

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Minutes
March 17, 2017

Executive Board Members Present: Chairman-Larry Smith; Chairman-Jim Erixson; Secretary-Yvette Brown-Wahler; Treasurer-Bruce Evans; and, Operations-Mike Burton. Board Directors Present: Chaplain-James Meade; Marketing-Samantha Whitley; Outreach-Dan Sockle (excused); Safety-Roy Billing; and, Supply/Website-Bill Hauser. Members at Large Present: Brad Aiello (excused); Sean Gibson; Elizabeth Johnston; Teresa Wheeler; and, Natalie Hantho. [12]

CMAC Members Present: Richard Alvarez (VFW), Denise Bender (PIC), Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks), Dave Hancock (NIVA), Jennifer Hibbs (WNG/JSS), Kristina Johnson (Costco), Jerry Keen (40et8), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Pamela Libby, Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Daniel Melancon (BSA), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks), Bryndal Rohan (Costco), Eugene Sanchez (NIVA), Gerald Siegel (40et8), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Dan (40et8) & Linda Tarbell (40et8-LF), Toni Wise (FTVNT), and Lyle Wood (VBMA/USACE). [24]

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith.
2. Sickness and Health: Leonard Mills' wife in hospital.
3. Prayer: Chaplain James Meade; special prayer for the family of Cadet Alena Jarvis.
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson.

CMAC Notes:

1. Celebrated Dan Tarbell's service to CMAC, presented plaque.
2. Chairman-Larry Smith attended Naturalization Ceremony at Vancouver Library.
3. Natalie Hantho (FTV Natl Trust) joins Ex Board as member-at-large.

CMAC Events:

- A. Our Community Salutes – April 20th, Evergreen School District; Union High School 7:00pm. Army Recruiting Battalion will lead and coordinate this event. 100+ Recruits [Army, Marines, Navy & Air Force] to be sworn-in from Clark County and surrounding areas. Awaiting USCG possible participation.
- B. Chief Redheart Ceremony – April 22nd, NPS Fort Vancouver; 10:00-1:00pm. NPS support with silent generator. Lunch for attendees follows ceremony.
- C. Memorial Day Ceremony – May 29th Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds Bandstand. 11:00am Ceremony. Reception 10:00-10:45am at the Marshall House. Invitation only & CMAC. Outdoor reception follows ceremony sponsored by civic and Veteran organizations. Garrison Flag Pole Dedication with rifle salute; time TBD.
- D. Costco-Camas "Heroes Night" – June 24th; 5:00-8:00pm. Parking lot Car show 2:00-7:00pm.

Upcoming Community Events: [See informational flyers at www.cmac11.com – ‘Events’]

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| March 20 th | PVAMC Town Hall with Director Fisher in Vancouver, Columbia Room; 6:00-7:30pm & Claims Consultations; 5:00-6:30pm |
| March 22 nd | Marshall Leadership Awards Ceremony; Providence Academy; 5:30pm |
| March 25 th | Pin-Ups on Tour; American Legion #176; Matinees– 3:00pm & 4:00pm; Evening– 8:00pm & 9:00pm; \$ |
| March 25 th | Vets Bowl Fundraiser for Veterans Village; PureKraze; Crosley Lanes; 9:00-12:30pm; \$ |
| March 25 th | Young Marines Graduation; Safe Harbor Church; 2:00pm {15 th year} |
| March 29 th | Friends of Scouting Fundraiser; Heathman Lodge; 7:00am (Breakfast); \$ |
| March 30 th | State of the City Address; Fort Vancouver; 5:00pm; followed by Restoration Tours |
| March 30 th | An Evening with the Medal of Honor; Red Cross Bldg. at Fort Vancouver; 7:30-10:00pm; \$ ~ Free for Educators & Teachers ~ |
| March 31 st | Women Veterans Health Fair 2017; Portland VAMC – Auditorium; 9:00-3:00pm |
| April 1 st | Flags for First Graders Chili Tasting Fundraiser; 40et8 Boxcar Room; 5:00-8:00pm; \$ |
| April 21 st | Nez Perce Chief Redheart Ceremony Dinner; Wood’s home |
| April 24 th | Vets Bowl Fundraiser for Veterans Village; PureKraze; Big Al’s Bowling Ctr; 7:00-9:00pm; \$ |
| April 28 th | 2017 Barn Dance Fundraiser – Partners in Careers; Clark County Square Dance Center; 5:30-10:00pm; \$ |
| April 28 th | 5th Annual Black & White Gala – Clark County Veterans Asst. Ctr.; Heathman Lodge; 5:30-10:00pm; \$ |
| May 19 th | Job Hiring Event; ARFC; sponsored by WNG and Worksource; 9:00am |
| May 29 th | Service Soldier’s Bivouac – NPS; Fort Vancouver (following ceremony – 5:00pm) |
| July 26 th | 40et8 V99 Veterans Golf Day; \$ |

