

**Community Military Appreciation Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**April 1, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith. Prayer led by Randy Warneke. Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Erixson.
2. **Members Present:** Chairman Larry Smith, Chairman Dan Tarbell, Secretary Anita Stadey, and Treasurer Bruce Evans. Executive Board Members: Advocate Mike Burton, Chaplain Randy Warneke, Marketing Director Samantha Whitley (absent), Operations Jim Erixson with Randy Warneke, Outreach Dan Sockle, Safety Roy Billings, Supply/Website/ POW Bricks Bill Hauser, and Member at Large Shane Gardner (absent). [10]

Karen Brown (Dignity Memorial), Julie Burger (American Red Cross), Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Ryan Corcilus (National Park Service), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Bob Day (PT Boat 658), Thomas Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol, 40 et 8, + A. L.), George Golden (40 et 8), Natalie Hantho (Fort Vanc. Nat. Trust), Jerry Keen (40 et 8), June Lasch (Amer. Red Cross), Patrick Locke (Legal Shield), Pamela Libby, Ret. Gen. Curt Loop, Dan Matthews (Pure Kraze Productions), Anne McEnery-Ogle (Vancouver. Mayor Pro Tem), James Mead (Korean War Veterans), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks Lodge #823), Ron Powers (Power Impact Training), Frazier Raymond (Buffalo Soldiers), Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze Productions), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Linda Tarbell, Bill Turlay (Vancouver City Councilman), Marlene Varga (Homes for Heroes), Ralph Walker (Fotos with Flair), and Toni Wise (Fort Vanc. Nat. Trust). Guests: Mike Ataris (Costco Memorial Site), Alex Peraza Gonzales, and Alisha Topper (Vancouver City Councilwoman). [30]

3. **CMAC Events:**

- A. **Redheart Ceremony – April 23<sup>rd</sup>** Great Meadows 10:00 AM Ceremony with free Native American Meal at 12:00 Noon held in the Vancouver Artillery Barracks. Sponsored by Nez Perce Tribe, City of Vancouver, and National Park Service Fort Vancouver.
- B. **Our Community Salutes – April 28<sup>th</sup>** Skyview H. S. 7:00 PM, Ice Cream Social after. Sponsored by Mackay Sposito and Wal Mart. April 11<sup>th</sup> will be walk thru.
- C. **Memorial Day Observance Community Event – May 30<sup>th</sup>** Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds, 9:45 AM Reception, 11:00 AM Ceremony. NPS Soldier's Bivouac after the Ceremony. Sponsored by Waste Connections and National Park Service Fort Vancouver.
- D. **Costco "Hero's Night" – June 25<sup>th</sup>** For more information, see Bob Day or Dan Sockle.
- E. **Fishing with Veterans – June 26<sup>th</sup>** at the Ridgefield Marina. There will be a BBQ in the afternoon. Looking towards 100 members fishing with about 40 boats on the water, most of them with guides. So far Dion Hess has about 20 Wal Mart stores sponsoring this event. No cost to Veterans!

4. **CMAC Guests:**

- A. **Alex Peraza-Gonzales** announced that he now has a job with Oregon Department of Corrections and will be starting his training.
- B. **Costco Portland Memorial – Mike Ataris** is looking for an organization who has a 501 C who can manage the money account for this project of building a memorial site at the Costco store located around 138<sup>th</sup> Street NE Portland. Patrick Locke and Mike Burton offered to work on this project.
- C. **Clark County Veteran's Court Board** is now being led by Dan Kern.
- D. **Memorial Day Observance Community Event Permits** were handed to Ryan Corcilus from the National Park Service.
- E. **VA Medical Center Representative Mike Burton** announced that the new Benefit Booklets are out for 2016, the Fisher House Grand Opening Ceremony was very well attended, and the VA Medical Center has a shortage of bicycles that are given to the Veteran's.
- F. **Vancouver Councilwoman Alisha Topper** talked about some of the projects that Vancouver City Hall is working on such as Affordable Housing for low income, support for the Police Force, and CMAC.

5. **CMAC News:**

**A. Fort Vancouver National Park Service:**

1. **Junior Ranger Day – April 16<sup>th</sup>** 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM held at Pearson Air Museum. Free
2. **BioBlitz – May 21<sup>st</sup>** 9:00AM to 3:00 PM held at Pearson Air Museum. Free. Learn about local pollinators, plants, birds of Fort Vancouver.
3. **Children’s Cultural Parade – May 27<sup>th</sup>** held on the Parade Grounds. Local students parade in celebration of our multi-cultural community. Free.
4. **Flag Day – June 14<sup>th</sup>** Parade Grounds

**B. Columbia Credit Union “Country Shindig” – April 15<sup>th</sup>** Battle Ground Community Center 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, featuring *Branded Band*. \$10 Admission pre-sale, \$15 at door. Purchase tickets at the Battle Ground Community Center or on line at [www.parksfoundation.us](http://www.parksfoundation.us). Must be 21 and older due to wine being served at the event. For more information, call 360-342-5380.

