

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2017**

Executive Board Members Present: Operations-Mike Burton; Secretary-Yvette Brown-Wahler. Board Directors Present: Chaplain-James Mead; Supply/Website-Bill Hauser; Safety-Roy Billings; Advocate-Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond; Sean Gibson; Alex Patterson and Teresa Wheeler [11]

CMAC Members Present: Richard Alvarez (VFW); Tom Cates; Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Jeff Davis (VBMA); Pam Davis; Bob Day (PT-658), Jack Giesen; Dave Hancock (SFA/NIVA), John Hopkins ((CVI); Jerry Keen (Pointman); June Lasch (ARC), Patrick Locke (40et8); Monique Martin (WorkSource); Timothy May (Vetcorps); Richard McHugh (CVI) Meredith McMackin (ES), Jim Moody; Pam Peiper (3rd District SW WA); Tiffany Plous (Work Source); Eugene Sanchez (NIVA)

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Burton
2. Prayer: James Mead; included remembering the four Army soldiers killed in Niger, Hurricane victims and fires in Santa Rosa, CA.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Yvette Brown-Wahler

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- A. November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony 10:00am /Parade; Providence Academy; 11:00am
- B. December 8th CMAC Christmas/Holiday Party; 40et8; 5:00pm – Social; 6:00pm – Hors d'oeuvres (Appetizers)
- C. Our Community Salutes; Skyview High School; April 19th 2018

CMAC Meeting Dates: 8:30am: October 27th; November 10th; *December 1st. (*) Executive Board meeting follows at 10:00am

CMAC Summary:

- James Mead shared that Scott Campbell had passed away and his celebration of life will be held on Sunday October 29th from 2:00-5:00pm at the Hilton in Downtown Vancouver.
- Remember to **VOTE** on November 7th; Clark County Voters' Pamphlet mailed. Look for your ballot by October 26th.

CMAC Guests:

- Lois Smith a consultant in conjunction with WorkSource shared-The Pocket Guide: Tips & Resources for Surviving on the Streets-Vancouver. A guide put together by concerned citizens helping bring information to those living on the streets.
- Bob Day introduced his guest-Paul St. Onge a WWII Veteran who served in the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

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

- October 21st VA Portland Job Fair; 9-1pm [see below for more information]
- October 23rd. Native American Indian Cultural Heritage Month Ceremony-6:15pm at Vancouver City Hall
- October 25th Come and Learn the ABC's and 123's of Playing Bingo. 7-9pm. 40et8 Bingo Parlor on 78th street. Please RSVP at 360-574-8461 by 10/23/17.
- October 26th B-17Alliance Training Center – 'Secret Code Map' exhibit; Salem; \$
- November 2nd Symbol of Freedom event; Warehouse '23; 11:30am; CDMCaregiving.org; Vancouver; \$
- November 7th Vancouver Elks Lodge #823 hosting Veterans Day Dinner; 5:30-7:30pm; Info – (360) 256-0823
- November 9th Clark County Prayer Breakfast; tickets available for Gold Star Families and disabled-Veterans; 7-9:00am; Hilton Hotel near river (behind City Hall); contact George Golden for tickets – (360) 713-3297
- November 9th Veterans Appreciation Reception; Oxford Suites; Jantzen Beach; 3:30-7pm; RSVP by 11/6
- November 10th Marine Corps Birthday Party; 40et8 Boxcar; 6-11pm; RSVP 360-907-5342; \$
- November 10th Marine Corps Brunch (9:00-12pm) and 242nd Birthday Dinner (time TBD); Cascade Bar & Grill
- November 17-18th LeFemmes (40et8 V99) Holiday Bazaar; Boxcar 9:00-3:00pm; If interested in being a Vendor please contact Mary Snyder at 360-210-5493.
(\$ Contribution &/or Fee

Veterans Interest:

- Portland VA Job Fair; October 21st; 9:00-1:00pm;
 - https://www.portland.va.gov/PORTLAND/features/portland_va_job_fair.asp
 - <https://www.usa.jobs.gov/GetJob/viewdetails/480153900#>
- Annual Influenza Immunization Campaign now-November 22nd. Get your **flu shot** in the Portland VAMC Atrium; M-Thur, 9-3:30pm; Walk-In; or go to your local Walgreens Pharmacy (show VA ID & photo ID).
- Washington State University Alumni are offering yard & household clean-up assistance to Veterans in need.
 - Contact WSU Alumni Association for more information.
- WorkSource Vancouver offers Veteran orientation on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month; (360) 735-5000
- As of September 27th the Department of Veteran Affairs will no longer operate Veteran On-Line Application (VONAPP). Veterans, service members and family members may continue online submissions through VA's Vets.gov or eBenefits.gov website.
- 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
- 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)
- Returning Veterans Project (RVP) has hired Paul Lipscomb as the new Interim Executive Director. RVP provides free confidential care to Post 9-11 warzone veterans and their families in Oregon and SW Washington. You can contact them at mail@returningveterans.org or visit their website at www.returningveterans.org.
- Max Impact-TBI Assistant. Max, your Virtual Service Dog is here to make an impact. A free App Designed to Help Empower Veterans, Family, Friends, and Caregivers. Contact your WDVA TBI Coordinator at 800-562-2308 or visit their website at www.dva.wa.gov.
- Do you suffer from any form of hearing loss? Claim your FREE Caption Phone today. Please contact Marci Faile at 971-401-2818 or visit their website at www.clearcaptions.com.

Citizen Interest:

- 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/](http://www.compassionconnect.com/models/)
- American Red Cross Blood Center in need of blood donations; contact Vancouver ARC for list of times
- American Red Cross Cascades Region has available a Prepare! Resource Guide; redcross.org/cascades
- Air Force Emergency Management offers a free Emergency Preparedness Guide at www.BeReady.af.mil
- Cressa Alert website provides information on emergence preparedness.
- Kaiser Shipyards Exhibit opens at the Pearson Air Museum on October 28th at 2:00pm. The address is 1115 East 5th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661. There is no cost to attend. The Kaiser Shipyards were built during WWII and instrumental in helping provide employment opportunities in the local area and with tripling population and diversify in our cities.

Community Service Opportunities:

- Farmers Insurance & WorkSource are leading a "Suits for Soldiers" campaign to collect new and gently used suits and other business attire for military personnel to use at job interviews. WorkSource Veterans Program will benefit. More information to follow, Contact
- VA Vancouver Long Term Patient Care in need of T-shirts and Sweat Pants, all sizes
- North County Community Food Bank is seeking volunteers; 8:15-11:30am; office@nccfoodbank.org

Legislative Affairs:

- US House Appropriations Committee approved FY 2018 spending plans co-authored by Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler to include an amendment to block Oregon's unfair tolling "scheme" on I-5 & I-205; military pay raise 2.4%; reforms better support for military sexual assault victims; and improvements to flawed development grant system. The Congresswoman is working with Senators Murray and Cantwell to protect Southwest Washington on unfair tolls.
- WDVA website provides information for Veterans interested in free-or-reduced-rate passes or programs for disabled Veterans – <http://www.dva.wa.gov/program/>

2017 Calendar:

Tuesday, October 31st: Halloween
Sunday, November 5th : Daylight Savings time ends
Tuesday, November 7th : Election Day
Saturday, November 11th: Veterans Day (federal holiday)
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 Veteran & community events and/or service opportunities.

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