

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of August 24, 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 (Excused); Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond Sean Gibson; Alex Patterson; Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnston(Excused), Samantha Whitley(Excused), Teresa Wheeler, Amy Mintonye, Minh Pham (Excused) [15]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), June Lasch (Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI-9), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Marlene Varga (Home with Heroes), Carl Lingenfellow (40et8), Richard Alvarez(VFW), Jim Czmowski (Marine Cadets), Steve Dobscha (Portland VA), Emily Kenyon (Portland VA), Kayla Clark (Portland VA). Tim McPharlin (USAF), Ron Powers (Clark College), Scott Hanson (Home for Heroes), Pam Peiper (Rep. Jaimie Herrera Beutler), Curt Loop (AUSA), Kevin Kreiter (Vintage Flying Service), Tom Cates (PT 658/40et8), Michael Stacy (PureKraze), Jerry Keen (40et8), Chis Wright (Young Marines), Cory Doane (Rep. Jaimie Herrera Beutler), Nelson Serrano (40et8), Patrick Locke (40et8), John Posey(Patriot Guard Riders), Dawn Marie Martin(Vancouver Funeral Dignity), Mike Morgan (Rainier Springs Hospital), Rick Jones (CMAC), [28]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

Patriots Day, September 11, 2018, 9:00am-10:05am-Outside Vancouver City Hall

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:

Sept 7th	40et8	8:30 AM
Sept 21 st *	40et8	8:30 AM
Oct 5 th	40et8	8:30 AM
Oct 19 th *	40et8	8:30 AM

(*) Executive Board Meeting follows

CMAC Summary:

- During the meeting we honored Jim Erixson for his work in CMAC and our community. Jim and his wife Betsy will be moving to South Carolina next month to be closer to their family. Ralph presented Jim with a framed picture of him and Betsy signed by CMAC members as well as a collage of photos of Jim and his time with CMAC.
- The Marine Cadets of WA are collecting stocking caps and winter gloves to distribute at the Stand down on September 15th. Their goal is to collect 50 hats and 50 pairs of winter gloves. The deadline is September 7th. The items can be new or used (that have been washed). The Marine Cadets of WA will have a table to distribute at the event and for every 10 items donated, Jim Czmowski will except an ice bucket of water. He has volunteered to get cold so a veteran in need can be warm. If you are interested in donating and helping a great cause, please contact Steven Stanley with Marine Cadets at 360-513-0312.
- Larry shared that Patrick Keller from the Keller Foundation presented a check to CMAC last week for \$500.00 that was given to him by his grandfather to donate to the charity of his choice.

- Ron Powers will be presenting at Professional Connections Networking meeting on Monday August 27th at the Salvation Army on 112th at Noon. The networking group is free and open to the public.

CMAC Guests:

- Dr. Steven Dobscha, the Director of the Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC) at the Portland VA has put together a demonstration project to help primary care teams to discuss means safety with veterans at risk for suicide. Dr. Dobscha and his research team will be working on the project through June of 2019 and will be looking for feedback on how they can better prepare VA primary care teams in helping reduce the suicide risk among our veterans. If you would like to give feedback to Dr. Dobscha and his team, please contact his Research Coordinator, Emily Kenyon at (503) 721-1033 or you can email her at Emily.kenyon@va.gov.
- John Posey with the Patriot Guard Riders shared there will be a Never Forget the Fallen Ceremony being held at the Clark County War Memorial on August 28th to honor those killed in action on the anniversary of their deaths.

Announcements and Events:

- Veteran's Car and Motorcycle Show is being held on Labor Day, September 3rd from 10am to 3pm at the 40et8 located at 7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver WA 98665. For more information, please contact Earl Edwards at 360-513-8251.
- Campfires and Candlelight is taking place September 8, 2018 at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site located at 1501 E Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, WA 9866 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The event will feature reenactors who will portray residents of Vancouver from the 1840s through the 1940s and they are looking for volunteers. The event is free and open to the public.
- Julie Berger a CMAC member and long-time Red Cross Volunteer and now Ambassador to helping bring awareness to Alzheimer's has put together a team for Vancouver Walk to End Alzheimer's taking place on Sunday September 9th at Esther Short Park starting at 10am. For more information on how you can support Julie or join her team, please visit <https://act.alz.org/goto/WalktheWalkforALZ>
- Operation Salmon Salute Fishing Trip will take place on September 9th. They are looking for volunteers to help serve food the day of the event. For more information about the event, please contact Dion Hess at 360-213-9190.
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center's 2018 Stand Down & Expo will be held on Saturday September 15th at 9:00AM at the Vancouver VA Campus. The event is open to all veterans and their families.

For additional Upcoming Community Events, please visit our
Website: www.cmac11.com or

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If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:
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