**C. Veteran’s Health & Hope – Ron Powers. April 16<sup>th</sup>,** 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at 40 et 8 Boxcar Room (7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver, WA). You can discover the gift of health. Contact Ron at 360-798-7541 or Dan Matthews at 360-798-6629 or visit their website [www.powersimpact.ichooseoptimalhealth.com](http://www.powersimpact.ichooseoptimalhealth.com).

**D. Elks Flag Day – June 11, 2016** at the Kiggins Bowl 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**E. 40 et 8 Golf Tournament – June 12<sup>th</sup>** at the 3 Rivers Golf Course. Open to anyone interested. Teams of 4 people playing scramble. \$50 per person, \$60 with cart, and an extra \$15 with meal. Prizes will be given out. To sign up contact John at 360-574-5746 or [jtpfp@comcast.net](mailto:jtpfp@comcast.net).

**F. 2016 Stand Down – August 10<sup>th</sup>,** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Armed Forces Reserve Center (15005 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA). Transportation shuttle to Reserve Center from CCVAC, Esther Short Park, and Vancouver VA Medical Center on 4<sup>th</sup> Plain. Afternoon meal will be provided. Sponsored by Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC). Phone 360-693-7030, or email [standdown@ccvac.net](mailto:standdown@ccvac.net), and/or website <http://www.ccvac.net>.

**G. “America’s Jihad” – Dan Sockle** new book released now. A collection of 24 individual journeys from 9/11 to today, humanity’s struggle against Jihadists, the Far Left, the Far Right, and other Extremists. This book is about building and repairing bridges across cultural and political divides. To purchase book or visit website go to <http://americasjihad.com> . For a CMAC member discount use code use U6W8P953.

**H. Veteran’s Village – Michael Stacey** said that they now have a site at 51<sup>st</sup> and St James, Vancouver. Still waiting for the permits from the City but the owner of the property has agreed to hold the property until that time. There will be about 10 to 12 micro homes built for homeless female Veterans first. Still looking for sponsors, donations, or volunteers. Contact by email [purekraze2014@gmail.com](mailto:purekraze2014@gmail.com) or website [purekraze-eventsforvets.com](http://purekraze-eventsforvets.com).

**I. Vancouver Barracks Military Association** will be having their military talks every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Marshal House. The Ambulance Project is underway and should be completed within a year. If you would like to volunteer contact Jack Giesen at 360-253-9334 or Jeff Davis at 253-223-0125 or visit the VBMA website.

6. **Memorial Day Observance Community Event – May 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM,** Fort Vancouver National Park - Main Gazebo. Reception: **10:00AM to 10:45AM,** Marshal House, (Invitation Only – CMAC Members are welcome!).

**A. Memorial Day set up:** 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

**B. Operations Director: Jim Erixson** Phone 360-901-7010 E-Mail [jimex1948@gmail.com](mailto:jimex1948@gmail.com)

**GROUP I Larry Smith**

1. **MC Host Speaker-** Larry Smith
2. **Guests Speakers:** LT Col Brad Aiello (Inspector-Instructor USMC 6<sup>th</sup> Engineer Support Battalion) and on stage Sgt. Major Larry Beunafe (Senior Active Duty NCO), NPS Superintendent Tracy Fortman, Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt, Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler, and AFRC Colonel John Sweeney.
3. **Memorial Day Script/time line** – Larry Smith
4. **Chaplain** – Randy Warneke
5. **Photography** –Ralph Walker
6. **Media** – Toni Wise
7. **Invitations/Flyers/Programs** - Samantha Whitley
8. **Honoree Drivers** –Marlene Varga
9. **Honor Escorts** – Dan Tarbell escorting the wreath. Wreath Stands will be in front of Flags.

