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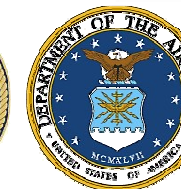
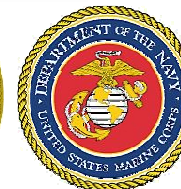
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OUR
COMMUNITY
SALUTES

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**FUTURE MILITARY
SERVICE MEMBERS**

**Hosted by Vancouver Public
Schools at Skyview High School**

April 28, 2016

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 1900 Presentation of Colors, National Anthem
Invocation
- 1905 Opening Remarks by CMAC Co-Chair Larry Smith,
Col. Ret., US Army
- 1910 Guest Speaker Schuyler Hoss,
Governor's Representative for SW Washington
- 1920 Guest Speaker Paul Harris,
17th District Representative
- 1930 Host Speaker Dr. Steven Webb,
Vancouver Public Schools Superintendent
- 1945 Recognition Ceremony
- 2015 Oath of Enlistment
- 2020 VPD Officer Rey Reynolds, God Bless the USA
- 2025 Benediction and Closing Remarks
- 2030 Cake and Ice Cream Reception

After today's ceremony be sure to stop by the information booths located between the main entrance and the auditorium foyer. The booth representatives are providing information regarding military life and military services available to you. We would like to thank the following agency representatives for supporting our event:

American Red Cross
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We would also like to thank Vancouver Police Officer Rey Reynolds for his performance and Evergreen Public Schools and Superintendent John Deeder for their support.

CHALLENGE COIN HISTORY

During World War 1, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore about his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilots' aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he escaped. However, he was without personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in the sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and were ready to execute him. He had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners and one of his French captors recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner - a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce it, they were required to buy a drink for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenger was required to pay for the drink. It's a tradition that lives on to this day.

HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES

Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. It was created in 2009 by Dr. Kenneth E. Hartman to recognize and honor high school seniors (and their parents/guardians) who plan to enlist into the military immediately after high school graduation.

With what started as one OCS ceremony in southern New Jersey in 2009 has now spread across the nation. These events are all planned and conducted by volunteers, including military veterans, high school and college educators, local businesses, community leaders, and active duty military personnel.

Since the first event hosted in 2009, the idea has spread across the country with 22 states and nearly 5,000 future service members honored in ceremonies in 2014.

The Northwest's first event was held in April 2011 at the Chateau 40 et 8 in Vancouver. This was a cooperative effort between the Army and the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) of Clark County. We honored 34 future soldiers that day in front of a standing room only crowd of parents, relatives and friends.

Our Community Salutes in Vancouver took a giant leap forward in April 2012 as we expanded the event to include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. The event was held at the Vancouver Armed Forces Reserve Center. With a crowd of more than 900 in attendance, 225 young men and women representing 85 high schools walked across the stage to receive a coin and a certificate from their respective military service. Several sponsors were recruited and Our Community Salutes has become an annual event.

MILITARY OATHS OF ENLISTMENT

Federal law requires everyone who enlists or re-enlists in the Armed Forces of the United States to take the enlistment oath. The first oath originated on June 14, 1775 as part of the act creating the Continental Army. The first oath under the Constitution was approved by Act of Congress on September 29, 1789. The 1789 enlistment oath was changed in 1960 by amendment to Title 10, which outlines the role of the armed forces and the current wording became effective in 1962.

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

For National Guard

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of _____ against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to them; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of _____ and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations. So help me God."

GUEST SPEAKERS



**Dr. Steven Webb, Superintendent
Vancouver Public Schools**

Dr. Steven T. Webb became superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools in July 2008. He joined the district as deputy superintendent in 2006.

A native of Washington State, Webb grew up in Tacoma and earned an educational doctorate from Seattle University, a master of arts in teaching from Lewis and Clark, and a bachelor of arts in politics and government from the University of Puget Sound.

Webb has a distinguished 31-year career in public education in Washington and California, serving as superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant superintendent for secondary learning and technology, principal and assistant principal, high school teacher and coach.

Webb was named the 2016 Washington State Superintendent of the Year and was one of four finalists for the National Superintendent of the Year. Also in 2016, Webb was named a Leader to Learn From by Education Week, and he received the Community Schools Superintendent Leadership Award.

Webb is involved in the community through many civic organizations. He serves on the boards for the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Foundation for Vancouver Public Schools, and he is a member of the WSU Vancouver Advisory Council.

Webb's wife, Lisa, is a speech pathologist for Battle Ground Public Schools. They have two children, Tess and Levi, both students in Vancouver Public Schools.



**Representative Paul Harris,
17th District**

Paul has called the 17th District home for more than 30 years. He and his wife Lori raised their five kids in Clark County. Paul earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Business Administration from Brigham Young University.

He owns QuickMeds, LLC., and works for Quick Collect, a Vancouver-based company which does sales, marketing, consulting and public relations work. Paul served on the Evergreen School Board of Directors for 10 years, and is active in the community with Boy Scouts of America and serves as an Explorer Scout Leader. Paul is also a cancer survivor.

Paul took office in 2011 and serves as the Republican whip for the caucus.

**Schuyler Hoss
Governor's Representative**



Schuyler serves as the Director of International Relations and Protocol in the office of Washington State Governor Jay Inslee. He is also the Governor's representative for SW Washington. He has worked in the Office of the Governor since 2008, holding a variety of regional and functional responsibilities. He has been the Governor's liaison on several large projects and on designated policy issues.

Schuyler's professional background is in community based health care, specializing in home health, hospice, infusion therapy and home medical technology. He worked in this field for more than 25 years. Schuyler also has extensive experience with educational issues, serving as a long-time volunteer and school board member. He is active in supporting several community nonprofit organizations.