

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of August 23, 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 Billings (Excused) Advocates -Dan Sockle (Excused). Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson (Excused), Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Marlene Varga (Excused) Ron Powers (Excused) [9]

CMAC Members Present: Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Jerry Keen (40et8), Kent Stevenson (Woodland Outdoors), Carl Lingenfelter (CMAC), Jay Williams (CMAC), Ray Kutch (CMAC), David Perez (JHB), Lynda Wilson (State Senate), Keshia Blandford (Senator Patty Murray), Gary Medvigy (CMAC), Monica Ocampo (Oxford Suites/ESGR), Glenn Fischer (VFW), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Tom Cates (PT658), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Morris Giesler (40et8), June Lasch (Red Cross), Pat Spring (CMAC),, Ralph Walker (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), [20]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: Jerry Keen
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Dion Hess

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day, September 11th, 9:00 AM-Vancouver City Hall-415 W 6th Street, Vancouver, WA.
- Veterans Day Event-November 9th-12-3pm-Hudson Bay High School-Directly following the Veterans Day Parade

CMAC Meeting Dates:

Sept 6 th	40et8	8:30 AM
Sept 13 th	40et8	8:30AM
Sept 27 th *	40et8	8:30 AM
Oct 11 th	40et8	8:30AM
Oct 25 th *	40et8	8:30AM
Nov 8 th	40et8	8:30AM-Veterans Day Event Prep Meeting
Nov 22 nd *	40et8	8:30AM-Last meeting of the year and will be held in the 40 et 8 Bingo Hall.
Dec 6 th	40et8	5pm-CMAC Christmas Party

(*) Executive Board Meeting follows

Please note that we have updated our meeting dates. We will have 3 meetings in September to cover all the upcoming events that we have planned.

CMAC Summary:

- The regular meeting was held at the 192nd Walmart. We had a regular meeting and then in lieu of a Board Meeting we worked alongside Walmart to stuff backpacks for our Operation Backpack program. The backpacks were then delivered down to the Armed Forces Reserve Center by Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Senator Lynda Wilson, Kent Stevenson with Ridgfield Outdoors, Dion Hess, and Larry Smith. The backpacks will

then be distributed to children of members of the Armed Forces who are currently deployed. Richard McHugh with the Combat Veterans also delivered backpacks and supplies down to the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center.

- Larry shared that Patriots Day Ceremony will take place down outside Vancouver City Hall starting at 9am and encouraged everyone to invite their organizations down there to pay tribute to our first responders. There will be a walkthrough for the Patriots Day Ceremony on September 9th at 9:00am.
- Jay Williams went over the details of our upcoming Veterans Day Event taking place on Saturday, November 9th starting at Noon in the Commons Area at Hudson Bay High school directly following the Veterans Day Parade. Columbia Credit Union will be sponsoring the event that will include free hotdogs, chips, ice cream, interactive map of where local members of the Armed Forces are deployed, and a host of local businesses and organizations to honor our veterans. The event is free and open to the public of all ages. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of the planning committee, please contact Jay Williams at jay.williams@comcast.net.
- Larry shared that the dedication for Wilson Keller's Eagle Scouts Buffalo Soldiers Panel and Bill Morehouse Bench will be on September 21, 2019 from 11am-12pm at the Infantry Barracks down at the Fort.
- Dion shared about the Patriots Day Event to honor local heroes hosted by Heritage High School on September 10th directly following the Volleyball game at the high school. Elyse Medvigy will be the Keynote speaker. Dion encouraged everyone to come out and support this event.
- Dion shared about the upcoming Operation Salmon Salute Fishing Trip taking place on September 8th in Ridgefield. We have partnered with The Fallen Outdoors to put on this event. He is in need of volunteers to come down and support the boats as they come back in. There will be food following the fishing event. For more information on volunteering, please contact Dion Hess at dionhess174@gmail.com.

Guest Speakers:

- Dion introduced Brandi who is the Store Manager at the 192nd Walmart. He thanked Walmart for their support in helping organize our Operation Backpack event. Brandi shared a little about herself and the importance of Walmart being able to give back to the community.
- David Perez is the new veteran representative for Jaime Herrera Beutler. If anyone in need of assistance from their office, please contact him at Dave.perez@mail.house.gov

Events and Announcements

- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will be hosting their 5th Annual Warriors & Wheels Cruise in on Saturday August 31st from 10am-2pm at Mt. View High School located at 1500 SE Blairmont Dr. Vancouver, WA 98683.
- The 40 et 8 will be hosting their Annual Veteran Car Show on Monday, September 2nd from 10am-3pm at the 40 et 8 located at 7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665. The event is free and open to the public. If you would like to enter your vehicle in the Car Show the cost is \$20.00.
- The Fort Vancouver National Historic Site will be holding their Annual Campfire and Candlelight on Saturday, September 7th starting at 4pm. The event is Free and open to the public and will take place at the Reconstructed Fort Vancouver. For more information on the event, please visit <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/event-details.htm?id=002566E1-E13D-5195-5B40D91B33AB1068>

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- Vietnamese Community of Clark County is hosting their Annual Moon Festival Celebration on September 7, 2019 from 1:00PM-5:00PM at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary located at 2921 Falk Rd #5683, Vancouver, WA 98661. The event is free and open to the public of all ages and will include live music, performances from local artists, children's activities, food, and more. For more information, please contact Minh Pham at 360-281-8754.
- Heritage High school will be honoring our local heroes at their upcoming Volleyball Match on September 10th at 6pm. They need volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please email Erik at erik.gonzalez@evergreenps.org.
- The 2019 Veterans Stand Down & Expo hosted by the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will take place on Saturday, September 28th from 9am-2pm at the VA Campus (Gym) located at 1601 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. There will be VA Claims and registration, Housing Assistance, Health & Dental, Haircuts, Community Resources, Employment Services, Counseling Services, Afternoon meal provider, and the event is open to all veterans and their families.
- Volunteers are needed for the 2020 National Veterans Wheel Chair Games being held in Portland, July 3-8, 2020. They are in need of 4000 plus volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Daniel E. Herrigstad, Public Relations Officer with the VA Portland Health Care System at Daniel.herrigstad@va.gov

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