser (9) 20' x 20'
30. **Port-a-potties** –Jim Czmowski with Alex Patterson. Should have 2 Handicap and 4 Regular.
31. **Parking** – Tom Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol)
32. **Public Transportation** -
33. **Security** – John Hopkins (CVI)
34. **Sound System** – Michael Stacy Set up will be in the Gazebo. Electrical outlets are inside the Gazebo.
35. **Clean-up** – Young Marines-Boy Scouts & volunteers
36. **Flag Stands** – Jim Czmowski
37. **State Flags: Set-up/Take-down** – Peggy Gresham and Young Marines
38. **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

39. **Indoor Reception (Marshal House)** - Jo Ann Strickland, Emblem Club, and Penny Ross.
40. **Banners** – Marlene Varga Cara Cantonwine has easels to use for the banners. It was suggested to have the banners outside on the railing. Marlene will check into it, if possible.
41. **Reception Committee** – Karla Bean and Emily Stoutsenberger
42. **Indoor Greeter** – James Mead

Group IV Anne McEnery- Ogle

43. **Outdoor Reception** – Anne McEnery-Ogle (MOAA, Red Cross, Neighborhood Association, Boy & Girl Scouts, Lions Club, Operation Military Kids). Reception will be in front of the Marshall House.
44. **Water** – Byron Jacobus (Water & Air Works – The Water Store)
45. **Juice** – George Golden (LINKS)

Group V

46. **Cemetery Flags** – Richard Alvarez
47. **Military Vehicles** –Jack Giesen Need a new location.
48. **Vancouver Fire Department**
49. **40 et 8 Loci** –Jerry Keen

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

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CMAC Meeting Dates

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| Feb. 27 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Mar. 13 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Mar. 27 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Apr. 10 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| Apr. 24 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| May 8 th | 40 et 8 | 8:30 AM |
| May 22 nd | Artillery Barracks | 9:00 AM |

CMAC Events

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| Apr. 18 th | Redheart Ceremony | 10:00 AM |
| May 25 th | Memorial Day Ceremony | 11:00 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