

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2018**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith; Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans(Excused) Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead, Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings (Excused); Advocates -Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond, Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson(Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston(Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham [10]

CMAC Members Present: June Lasch (Red Cross), Steven Stanley(Marine Cadets of WA), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Jenni Greenmiller (The Trust), Bob Day (PT658), Richard McHugh (CVI),Scott Hanson (Home for Heroes), Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors), Marlene Varga (Home with Heroes), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Pamela Libby (CMAC), Wyatt Arnall (Elect Carolyn Long), Patrick Locke (40et8), Dan Vossen (Klinline Fishing), Ann Valentine (Suits for Soldiers), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Philip Blair (Army Retired), Misty Dewitt (Provitae Technologies), Ron Powers (Clark College), Dan Tarbell (40et8). David Daly (Clark College), Jaime Ackley (Clark College), Erik Martinez (Clark College), Michael Harding (CMAC), Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze), Jerry Keen (40et8), Wilson Keller (Boy Scouts), Richard Keller (CMAC), Ray Kutch (City of Washougal), Curt Loop (AUSA), Jerry Glesman (AUSA), Ruth Zhang (Portland VA) [32]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: James Mead
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- CMAC support of Veterans Day Parade Ceremony, Saturday November 10 starting at 9:30am at the Providence Academy located at 400 E Evergreen Blvd #105, Vancouver, WA 98660
- CMAC Christmas Party-Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm-40et8 Chateau

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:

Nov 16<sup>th</sup>                      40et8 Bingo Hall                      8:30AM

CMAC Summary:

- Larry announced the next CMAC meeting will be held on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> in the 40et8 Bingo Hall and our final CMAC meeting will be the Christmas Party taking place on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm in the 40et8 Chateau Room. More information about the Christmas Party will be shared at our November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Larry shared there will be another crew set to clean-up the war memorial on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8am-12pm. Rotary 3 Creeks will be there to help. Mike sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet during the meeting for those interested in helping.
- CMAC will be sponsoring the speaker for the Veterans Day Parade and will be participating in the ceremony taking place at Providence Academy on November 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:30am. Mike sent around a volunteer sign-up sheet at the meeting for those interested in helping set up the day before the event as well as the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering to help set up on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm or on the day of the event starting at 8am at the Academy, please email Stephanie at [cmac11.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cmac11.secretary@gmail.com).

- Larry shared CMAC's new trailer will now be stored at the 40et8. Thank you to the 40et8 for their gracious offer.
- Larry announced Leonard Mills has stepped down from the CMAC Board but will still be involved as a representative from the Elks Lodge. Dion Hess will take over as the new Operations Director and Marlene Varga will be the new assistant Operations Director.

#### CMAC Guests:

- Curt Loop with AUSA and Jerry Glesman, President of the local AUSA chapter presented CMAC with two awards. They presented an Award for Distinguished Service as well as a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding long-term support for all soldiers, veterans, and families of the Army and services in Clark County. The awards were presented at the 2018 annual meeting of AUSA in Washington D.C. in October. Curt shared that there has been no other place that he has seen the depth of events that CMAC puts on in their community and was honored to present the awards to CMAC and its members.
- Wilson Keller shared he is working on his Eagle Scout project which include bench and interpretive center to honor Bill Morehouse and the Buffalo Soldiers at the Vancouver Barracks. He recently got approval from The National Parks Service to begin his project. Wilson needs to raise \$5000.00 to complete his project. During the meeting Bob Day offered to pass around a hat to gather donations. Thank you to our members, we were able to raise \$1000.00 during Friday's meeting. If you would like to donate to Wilson's project, please contact him at [wilsonkeller@comcast.net](mailto:wilsonkeller@comcast.net) or at 360-921-9931. All donations are tax deductible.
- Ruth Zhang, an Army veteran who works in Public Affairs at the Portland VA Medical Center shared about their upcoming event, Veterans Listening Session/ Resource Fair taking place on December 11, 2018 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the VA Vancouver Campus Columbia Room Building 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 305. The address is 1601 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. This event is to discuss ideas, ask questions, or raise concerns regarding VA services. Other VA staff and Veteran Service Organizations will be present to talk about VA programs and services, enrollment, and additional resources available to veterans. If you are a Veterans Service Organization that would like to have a resource table at this event, please contact Ruth at (503) 808-1920 or [VHAPOR-PublicAffairs@med.va.gov](mailto:VHAPOR-PublicAffairs@med.va.gov).
- Jaime Ackley and Erik Martinez with Clark College Veterans Resource Center shared they have approximately 600 veterans enrolled at Clark College and invite everyone to join them for their Human Star picture to be taken by a drone on November 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:20am in the grassy field between Gaiser Hall and Scarpelli Hall; south of the Tower. They would like to have at least 150-200 people to participate. They would like to form a flag, so please wear red if you can. They will be holding a reception with refreshments afterwards in the Penguin Union Building, Room 015. If you would like to donate to offset the costs of the food or would like more information about the event, please contact them at [vetresources@clark.edu](mailto:vetresources@clark.edu) or 360-992-2073.
- Kenneth Wheeler and Army Recruiter here in Vancouver shared about a new program the Army has just started to collect community partners to increase awareness of what the Army has to offer. You can visit [www.goarmy.com/cp](http://www.goarmy.com/cp) for more information on how you can volunteer to be a community partner.
- Jenny Greenmiller with the National Historic Trust shared the Veterans Day Ceremony will start at 9:30am at the Providence Academy. Larry Smith will be the MC as well as Frontier Middle School Choir will be in attendance. The parade starts at 11am and there are about 120 entries. She shared the 7<sup>th</sup> infantry will be presenting colors and there will