10. **Parade Escorts** – John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guards)
11. **Gold Star Family Escorts** – American Red Cross and MOAA
12. **Reception Escort** – Anne MacEnerny-Ogle (Gold Star Families)
13. **Flag Line** - John Hopkins (CVI, Patriot Guard, Legion Riders)
14. **Honor Guard/Posting Colors:**  
(1) USMC 6<sup>th</sup> Engineer (2) Young Marines (3) Buffalo Soldiers (4) Northwest Indian Veteran Assoc.
15. **Bands** – Annette Allen (Vancouver Pipe Band) & 204<sup>th</sup> Band (YES!)
16. **Taps** – Richard Alvarez (VFW Honor Guard). Echo taps.
17. **Singer** - Rey Reynolds (National Anthem, God Bless the USA)
18. **Wreaths and Carnations** – Joel Scott Wreath, 1 Red Rose, & 12 Carnations
19. **Bright Eyes Doves Release** – Jadia Ward
20. **POW/MIA Chair & Table** – Jack Giesen/Jeff Davis
21. **Artillery Firing** – Dan Kern –Fire 6 rounds; one for each branch of service and one for fallen veterans. The area will have to be secured for safety reasons.
22. **Honor Guard/Rifle Salute** –Richard Alvarez VFW Honor Guard  
**GROUP II Dan Tarbell**
23. **Permit** – Dan Tarbell Permits for National Park Service and City of Vancouver.
24. **Set up/takedown Coordinator** – Jim Erixson Tues. 9:00AM. Tents - Friday at 8:00 AM
25. **Set up/take down** - Jim Erixson, Young Marines, Boy Scouts
26. **Stage** – Roy Billings Main Gazebo will be the stage. Decorations will be placed around the stage.
27. **Seating** – Roy Billings 800 Chairs (600 Brown, 200 White)
28. **Gold Star Seat Covers** – Bill Hauser
29. **Tents** – Bill Hauser. (10) 20' x 20' and (1) 10' x 10' have been order and will be delivered Friday before the ceremony and picked up Tuesday after the ceremony.
30. **Port-a-potties** –Jim Czmowski with Mike Twist. Should have 2 Handicap and 4 Regular. NPS will order the port-a-potties.
31. **Parking** – Tom Dombeck (Civil Air Patrol).
32. **Public Transportation** - Tom Dombeck
33. **Radios** – Tom Dombeck Use cell phones!
34. **Security** – John Hopkins (CVI)
35. **Seating Escorts** – Doug Rhay
36. **Sound System** – Michael Stacey (Pure Kraze Events). Set up will be in the Gazebo. Electrical outlets are inside the Gazebo.
37. **Clean-up** – Young Marines-Boy Scouts & volunteers
38. **Wreath and Flag Stands** – Jim Czmowski
39. **State Flags: Set-up/Take-down** – Peggy Gresham and Young Marines
40. **Waste Connections** – Steve Stanley/Park Service Young Marines will collect trash bags. Need about 6 garbage containers and 6 recyclable containers.  
**Group III Jo Ann Strickland**
41. **Indoor Reception (Marshal House)** - Jo Ann Strickland, Emblem Club, and Penny Ross.
42. **Banners** – Marlene Varga, Mike Burton
43. **Reception Committee** – Karla Bean and Emily Stoutsenberger
44. **Indoor Greeter** – James Mead  
**Group IV Anne McEnerny- Ogle**
45. **Outdoor Reception** – Anne McEnerny-Ogle (MOAA, Red Cross, Neighborhood Association, Boy & Girl Scouts, Lions Club, and 4H Club). Reception will be between National Parks Bivouac and Gazebo.
46. **Water** – Byron Jacobus (Water & Air Works – The Water Store)
47. **Juice & Coffee** – Dan Sockle (MOAA). Need juice for Indoor Reception, Red Cross, and Outdoor Reception. Need coffee for Indoor Reception and Red Cross.  
**Group V**
48. **Cemetery Flags** – Richard Alvarez
49. **Memorial Site Flags** – Doug Rhay Need flags around memorial site.

50. **Military Vehicles** –Jack Giesen Need new site to park vehicles.

51. **Vancouver Fire Department**

52. **40 et 8 Loci** –Jerry Keen

A. **National Park Service Soldier’s Bivouac** to follow after the Memorial Day Ceremony till 5:00 PM.

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**CMAC Meeting Dates**

Apr. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Van Mall Retire.	9:00 AM
Apr. 29 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pearson Air M.	9:00 AM
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Marshal House	9:00 AM
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
July 22 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	City Hall	9:00 AM
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	AFRC	9:00 AM
Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	AFRC	9:00 AM
Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8	8:30 AM

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June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Fishing with Veteran’s	
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	NPS Independence Day and Parade	
Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9/11 Ceremony – City Hall	9:00 AM
Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup>	POW/MIA Ceremony – AFRC	11:00 AM
	Reception	9:45 AM
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran’s Day Parade –	10:00 AM Ceremony 11:00 AM Parade
Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran’s Day Ceremony – AFRC	11:00 AM
	Reception	9:45 AM

- Armed Forces Reserve Center 15005 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA
- 40 et 8 7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, WA
- Artillery Barracks 600 E. Hathaway Road, Vancouver, WA
- Van Mall Retirement Community 7808 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA