

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2017**

Executive Board Members Present: Chairman-Larry Smith; Chairman-Jim Erixson (excused); Secretary-Yvette Brown-Wahler; Treasurer-Bruce Evans, and, Operations-Mike Burton. Board Directors Present: Chaplain-James Mead (excused); Advocate-Denise Bender (excused); Marketing-Samantha Whitley; Outreach-Dan Sockle; Safety-Roy Billings (excused); and, Supply/Website-Bill Hauser. Members at Large Present: Sean Gibson; Elizabeth Johnston (excused); Teresa Wheeler; Natalie Hantho, Frazier Raymond, and Alex Patterson (excused) [11]

CMAC Members Present: Richard Alvarez (CVI), Jessica Chapman (ARC), Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks), Nicole Gradick, CC Veterans Res Ctr), Dave Hancock (SFA/NIVA), Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors), John Hopkins (CVI), Patrick Keller (VMI cadet), June Lasch (ARC), Patrick Locke (40et8), Anne McEnerney-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Richard McHugh (Combat Veterans Int'l), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks 823), Raelynn Reeder (CC Veterans Res Ctr), Byndl Rohan (Costco), Dennis Rugg (ARC), Eugene Sanchez (NIVA), Michael Stacey (PKVV), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), and Ralph Walker [22]

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith
2. Sickness and Health: Safe travels for 40et8 members attending Promenade in Yakima.
3. Moment of Silence for casualties in the TriMet Max train incident last week, and thankfulness for quick action by Marcus, a Veteran employed at the Portland VAMC.
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- A. June 24th Heroes Night; E. Vancouver Costco-Camas; 5:00-8:00pm; Car Show 4-7:00pm
- B. September 11th Patriots Day-9/11 Ceremony; 9:00am; with Vancouver Fire Dept.
- C. November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony/Parade; Providence Academy; 11:00am
- D. December 8th CMAC Christmas Party; 40et8; 5:00pm – Social; 6:00pm - Dinner

CMAC Meeting Dates: 8:30am: *June 23rd; July 7th; *July 21st; August 4th; *August 18th; September 1st; September 8th; *September 15th; September 29th; October 13th; *October 27th; November 10th; *December 1st. (*) Executive Board meeting follows at 10:00am

CMAC Chairman Summary: Co-Chairman Larry Smith expressed appreciation to all of CMAC members, Veteran organizations, county and city employees who made this year's Memorial Day a success in honoring our Gold Star families and in memory of Veterans in Clark County.

CMAC Notes:

- **NEW CMAC email address for Secretary – cmac11.secretary@gmail.com**
This change is due to a new CMAC laptop. The old email address will be forwarded to this new email address. The old laptop will be placed in retirement for historical records.
- CMAC members needed to 'man' the CMAC table during Costco Heroes Night.
- Veteran memorial plaques located on the VA Vancouver campus are in need of restoration and repair. Contact Larry Smith for further information.
- Lewis & Clark Young Marines are selling fireworks on June 28th; 0900-2200 (9:00am–10:00pm) at Macy's parking lot.

- Volunteers needed at the Independence Day celebration at Fort Vancouver on July 4th; contact Fort Vancouver National Historic Trust at (360) 992-1804; volunteer@fortvan.org; www.fortvan.org/fourth

CMAC Guests:

- Bryndl Rohan (Camas Costco) announced the Bill Morehouse Community Award ceremony will be held in the food court during Heroes Night.
- Partrick Keller (Cadet, Virginia Military Institute) and former Eagle Scout talked about his experience riding PT-658 and his senior project constructing the flag pole at the Clark County Veterans Memorial at Fort Vancouver.
- Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors) announced Kings for Cops & Operation Salmon event, September 9th-12th. Volunteers needed for September 10th.
- Clark College Veterans Resource Center is selling raffle tickets to erect a Veterans memorial on the campus grounds.

