

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019

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

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of WA), Jim Czmowski (Marine Cadets of WA), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Ray Kutch (CMAC), Dick Halvorson (CDM), Tonya Wark (PIC), Carol Bausch (Freedom Plaza), Bryan Stebbins (Senator Murray), Patrick Locke (40et8), Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Carl Lingenfelter (CMAC), Keshia Blandford (Senator Patty Murray), Mark Springer (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Pat Spring (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC), David Perez (JHB), David Shehorn (40et8), Ed Howard (Yamhill Co. Veterans), Jacob McGreevey (40et8) Tiffany Plous (Worksource), Mychal McCleary (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), [23]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: James Mead
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Jerry Keen

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Celebrate Veterans Open House Event-November 9th-12-3pm-Hudson Bay High School- Directly following the Veterans Day Parade

CMAC Meeting Dates:

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.

CMAC Summary:

- Larry shared there was a great turnout for the Buffalo Soldiers Dedication that took place at the Barracks on September 21st. For more information on the dedication, you can view the article in The Columbian at <https://www.columbian.com/news/2019/sep/21/eagle-scouts-project-a-fort-vancouver-memorial-honoring-buffalo-soldiers/>
- Larry shared we have partnered with The Historic Trust to host a Celebrate Veterans Open House Event to be held on Saturday, November 9th starting at Noon. This event will take place at Hudson Bay High School Commons Area and will include a variety of vendors dedicated to celebrating veterans. This event is open to all ages and will include free hotdogs, chips, ice cream, coffee, and raffle prizes. There will also be shuttle buses running to take guests from the Veterans Day Parade to the Open House. If you are local business or organization that caters to veterans and are interested in applying to be considered as a vendor for our Open House, please contact Jay Williams, our Point of

Contact at jay.williams@comcast.net or Stephanie Collazo-Serrano at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com. The deadline to apply is October 18, 2019.

Guest Speakers:

- Bryan Stebbins with Senator Murray's office shared their office is hosting a Press Event on October 9th (location TBD) about the VA Mission Act and would like to invite veterans who are interested in sharing their stories and or experiences about how their health care was both before and after the rollout of the VA Mission Act. Please contact Bryan Stebbins at bryan_stebbins@murray.senate.gov if you are interested in participating in this event.
- David Perez with Jaime Herrera Beutlers office shared they are looking for veterans who are interested in having their war stories published in the Library of Congress. For more information, please contact David Perez at dave.perez@mail.house.gov.
- Mychal McCleary works with younger veterans and will be hosting a 3rd Annual Veteran Hike next June. His goal is to utilize the event to help bridge the gap between the young and older veteran generations and needs the help of the community to make this event a success. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help with this event, please contact Mychal at Mychal.mccleary@gmail.com.

Events and Announcements

- Marine Cadets of Washington has partnered with the Fort Vancouver Lions Club to bring you the Patriotic Flag Project. In exchange for an annual subscription price of \$50.00, they will place a 3'5' American Flag on a 7-1/2' white PVC pole in your lawn on the following Flag Holidays (Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day). For more information on the fundraiser, please contact Lion David Rich at (503) 577-8315 or email him at David.rich38@gmail.com.
- Worksource is hosting a Hiring Event on November 6th from 11am-1pm at the 40et8 Bingo Hall located at 7607 NE 26th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98665. There will be over 70 employers on hand to help connect with qualified veterans. Please bring your resume and be prepared to meet with company representatives. The hiring event will be open to non-veterans starting at 11:30am. For more information on this event, please contact Tiffany Plous at tplous@esd.wa.gov or at 360-735-5015.
- Clark College Veterans Resource Center is hosting a Bingo for Vets Fundraiser-benefiting Clark's student-veterans. on Thursday, November 7th in the Gaiser Student Center. The doors open at 5pm and dinner starts at 6pm. Individual tickets are \$30.00 or \$350.00 for a table of 8. For more information, please visit their website at <https://www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/bingo-for-vets/>
- The 33rd Annual Hough Legacy Veterans Day Parade hosted in partnership with The Historic Trust and The City of Vancouver will take place on Saturday, November 9th at Offices Row and Evergreen Blvd starting at 11am. To register as a parade participant or to volunteer to help on the day of the event, please visit their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/veteransparade/> or email Sarah Hannon, Public Events Manager at Sarah.Hannon@TheHistoricTrust.org.
- 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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