

## **Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of July 26, 2019**

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

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of Washington), Richard McHugh (CVI), Pat Spring (CMAC), Glenn Fischer (VFW), Ryan McNabb (Portland Vets Center), David Daly (Clark College), Les Burger (CMAC), Julie Berger (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Bo Lusher (Premier Property Group), Scott Hanson (Home for Heroes), Meredith McMackin (CMAC), Monica Ocampo (ESGR), Mary LeViner (Oxford Suites Portland), Bernadine Lee (Blue Star Mothers of Oregon), Curt Loop (AUSA), Trisha Crawford (Worksource), Tim McPharlin (Mt. Hood Vet Services), Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Carol Bausch (Freedom Plaza), Carl Lingenfelter (CMAC), Darren Wertz (Post #44 American Legion), Patrick Locke (40et8), Jay Williams (CMAC), Bernie Deazley (VA), Annette Allen (Ft. Vancouver Pipe Band), Evone Manzella (Vancouver Funeral Chapel), Tom Clute (Resource Connection International), Pamela De Mers (Vancouver Funeral Chapel), Evan Cochrane (US Army), Dawn Harrop (NWJCWA), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Jacob McGreevey (40et8), Earl Edwards (40et8), John Landau (40et8), Ralph Walker (CMAC) [34]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: James Mead
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Dion Hess

### CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-Vancouver City Hall-415 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA

### CMAC Meeting Dates:

Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> *	40et8	8:30 AM (Regular and Board Meeting being held at the 192 <sup>nd</sup> Walmart on this date only.
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30AM
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup> *	40et8	8:30 AM

(\* ) Executive Board Meeting follows

### CMAC Summary:

- Larry shared that we received \$11500.00 at the 100 Men of Clark County Awards and we will be using the money to provide backpacks and school supplies to the children of service members who are currently deployed.
- Mike announced the first Veterans Day Planning meeting will take place on July 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm at Clark College.
- Marlene went over the details of Patriots Day. She is looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down on the day of the event. Please see Marlene if you are able to help.

## Guest Speakers

- Bernie Deazley, the new Executive for the Vancouver Campus of the VA spoke to the membership about how they are improving and modernizing the VA system. They are working to improve customer service and implementing programs to help veterans have a more seamless experience from active duty to civilian life. He also spoke about plans to modernize the IT system to help our rural veterans. As the VA continues to improve their system, Bernie shared they will be working with affiliate partners with regards to the Mission Act which will help strengthen the VA's trusted, easy access to quality care so our veterans can get the help they need when they need them.
- Ryan McNabb with the Portland Vet Center which has been around for 40 years spoke to the membership about their services. The Portland Vet Center was started by Vietnam Vets back in 1979 and is located at 1505 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland, Oregon 97230. The Portland Vet Center specializes in readjustment counseling and has a staff of 8 who offers long-term counseling to our combat veterans. They do not share your information with the VA and have been a valuable tool for our veterans who are seeking a down to earth place for their counseling needs.

## Announcements and Events:

- Heritage High school will be honoring our local heroes at their upcoming Volleyball Match on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. They need volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please email Erik at [erik.gonzalez@evergreenps.org](mailto:erik.gonzalez@evergreenps.org).
- Young Marines is looking for a new home to hold their meetings at. If you know of a location, please contact Chris Wright at [cwright26@msn.com](mailto:cwright26@msn.com)
- 40 et 8 will be hosting their Annual Veterans Car Show. The event is Free and open to the public. If you would like to enter your vehicle in the car show, the costs is \$20.00. The event will take place on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am-3pm. The address is 7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665.

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