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

- July 14th National Flag Day Ceremony; sponsored by FVNatl Historic Trust; Fort Vancouver; 5:00pm; (free)
 July 15th VBMA Military History Talk – ‘The Other Spanish American War’; Marshall House, Ft Vancouver; 6:30pm
 July 16th Portland Vet Ctr Annual Open House; 11:00am-3:00pm; for info: Ryan McNabb – (503) 688-5361
 June 20th Hole on the Range fundraiser to support CC Veterans Asst Ctr.; Lewis River Golf Course – 12:00pm; (\$)
 June 24th Natl Park Svc ‘Survive & Thrive: Lifeway of the Fur Trade’; Ft Vancouver Natl Historic Site; 9:00am-8:00pm
 NPS Registration required: (360) 816-6244
 July 4th The Heroes’ Challenge Bike, Run, Walk Fundraiser; Washougal; 7-10:00am; Register: www.BackaHero.Today; (\$)
 July 4th 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; (\$)
 August 13th Spirit of ’45 Day honoring WWII Veterans; Willamette Natl Cemetery; 11:00am; orspiritof45.org
 September 9th-12th Kings for Cops & Operation Salmon; for police officers, Veterans & PAL children; Ridgefield
 (\$) Contribution &/or Fee

Veterans Interest:

- On Saturday, June 24th, 9:00am-2:00pm; ASPEN Dental is offering free dental care to Veterans in Vancouver & Longview WA; and, in Clackamas, Beaverton & Hillsboro, OR. To make appointments call: (844) ASPENHMM / (844) 277-3626
- Portland/Vancouver VA Hospital Patient clothing needed for men & women Veterans: Sweatpants; Hoodie sweatshirts; Long & Short sleeve shirts; Light jackets; Suspenders & Belts; Jeans; New Shoes; Underwear & White T-Shirts. All items must be logo-free. Contact Caroline Ruhmshottel – (360) 892-2806
- Fisher House at VA Vancouver needs donations to support families with a Veteran in VA Portland hospital care. Items needed: MasterCard or Visa Gift Cards to purchase food items for families at check-in; K-Cup Coffee; Travel Cups-disposable; Bottled Water; and Paper Products: towels, plates, bowls and, plastic utensils. Contact Front Desk at (360) 567-4647 and/or Dawn Shultz at dawn.shultz2@va.gov. (a non-profit)
- Meal Train for Portland VA Fisher House (Vancouver campus) is seeking volunteers to create, cook & serve meals to families of Veteran hospitalized in the Portland VA Hospital. Approximate number of people to serve is 32; delivery or cook time in FH kitchen, 3:00-7:00pm. Meal Train for FH Calendar available thru 12/31/2017. For more info: <https://mealtrain.com/mdv4d3>; FH office (360) 567-4647, Barbara Decoito-Weaver. (a non-profit)
- 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)

- Army, Navy and Air Force Exchanges will start offering to all honorably discharged Veterans online shopping starting on Veterans Day, November 11th, Register by calling: (844) 868-8672, Vet Verify Contact Center; M-F, 0800-1700 CDT
- 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
- Songs & Stories for Soldiers provides countless hours of audio support for Veterans suffering from PTSD & sleep deprivation across the U.S. via a MP3 based system. Register at: songsandstoriesforsoldiers.us (non-profit)
- Roots to Roads Veterans Garden is accepting sponsorships for bi-weekly vegetable delivery, July-September. Additionally, donate your \$.10 bag credit when shopping at Whole Foods through July 3rd. Donations support employment opportunities for local Veterans. \$150 sponsorships are tax deductible. Contact Andrea – 696-8417.
- Calling all Veterans who love to garden. Roots to Roads Veterans Garden is seeking support in planting seedling starts in the rows covering one acre, and later in season - picking vegetables. Contact: Partners in Careers – Denise Bender at: denise@swwpic.org – (360) 696-8417. (a non-profit)
- Air Force Emergency Management offers a free Emergency Preparedness Guide at www.BeReady.af.mil

Community Service Opportunities:

- Free smoke alarm installation by the American Red Cross; (503) 528-5783; preparedness@redcross.org
- 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/

Legislative Affairs:

- For Veterans, please review the VA Secretary's White House press briefing on May 31st: federalnewsradio.com/veterans-affairs/2017/05/shulkin-details-13-areas-of-improvement-in-his-diagnosis-of-va/
- Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) information and state-wide events on cmacl1.com.
- On August 30th, Washington will indicate Veteran status on Driver's Licenses. No fee for Veteran designation although you still need to pay for regular license renewals or replacement fees. Additionally, the Washington standard driver's license is no longer valid for federal identification, such as airline boarding. You must apply for the new Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) and pay new fee of \$108 for six years; or, \$9 per year remaining on your driver's license (\$9-\$54). dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/edlget.html

2017 Calendar:

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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