

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2021  
VIA ZOOM**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations-Marlene Varga, Mike Morgan (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused), Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle, Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Minh Pham (Excused), Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Sarah Hannon (Excused) [11]

CMAC Members Present: Chelsea White (American Red Cross), Pat Spring (CMAC), Bernadine Lee (Blue Star Mothers), Dave Perez (Office of JHB), Joe Olivetti (CMAC), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ann Phillips (CLT at Home), Curt Loop (AUSA), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), [10]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
2. Prayer/Inspiration: Larry Smith

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-TBA (Proposed date-Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021).
- Memorial Day Ceremony-TBA

CMAC 2020 Zoom Meeting Dates:

Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Apr 16 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary:

- Sean Gibson went over the proposed agenda for Our Community Salutes which will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Vancouver Artillery Barracks. The goal is to make sure we honor the students going into the military this year while making sure that we are being safe. Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle will be the guest speaker this year with Larry Smith as the MC. Sean is looking into seeing if CCTV or Clark County Today can be available to stream the event as well.
- Larry shared the tentative date for the War Memorial Cleanup is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dan Sockle shared that his Rotary Club is interested in being a part of it again this year.

- Marlene is following up with Tracy Fortmann to discuss Memorial Day and will update us at our March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Larry shared that the 40 et 8 is opening back up soon and are looking to be open for breakfast on March 5<sup>th</sup>. He will meet with them next week to discuss the possibility of holding CMAC meetings in person there.
- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle shared that Clark County Public Health has all the information regarding the COVID vaccine and pre-testing. The snow had pushed out the vaccines a week. Anne shared that FEMA was in town looking the possibility at adding a vaccine site at Tower Mall in the future. She also shared they are focusing on getting those that received the 1<sup>st</sup> shot to get their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot. You can find more information on their website at <https://clark.wa.gov/public-health> and about the vaccine at <https://clark.wa.gov/public-health/covid-19-vaccine> . Anne understands that there are some people that are unable to gain access to the internet to obtain the information regarding COVID testing and vaccine information. If someone in your family or you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, you can email Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle at [mayor@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:mayor@cityofvancouver.us) to help connect you.
- Veterans: At this time the VA is not authorized to give anyone the vaccine unless you are enrolled in the VA Healthcare System. If you are not enrolled, you can learn more about eligibility, requirements and forms you will need to apply by going to this link. [https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/hbco/hbco\\_enrollment\\_eligibility.asp](https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/hbco/hbco_enrollment_eligibility.asp). The link to the application to apply is <https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/> or you can call them and apply over the phone at [877-222-8387](tel:877-222-8387).
- Anne Phillips with CLT at home shared if you know a veteran 65 and over that qualify for veterans' services, she can help to find out if they are eligible for home services. You can contact Anne at [work@cltathome.com](mailto:work@cltathome.com)
- Dave Perez with the office of Jaime Herrera-Beutler said that they are back-tracked with case files with the VA and are working overtime to help people with their claims. If you have any issues with your VA claim, please contact Dave at [dave.perez@mail.house.gov](mailto:dave.perez@mail.house.gov)
- Bill Hauser shared that we had an issue with our current web hosting company, but that we will be working with Bruce Evan's son Dan who is a web designer to get the website on a reliable hosting service.

## Events/Announcements

- Sam Whitley shared about an email that we sent out a few weeks ago regarding upcoming virtual workshops for living with chronic pain. There is more information about the upcoming workshops on our website. To register for their virtual events taking place from February through November, please call 564-397-5700 or email [zena\\_edwards@wsu.edu](mailto:zena_edwards@wsu.edu).
- Chelsea White with the American Red Cross shared they have an upcoming virtual Resilience Workshop helping military, veterans, and their families build resilience coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-6:30pm. You can email [cascadesSAFIS@redcross.org](mailto:cascadesSAFIS@redcross.org) to register for the event.
- Bernadine Lee with the Blue Star Mothers shared that the USO at PDX Airport will be opening back up on March 1<sup>st</sup> and will be open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. They moved locations at the airport due to construction and will be located down to the left of the baggage area at the airport for at least the next 5 years.
- The 2021 Marshall Leadership Award applications for both adults and youth are open and due by March 25<sup>th</sup>. The virtual award ceremony will take place on April 27, 2021. If you know of someone you would like to nominate for either the youth leadership award

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or the adult leadership award, please visit The National Historic Trusts 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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