

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2019

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

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of WA), Tonya Wark (Partners in Careers), Bob Day (PT658), Tom Cates (PT658), Dori Miller (Fish of Vancouver), Marlene Varga (Home with Heroes), Tiffany Plous (WorkSource), Trisha Crawford (WorkSource), Jeff Davis (VBMA), Travis Hudson (National Park Service), Pat Spring (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Scott Hanson (Home for Heroes), Joseph Olivetti (CMAC), Claudia Cardenas (Race to Remember), Ron Powers (Pure Kraze), Carl Lingenfelter (40et8), Diana Pietras (Civil Air Patrol), Greg Goode (The Historic Trust), Cory Doane (JHB), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), [22]

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:

Mar 22 nd *	40et8	8:30 AM
Apr 5 th	40et8	8:30 AM
Apr 19 th *	40et8	8:30 AM
May 3 rd	40et8	8:30 AM
May 17 th	40et8	8:30 AM

(*) Executive Board Meeting follows

CMAC Summary:

- Larry and Mike presented one of our CMAC members and WWII Navy Veteran Carl Lingenfelter with a special challenge coin.
- Sean went over the details of Our Community Salutes agenda. The event will take place on Thursday, April 25th starting at 6:30pm at Heritage High School. A reception will directly follow the ceremony. Please come out and support our local high school students who will be entering the military after graduation. This event is free and open to the public.
- Mike went over details of the Memorial Day Ceremony taking place on Monday, May 27th starting at 11am at Fort Vancouver Park.

CMAC Guests:

- Greg Goode, President of The Historic Trust shared the George C. Marshall Awards will be held on March 20th at the Brickstone Ballroom located at 105 West Evergreen Blvd., Vancouver, WA. The reception will start at 5:30pm and the dinner and ceremony will

begin at 6:15pm. For more information on the awards event, please visit their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/marshall-awards/>.

Greg Goode shared they will begin work on restoring The Ballroom and Chapel at The Academy Building in Downtown Vancouver.

- Dori Miller, Volunteer Coordinator with Fish (Friends in Service to Humanity) of Vancouver shared about their organization who is celebrating 50 years of helping those in need of food and other services. Their focus is for their clients to leave with their dignity. Last year they distributed over 700,000 pounds of food, served 53,462 persons, of those 28% were children. They currently have approximately 200 volunteers who served over 21,930 hours last year and need more help. If you are interested in volunteering to help or would like more information on their organization, please contact Dori at 360-566-3243 or email her at dorim@fishvancouver.org. You can also visit their website at www.fishvancouver.org.
- Dr. James Mead, CMAC Chaplin and Retired Navy Officer spoke about suicide and suicide prevention. He shared and went over details from a Parent's Guide to Suicide & Self-Harm Prevention. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this resource, please email us at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com.
James also shared information for the Veterans Crisis Line which can be reached by calling 1-800-273-8255. Press 1 or Chat via a confidential line at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255.

Announcements and Events:

- Work Source Hiring Event. March 13th from 10am-12pm at Work Source Vancouver located at 204 SE Stonemill Drive, Suite 215, Vancouver, WA 98684.
- Societe de Femmes is hosting their Annual Book Sale benefiting 40et8 programs on Friday March 15th and Saturday March 16th from 9am-4pm in the 40et8 Boxcar Room.
- Societe de Femmes is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday March 16th at 5pm-6:30pm in the 40et8 Chateau. Tickets are \$10.00 each and money raised will go to help support the VA Transplant Lodge.
- Pure Kraze will be holding their 3rd Annual Commemoration for Vietnam War Veterans on the March 23rd from 1pm-3pm in the Vancouver Mall, lower level by H&M and Starbucks. All Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans will receive a commemoration lapel pin. The event is free and open to the public.
- The Vancouver Barracks Military Association owns an authentic reconstruction of a rare WWI Army Ambulance. To apply for the M1917 Ambulance to visit your event, contact Jack Giesen at vbmatreasurer@gmail.com or leave a message at 360-907-8034.
- 2nd Annual Tribute to Honor Benefit Auction. Helping them help our Heroes, thru their K9 project and the many local programs that they support for first responder causes. The event is taking place on April 6th from 5:30pm to 9:30pm at the Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Lodge in Lebanon Oregon located at 505 Mullins Drive, Lebanon, Oregon. You can purchase tickets at <https://t2h.schoolauction.net/auction19/register> or to learn more about their event, please visit their website at www.tributetohonor.com
- Clark College Veterans Resource Center is hosting a Bingo Fundraiser on April 25th in Gaiser Hall. The event is open to the public.

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- Vet Fest PDX 2019 is taking place May 17th-19th at Oaks Park in Portland Oregon. The Veterans and Family Resource Center of Oregon in Partnership with Oaks Amusement Park is putting on this event where veterans and their families can come together for fun entertainment, exposure to veteran crafted beer, wine, and various cuisines all crafted locally by veterans. This event will serve as a platform to showcase the accomplishments of veterans and their families in the community. To learn more about Vet Fest PDX 2019 or would like to have a table at the event, please email them at info@vfrcoregon.org. You can also visit their Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2136634753063966/>
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center is hosting a Veterans Carnival Fundraiser on May 25th from 11am-4pm at Vancouver Lake-Eagle Picnic Center. Tickets are \$20 and include entry, your meal, entertainment, and 5 game tickets. They are also looking for sponsors for the event. For more information about their fundraiser, please visit their website at www.ccvac.net or contact them at 360-693-7030.
- Race to Remember is hosting their Annual Memorial Day Run on May 27th. If you are interested in having a booth at the event or would like to volunteer to help, please visit their website at <http://www.racetoremember.com/#!/memorialdayrace>
- Paddle for Life fundraiser benefiting Clark County Veterans Assistance Center is being held at Vancouver Lake Park on July 13, 2019. They are looking sponsors for the event as well as volunteers and those interested in participating as an individual or team. For more information, please visit their website at www.PaddleForLife.org.

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

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