

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2019

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith; Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations- Dion Hess; Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead, Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings (Excused); Advocates -Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused) ; Denise Bender , Elizabeth Johnston(Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham (Excused), Jenni Greenmiller (Excused) [12]

CMAC Members Present: June Lasch (Red Cross), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Larry Hoff (WA State Representative Dist 18), Bruce Broussard (No Veteran Left Behind), Les Burger (CMAC), Marc Lacy (40et8), Ruth Zhang (Portland VA), Annette Allen (Ft. Vanc. Pipe Band), Jay Williams (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), Leonard Mills (Elks), Patrick Locke (40et8), Dan Vossen (Klineline Fishing), Joe Olviertti (CMAC), Tiffany Plous (Worksource), Dawn Marie Martin (Dignity Memorial) [16]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes, April 25th, 2019. 6:30PM at Heritage High School- 7825 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682
- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27, 2019. 11AM, Fort Vancouver Park

CMAC Meeting Dates:

Jan 25 th *	40et8	8:30 AM
Feb 8 th	40et8	8:30 AM
Feb 22 nd *	40et8	8:30 AM
Mar 8 th	40et8	8:30 AM
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(*) Executive Board Meeting follows

CMAC Summary:

- Larry shared about the passing of one of our beloved CMAC members, Richard Alvarez who was the VFW Honor Guard Commander. A memorial service was held on January 4th at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens and a Celebration of Life was held that evening in the Boxcar Room. Richard was a long-time CMAC member and always made sure veterans around the area were honored and respected. Richards will be greatly missed as a part of CMAC and our community. CMAC presented two plaques in honor of Richard, one to the VFW and one to his Richard's wife Linda for his community support
- Larry shared we are going to be working on increasing the attendance at our events this year and encouraged members to reach out to their organizations and share about our events.
- Larry shared we are looking to honor civilian companies or organizations who step up to help our veterans out. If you know of a civilian company or organization you think should be honored, please email us at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com.

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- Mike reported he is looking for someone to take the lead on our Memorial Day event on May 27th. Please contact Mike if you are interested or email us at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com
- Dion Hess shared our 2019 schedule of events will be as follows:
Our Community Salutes, April 25th
Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27th
Costco Heroes Night (in partnership with Costco), June 22nd
Operation Salmon (in partnership with Fallen Outdoors), September 8th
Patriots Day-September 11th
Veterans Day-Parade-November 9th (Trust takes the lead-CMAC supports)
Veterans Day Hunt, November 10th (CMAC Supports)
November 11th-Honoring our Veterans at the Reserve Center
- Sean shared the criteria for the Gold Star Scholarships has been expanded to reach more applicants. For more information on the application criteria, please visit our website at <http://cmac11.com/pacific-northwest-gold-star-scholarship/>.

CMAC Guests:

- Dan Vossen, CMAC member and Navy Veteran shared about his positive experience participating in Dr. Phillip Blair's Clinical Trial studying the effectiveness of CBD oil in helping patients with PTSD. If you are interested in learning more about Dr. Blair's study, you can visit his website at <https://drblairmd.weebly.com/vancouver-veteran-ptsd-study.html>.

Announcements and Events:

- Vancouver Barrack Military Association is hosting their Military History Talks on Thursday January 18th at the Marshall House located at 1301 Officer Row, Vancouver, WA 98661. Guest Speaker will be CMAC member Dan Sockle who will be talking about topics related to the global war on terrorism. For more information about this event and other upcoming Military Talks, please visit their website at <http://www.vbma.us/current.html>. There is no cost to attend this event.
- The 2019 Marshall Adult and Youth Leadership Award Nominations are open. For more information on the leadership awards or to nominate a candidate, please visit the Trust's website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/marshall-awards/>.

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

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