Community Service Opportunities:

- Village Without Walls (new Vancouver non-profit) assist elderly citizens to stay in their homes. Projects include: replace smoke alarms, change light bulbs, visits, etc. Contact John Chapman; villagewithoutwalls.org.
- Home with Heroes – nominate Veterans for October fishing event on: homewithheroes.com.
- CMAC and Fort Vancouver Nat’l Trust to honor Dale F. Bowlin, US Army Veteran/POW. Legacy tree dedication tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 8th [V-E Day] on FTV Officer’s Row, Howard House. A separate Legacy tree will be planted by the City of Vancouver at the Marshall/Luepke Community Center in honor of Dale.
- Roots to Roads/Veterans Garden located at Heritage Farm on 78th Street is offering sponsorships to deliver fresh picked vegetables twice a month, July – September 2017. This program assists part-time employment and job skills for Veterans returning to the workforce. \$150; contact Partners-in-Careers at: partnersincareers.org; Andrea (360) 696-8417.

Legislative Affairs:

- Washington DVA passed onto CMAC original signed copy of Governor Inslee’s Proclamation for ‘Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day’.
- US House Bill HR 299 and Senate Bill S.422 introduced and under review to clarify presumptions relating to Agent Orange exposure of the “Blue Water Navy” and other Veterans who served in the territorial waters of the Republic of Vietnam. For more information contact the Fleet Reserve Association: action.fra.org/action-center.
- On March 14th, 2017, Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) introduced legislation to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to ensure military service members are not charged cancellation fees for pay TV and Internet service contracts when they deploy or change duty stations.

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CMAC Meeting Dates:

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| March 31 st | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| April 14 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| *April 28 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| *May 12 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| May 26 th | Fort Vancouver | 9:00am (Memorial Day set-up) |
| June 9 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| *June 23 rd | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| July 7 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| *July 21 st | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| August 4 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |
| *August 18 th | 40et8 | 8:30am |

(*) Ex Board meeting follows at 10:00am

- Armed Forces Reserve Center 15005 NE 65th Street, Vancouver, WA
- 40 et 8 7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA

2017 Calendar:

Wednesday, March 29th: Vietnam Veterans Day

Sunday, April 16th: Easter

Tuesday, April 18th: Federal taxes are due (date change due to Washington DC holiday)

Thursday, May 4th: National Day of Prayer

Monday, May 8th: V-E Day

Friday, May 12th: Military Spouse's Day

Sunday, May 14th: Mother's Day

Saturday, May 20th: Armed Forces Day

Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day (federal holiday)

Wednesday, June 14th: Flag Day

Sunday, June 18th: Father's Day

Tuesday, July 4th: Independence Day (federal holiday)

Thursday, July 27th: National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Tuesday, August 8th: V-J Day

Monday, September 4th: Labor Day (federal holiday)

Friday, September 15th: National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sunday, September 24th: Gold Star Mother's Day

Monday, October 9th: Columbus Day (federal holiday)

Tuesday, October 31st: Halloween

Sunday, November 5th: Daylight Savings time ends

Tuesday, November 7th: Election Day

Thursday, November 23rd: Thanksgiving Day (federal holiday)

Thursday, December 7th: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day (federal holiday)