be a Stryker on display after the parade concludes. They are looking for banner carriers for the parade. If you are interested in volunteer to hold the banners in front of the parade, please see Jenni at 360-992-1800.

- Dion Hess shared US Fish and Wildlife will be opening a veteran only hunt on Veterans Day. The event will conclude with a celebration honoring veterans starting at 3 pm in downtown Ridgefield. For more information on the event, please contact Dion Hess.
- Ann Valentine who works for Farmers Insurance shared about their program, Suits for Soldiers. Ann heads up the local chapter of this national program which collects donated suits for our returning heroes who will be making the transition to the civilian workforce. They will be collecting gently worn business suits (male or female) from October 18<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be distributing the donations on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate a gently worn business suit or volunteer to help distribute the clothing and help make these heroes transition easier, please contact Ann at 360-571-4666 or [avalentine@district7906.com](mailto:avalentine@district7906.com)
- Dr. Philip Blair who has done studies on CBD oil and its effect on patients with PTSD and Misty Dewitt from ProVitae Technologies shared about their collaborative efforts to put together another study to help patients suffering from PTSD. This study would include a 30-day CBD Oil study as well as a 60-day option including whole body vibration. If you are interested in learning more about their program or participating in their study, please join them on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Juniper Healing Collective located at 5115 NE 94th Ave Suite D, Vancouver, WA 98662. You can also email them at [provitaevibe@gmail.com](mailto:provitaevibe@gmail.com)

#### Announcements and Events:

- Fort Vancouver High School is holding their annual Veterans Day Assembly and Brunch on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am at 5700 E 18th St., Vancouver, WA 98661.
- Frontier Middle School is hosting their annual Veterans Day Assembly to honor veterans on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:45am at the Frontier Student Center located at 7600 NE 166th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682. Please park in the North Lot.
- Vancouver Elks Lodge is hosting a turkey dinner for veterans on November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm.
- Marine Corps Dinner will be taking place at American Legion Post 14 on November 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm. Please see Bill Hauser for more information.
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center presents Storm City Rollers fundraising event on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Clark County Events Center. Doors open at 5pm and bout starts at 6pm.
- Strong for Veterans, a local non-profit focused on leadership, strength and community invites you to join them for their upcoming Program on coming home. They have 3 different events taking place on November 14<sup>th</sup> which includes a Veteran Town Hall and Family Session. For more details on the event location and time, please visit their website at [www.strongforveterans.org](http://www.strongforveterans.org)
- Hiring Event Honoring Veterans. November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the Armed Forces Reserve Center located at 15005 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver WA 98682. For more information, please contact Monique Martin with Worksource at 360-735-4985 or email her at [momartin@esd.wa.gov](mailto:momartin@esd.wa.gov). [nerickson@financialguide.com](mailto:nerickson@financialguide.com)
- Lewis and Clark Young Marines Wreaths Across America which is a national program to help place wreaths on the graves of those who have served is selling wreaths through December 1<sup>st</sup>. To find out more about how you can purchase a wreath for this wonderful program, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lcym2002/>. You

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can also email Debbie at [PAO@LCYM.org](mailto:PAO@LCYM.org) or visit their website at [www.LCYM.org](http://www.LCYM.org) for more information.

- For every new or used car, truck, boat, motorcycle, RV, snowmobile, or ATV loan made between October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>, Columbia Credit Union will give \$100.00 to these three-local veteran organizations, (CMAC, Returning Veterans Project, and Home with Heroes). For more information, please visit their website at <https://www.columbiacu.org/>.
- La Societe de Femmes are hosting their 2018 Holiday Craft Bazaar on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm in the 40et8 Boxcar Room located at 7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver WA 98665. There will be a variety of craft vendors as well as a huge bake sale. All proceeds go to support 40et8 Child Welfare programs. For more information about the event, please contact Mary Snyder at 360-210-5493.

For additional Upcoming Community Events, please visit our Website: [www.cmac11.com](http://www.cmac11.com) or

'Like us' on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CommunityMilitaryAppreciationCommittee/](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityMilitaryAppreciationCommittee/)

If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:  
Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, at [CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com)

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