

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2017**

Executive Board Members Present: Chairman-Larry Smith; Chairman-Jim Erixson; Secretary-Yvette Brown-Wahler; Treasurer-Bruce Evans (excused); and, Operations-Mike Burton. Board Directors Present: Chaplain-James Mead; Advocate-Denise Bender; Marketing-Samantha Whitley; Outreach-Dan Sockle; Safety-Roy Billings; and, Supply/Website-Bill Hauser. Members at Large Present: Sean Gibson; Elizabeth Johnston; Teresa Wheeler; Natalie Hantho, and Frazier Raymond. [15]

CMAC Members Present: Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Bob Cromwell (NPS), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks), Bob Day (PT Boat 658 – Meals on Wheels), Dave Hancock (SFA/NIVA), Jerry Keen (40et8), Bob Knight (Clark College), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Debra Lewis (VA), Pamela Libby, Patrick Locke (40et8), Curt Loop (DofArmy), Dawn-Marie Martin (Vancouver Funeral), Anne McEnerney-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Richard McHugh (Combat Veterans Int'l), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks 823), Byndal Rohan (Costco), Jerry Siege (40et8), Joyce Slemph (Emblem Club), Michael Stacey (PKVV), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Bryan Stebbins (Senator Murray's Office), JoAnn Strickland (ALA-VAVS), Debbie Vourlas (CLC-VA) [27]

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith
2. Sickness and Health:
3. Prayer: Chaplain James Mead
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson

CMAC Chairman Summary: Co-Chairman Larry Smith expressed appreciation to Northwest Battle Buddies for supporting Veteran's needs to match them with a service animal. CMAC also expresses appreciate for BBSI for inviting CMAC to participate.

CMAC Notes:

1. Alex Patterson (NPS) joins Executive Board as a Member-at-Large.
2. CMAC planning on conducting Life Saving & CPR training for members and volunteers to be prepared in case of an emergency.
3. CMAC with Fort Vancouver Nat'l Trust and City of Vancouver are planning on dedicating a Witness tree in memory of Bill Morehouse, Buffalo Soldier.

CMAC Guests:

- Bryndl Rohan (Camas Costco) announced Costco Heroes Night promulgation of flyers, registration and nomination forms now available. An annual community service award will be presented to nominee in memory of Bill Morehouse, Buffalo Soldier.
- Bob Cromwell, Nat'l Park Service, discussed handling of the Garrison flag for raising and lowering during Memorial Day ceremony.

CMAC Events:

A. Memorial Day Ceremony – May 29th, Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds Bandstand. 11:00am Ceremony with Garrison Flag Pole Dedication. Indoor reception 10:00-10:45am at Marshall House,

Officer's Row; by invitation & CMAC. Outdoor reception follows ceremony sponsored by civic and Veteran organizations. *Set-up – May 26, 9:00am; Rehearsal – May 27th; 10:00am*

B. Costco-Camas 'Heroes Night' – June 24th; 5:00-8:00pm. Parking lot Car Show 4:00-7:00pm. All tables are reserved for event; Set up NLT 4:45pm. Car Show, fee \$15. Nominate a worthy community person of service for a free Costco Membership sponsored by Columbia Credit Union; forms available on CMAC website [cmac11.com drop-down under 'Calendar'].

C. Patriots Day & 9/11 Ceremony – September 11th; 9:00am.

D. Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th; 11:00am.

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

May 17th	7th Annual VA2K Walk & Roll event; Vancouver VA Campus; 9:45am line up, 10:00am race start; (free)
May 19 th	Veterans Hiring Event for Veterans, Guard, Reserves & Spouses; AFRC; 10:00-1:00pm; contact: WorkSource - momartin@esd.wa.gov
May 19th	FTV Natl Historic Site is hosting the annual Children's Culture Parade, Pearson Air Museum; 10:15am; (free)
May 20th	FTV Natl Historic Site is hosting a new walking tour 'Bark Ranger'; learn about dogs & safety; 10:00am; (free)
May 20th	Home for Our Troops (Washougal area) for SPC Hussey; kick-off 1:00pm; check-in 12:30pm ➤ https://hfotusa.org/building-homes/veterans/hussy/
May 20th	US Forest Service is hosting a discussion with USFS Monument Scientist Peter Frenzer, on his work at Mount St Helens National Volcanic Monument. Saturday, May 20th; 1:00-3:00pm; Fort Vancouver Visitor Center; (free)
May 20th	Let's Take Flight Fundraising Dinner & Auction; FTV Nat'l Trust; Pearson Air Museum; 5:30-8:30pm; (\$)
May 26th	Purple Heart parking space dedication ceremony; new Keller-Williams office in Vancouver; 10:00am
May 27 th	Open Cockpit Day at Pearson Field (Fort Vancouver); 9:00-3:00pm; Call for Info – (360) 992-1815
May 27th	Home with Heroes 5K Run & Gun; Horse Bend Ranch, Centerville; homewithheroes.com; 9:00am; (\$)
May 29th	Service Soldier's Bivouac – National Park Service; Fort Vancouver (following ceremony – 5:00pm)
June 3 rd	NORPAC Miniature Model Tank Battles; Veterans Museum/Huey Helicopter at Vancouver VA; 9:00-3:00pm; (free)
June 5 th	Veterans Town Hall & VBA Claims Clinic; Portland VAMC; 5:00-7:30pm
June 5 th -9 th	Free Flag Exchange at Esther Short Park; Contact Davidson & Associates Insurance – (360) 514-9550; (free)
June 14 th	National Flag Day Ceremony; sponsored by Fort Vancouver National Historic Trust; Fort Vancouver; 5:00pm; (free)
June 20th	Hole on the Range fundraiser to support CC Veterans Asst Ctr.; Lewis River Golf Course – 12:00pm; (\$)
July 1st	Paddle for Life benefitting CC Veterans Asst Ctr; Vancouver Lake Regional Park; 9:00am; (\$)
July 4 th	The Heroes' Challenge Bike, Run, Walk Fundraiser; Washougal; 7:00-10:00am; Register: www.BackaHero.Today ; (\$)
July 4 th	Independence Day celebration at Fort Vancouver beginning at 6:00pm and ending with Fireworks; (free)
July 26th	Home with Heroes Golf Tournament; Camas Meadows Golf Course; homewithheroes.com; 8:00am; (\$)

