

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2017**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith; Co-Chairman – Jim Erixson; Operations - Mike Burton; Secretary - Yvette Brown-Wahler Treasurer – Bruce Evans. Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (excused); Supply/Website - Bill Hauser (excused); Safety - Roy Billings (excused); Advocates - Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond; Sean Gibson; Alex Patterson (excused); Denise Bender and Teresa Wheeler [11]

CMAC Members Present: Richard Alvarez (VFW); Tom Cates; Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Jim Czmowki (Young Marines); Jeff Davis (VBMA); Bob Day (PT-658), Marci Faile (Clear Captions); Pamela Ferguson (Oxford Suites); JoAnn Goodrich (Emblem Club); Dave Hancock (SFA/NIVA), John Hopkins (CVI); June Lasch (ARC), Monique Martin (WorkSource); Dan Matthews; Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver); Richard McHugh (CVI); Lew Meyer (Battle Ground Rotary); Jim Moody; Joyce Slemper (Emblem Club); Steve Stanley (Young Marines); JoAnn Strickland (Emblem Club); SSGT Anthony Wright (USMC Recruiter)

1. Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
2. Prayer: Jim Erixson
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- A. November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony 10:00am /Parade; Providence Academy; 11:00am; Set-up Nov 10th – 9:00am
- 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: 9:00am: November 10th at Providence Academy; *December 1st 8:30am at 40et8

CMAC Summary:

- Scott Campbell 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 and ballots mailed.

CMAC Guests:

- Lew Meyer, Battle Ground Rotary announced Festival of Wreaths Annual Fundraiser – 2017.
- SSGT Anthony Wright USMC Recruiter to support Our Community Salutes – 2018.
- Corrine from CC Veterans Assistance Center informed and introduces as center's social media representative.
- Pam Ferguson, Oxford Suites invited all Veterans to reception on November 9th, RSVP by November 6th.

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

- 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 8th Historic Lantern Slide Program illuminating Oregon's agricultural history; FT Vancouver; 7:00pm
- November 8th Fort Vancouver High School Veterans Assembly & Brunch; 9:00am
- November 9th Clark College Veterans photograph; North Scarpelli Lawn; 12:00pm
- 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 S&VEN '17 Clark County Food Bank volunteers needed; 10:00am-12:00pm or 1:00pm-3:00pm
- 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.
- November 27-December 1st Battle Ground Festival of Wreaths & Tree Lighting; BG Community Center; 5:30-8pm
- December 8th 'Suits for Soldiers' clothing event, VFW on Andresen; 10:00am-2:00pm (\$ Contribution &/or Fee

Veterans Interest:

- 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)
- 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.
- Waterfowl Hunt for Veterans with WA Waterfowl Association and Ridgefield Natl Wildlife Refuge; contact Rick Spring; rickspring458@gmail.com
- Clark County Food Bank event S&VEN '17 invites you to join 300 high school students and Veterans serving side-by-side to fight hunger in our community; register at www.clarkcountyfoodbank.org/seven
- 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:

- The Battle Ground and Lewis River Rotary are sponsoring the Festival of Wreaths fundraising event. Wreaths on display November 27th-December 1st. Raffle to be held on December 1st. All proceeds to be donated to fire relief efforts in California: Counties - Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Lake.
- Farmers Insurance & WorkSource are leading a "Suits for Soldiers" campaign to collect new and gently used suits and other business/casual attire for military personnel & Veterans to use at job interviews. Clothing accepted through November 30th at the Farmers District Office – 3925 NE 72nd Ave Suite 104, Vancouver 98661, POC – Ann (360) 571-4666
- WorkSource and the Council for the Homeless prepared for homeless persons – "The Pocket Guide"; reprinting efforts underway to pass out before winter sets in. Donations accepted at WorkSource. <http://www.councilforthehomeless.org/blog-post/specially-designed-pocket-guide-for-people-living-outside-fills-need-in-the-community/>
- For information on military units in Africa – <https://worldoregon.org/events/programs/headline-and-cultural-forums/brant-t-harris-why-Africa-matters-to-us-national>

Community Service Opportunities:

- 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:

- 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:

Sunday, November 5th: Daylight Savings time ends; 2:00am PT
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)

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Sunday, December 31st: New Year's Eve
Monday, January 1st; New Year's Day (federal holiday)

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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