

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2018**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith; Co-Chairman – Jim Erixson; Operations - Mike Burton; Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans. Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead; Supply/Website - Bill Hauser; Safety - Roy Billings; Advocates - Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond; Sean Gibson; Alex Patterson (excused); Denise Bender(Excused) Elizabeth Johnson (Excused), Samantha Whitley, and Teresa Wheeler [14]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Jim Czmowki (Marine Cadets), Jeff Davis (VBMA); Nelson Collazo-Serrano (40et8/Youth4Vets), JoAnn Strickland (LaFemmes), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Patrick Locke (40et8/Youth4Vets), Patrick Vernier (Young Marines), Daniel Vossen (Klinline Kids Fishing), Michael Stacey (PureKraze), Karen K. Locke (LaFemmes), Gerald Siegel (CMAC), Art McCallum (ESGR), Tom Cates (Pt 658/40et8), Bob Day (Pt 658), and Dan Matthews (CHC), and Ralph Walker (CMAC) [17]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith at 8:30am

1. Prayer: James Mead
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson

CMAC Scheduled Events:

Our Community Salutes; Skyview High School; April 19th, 2018 at 6:30pm-Skyview High school. Our sponsors are McKay & Sposito and IQ Credit Union. We are still looking for a Coast Guard or Naval Officer to swear in the candidates at the event. Please contact Mike Burton for more information. We have extended the invitation to include Portland School students as well.

CMAC Meeting Dates: 2018 CMAC meeting dates have been published and will be held at the 40et8 Boxcar room starting at 8:30am and will be on the following days:

February	9 th	23 rd *
March	9 th	23 rd *
April	13 th	27 th *
May	11 th	25 th *
June	8 th	22 nd *
July	13 th	27 th *

* Indicates Board Meeting directly following regular CMAC meeting

CMAC Summary:

- Waste Connections will continue to be a sponsor for Patriots Day on 9/11.
- City of Vancouver is dedicating two new Fire Stations on Saturday February 3rd. Station 1, starting at 10am and Fire Station 2 at 1pm. All members welcome to join.
- TriMet is looking for drivers and do give Veteran hiring preference. CDL required.
- Sean Gibson has taken a position on the Board of Clark College's Veterans Assistance Center.
- Starting in February, coffee at the CMAC meetings held at the 40et8 will be \$1.00 a cup.
- Jim Erixson reached out to members to let them know that the 40et8 is struggling financially and asked the CMAC community to share ideas on how to help.

CMAC Guests:

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- Karen K. Locke gave a special presentation poem to Larry Smith to honor him for his service to our country and community. Patrick Locke and Karen K. Locke also presented Larry Smith with a plaque.
- A representative from Youth 4 Vets shared their recent trip to Puerto Rico where they personally distributed much needed supplies to the residents recovering from Hurricane Maria from funds raised through their Boots on the ground for Puerto Rico fundraiser held at the 40et8 on December 15, 2017.

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

Announcements:

- Michael Stacey with PureKraze Events for Veterans will be honoring Vietnam Veterans at their Vietnam War Commemoration on April 7th at The Vancouver Mall near Starbucks (Time: TBA).
- Lewis & Clark Young Marines will be holding an event for new recruits on February 10th from 12-1pm at the Vancouver Elks Lodge and are looking for Veterans who are interested in telling their stories to the recruits and mentoring them at the event.
- The Vietnamese Community of Clark County is celebrating their Lunar New Year Festival, at Roosevelt Elementary School at 2921 Falk Road on February 10th from 1pm-5pm. The event is free and open to the public.
- Frazier Raymond shared that Wilson Keller has chosen his Eagle Scout project to be a bench dedicated to the Buffalo Soldiers.
- Art McCallum with ESGR shared information about The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), which is a federal law that protects military service members and veterans from employment discrimination on the basis of their service, and allows them to regain their civilian jobs following a period of uniformed service.

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