(\$) Contribution &/or Fee

Veterans Interest:

- Veterans Orientation; WorkSource Vancouver; Monday, May 22nd; 2:00-4:00pm; Orientation provides an overview of Veteran's resources, educational & vocational programs; eligibility benefits and employment related case management available for Veterans who qualify. 204 SE Stonemill Dr. Ste 215, Vancouver, 98684
- Boards in Gear training for non-profits; May 24th, 4:00-7:00pm; Innovative Svcs NW in Vancouver; for more information and registration call – (855) 299-2922, ext. 108. \$10 member fee; \$15 non-member fee.
- 2017 Portland Rose Festival; Friday, May 26th through Sunday, June 11th. www.rosefestival.org.
 - 2017 Fleet Week; Tuesday, June 6th through Saturday, June 10th.
- Oregon Summer Star 2017 – A camp for Youth of Military Families; ages 8-18. Sunday, June 25th through Friday, June 30th at Camp Cascade, Lyons, OR. Register at oregonsummerstar.org; for more information contact – akari@tsuga.org.
- 10th Annual Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium to Thank, Honor and Salute Oregon's "Fallen Warriors" on Tuesday, July 4th. Theme is "We Will Not Let Them Be Forgotten". An opportunity to kick back and enjoy a Patriotic Tribute, professional baseball and gigantic Fireworks show. Honoring Mrs. Bennet, mother of Tyrone Wood, and Mrs. Doherty, mother of Glen Doherty, who were killed in Benghazi; Free baseball tickets available.
- PureKraze Veterans Village is auctioning a 2017 Indian Chief Vintage Motorcycle, drawing on August 19th, 12:00pm. Contact Mike Stacey for tickets (\$10)

- Free Legal Assistance Services for military retirees, active duty, and reserve available in the Portland/Vancouver area; offered by the 6th Legal Operations Detachment. Contact LTC Heiko Coppola at heiko.p.coppola.mil@mail.mil ; (253) 229-0372
- 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.

Community Service Opportunities:

- Portland Fisher House at the Vancouver VA Campus needs donations to support families with Veterans in VAMC Portland hospital care. Items needed: MasterCard or Visa gift cards to purchase food items for families at check-in; K-Cup coffee pods; Travel cups-disposable; Bottled water; and Paper products (towels; plates; bowls; cups, and plastic utensils. Open house on Tuesday, May 9th; 11:00am-2:00pm. (non-profit)
 - Further information contact Front Desk at (360) 567-4647; &/or Dawn Shultz at dawn.shultz2@va.gov
- Compassion Connect offers clinical services in medical, dental and chiropractic care. Certain clinics may also provide vision and other forms of physical care such as foot & nail care. Clinics are available throughout Clark County and Portland metro areas. www.compassionconnect.com/calendar/ or /models/
- Partners in Careers need adults to be “mock” interviewers for high school students. Friday, May 19th at Legacy High School; 8:45-11:30am and 12:15-3:00pm; Call – (360) 696-8417 for more information.

Legislative Affairs:

- Both Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell anticipate attending the Memorial Day Ceremony to honor our fallen service men and women in Clark County, as well as, the dedication of the Fort Vancouver Garrison Flag Pole.
- Please see your federal, state and local representative websites for updated information.

CMAC Meeting Dates:

May 26 th	Fort Vancouver	9:00am (Memorial Day pre set-up)
May 27 th	Fort Vancouver	10:00am (Memorial Day Rehearsal)
May 29 th	Fort Vancouver	8:00am (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
September 1 st	40et8	8:30am
September 15 th	40et8	8:30am
September 29 th	40et8	8:30am

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

2017 Calendar:

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)

Monday, September 11th: Patriots Day-9/11 Remembrance
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)
Sunday, December 31st: New Year's Eve

Military Service Birthdates:

US Merchant Marines – 12 June 1775
US Army – 14 June 1775
US Army Special Forces (Green Berets) – 19 June 1952
US Coast Guard – 4 August 1790
US Air Force – 18 September 1947
US Navy – 13 October 1775
US Marine Corps – 10 November 1775

Please contact CMAC Secretary to add community events and/or service opportunities.

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