

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Minutes
March 31, 2017

Executive Board Members Present: Chairman-Larry Smith; Chairman-Jim Erixson; Secretary-Yvette Brown-Wahler; Treasurer-Bruce Evans; and, Operations-Mike Burton. Board Directors Present: Chaplain-James Mead; Marketing-Samantha Whitley; Outreach-Dan Sockle (excused); Safety-Roy Billing (excused); and, Supply/Website-Bill Hauser. Members at Large Present: Brad Aiello (excused); Sean Gibson; Elizabeth Johnston (absent); Teresa Wheeler; and, Natalie Hantho (absent). [10]

CMAC Members Present: Richard Alvarez (VFW), Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Bob Day (PT Boat 658 – Meals on Wheels), Dave Hancock (NIVA), Dion Hess, John Hopkins (40et8), Jerry Keen (40et8), Ray Kutch (40et8), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Patrick Locke (40et8), Anne McEnerly-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Ron Powers (PKVV), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks 823), Eugene Sanchez (NIVA), Joel Scott (ESGR), Gerald Siegel (40et8), Michael Stacey (PKVV), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Brian Stebbins (Senator Murray’s Office), Jo Ann Strickland (40et8-LF), Toni Wise (FTVNT), and Lyle Wold (VBMA/USACE). [25]

CMAC Guests: MAJ Deltang, MP, USA, Executive Officer – Portland Recruiting Battalion; Claudia Cardenas, Race to Remember; Neal Van Houten & Gary Clark, Sons of American Revolution; Rodger Morrison, Windhaven Therapeutic Riding.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith.
2. Sickness and Health: Bill Morehouse passed away on March 31st.
3. Prayer: Chaplain James Mead. Special prayer for Bill Morehouse.
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson.

CMAC Notes:

1. CMAC & Fort Vancouver Nat’l Trust to honor Dale F. Bowlin, US Army Veteran/POW. Witness tree dedication tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 15th at Fort Vancouver, Officer’s Row, Howard House. A separate Witness tree is scheduled to be planted by the City of Vancouver at the Marshall/Luepke Community Center in honor of Dale.
2. Memorial service for Bill Morehouse, Buffalo Soldier, to be held when notified by family.
3. Director of WA Department of Veterans Affairs, Lourdes ‘Alfie’ Alvarado-Ramos, and her Communications/Legislative Assistant, Heidi Audette, receive a copy of CMAC Minutes when published to keep Olympia informed of events in Southwest WA. Contact information: communications@dva.wa.gov; (800) 562-0132

CMAC Events:

- A. Our Community Salutes – April 20th, Evergreen School District; Union High School 7:00pm. Army Recruiting Battalion will lead and coordinate this event. 125+ new recruits [Army, Marines, Navy & Air Force] to be sworn-in from Clark County and Portland Metro areas.

- B. 19th Annual Nez Perce Chief Redheart Ceremony – April 22nd, NPS Fort Vancouver; 10:00-1:00pm. NPS support with silent generator. Lunch for attendees follows ceremony.
- C. Memorial Day Ceremony – May 29th, Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds Bandstand. 11:00am Ceremony. Indoor reception 10:00-10:45am at the Marshall House, FTV Officer’s Row; by invitation & CMAC. Outdoor reception follows ceremony sponsored by civic and Veteran organizations. Fort Vancouver Garrison Flag Pole Dedication with rifle salute; time TBD.
- D. Costco-Camas ‘Heroes Night’ – June 24th; 5:00-8:00pm. Parking lot Car show 2:00-7:00pm.
- E. Independence Day Parade/Celebration – July 4th; 10:00am.
- F. Patriots Day & 9/11 Ceremony – September 11th; 9:00am.
- G. Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th; 11:00am.

Upcoming Community Events: [See informational flyers at www.cmac11.com – ‘Events’]

April 8 th	FTV Nat’l Historical Site hosts commemoration of WWI Centennial; Pearson Air Museum; 10:00-3:00pm
April 9 th	Clark College Baseball’s Military Appreciation Day; Kindsfather Field; WWII Veteran honored; 12:45pm
April 15 th	National Junior Ranger Day; NPS; Fort Vancouver - Pearson Air Museum; 10:00am-3:00pm
April 15 th	Yuri’s Night World Space Party; FTNHS; Fort Vancouver – Pearson Air Museum; 5:00-9:00pm
April 21 st	Nez Perce Chief Redheart Pre-Ceremony Dinner for volunteers; Sandy & Erskine Wood’s home; 6:00pm
April 21 st	JBLM 2017 Retiree Appreciation Day; VA-American Lake Conference Ctr; 7:30-1:00pm
April 21 st -22 nd	American Legion Post #14 (St John’s Road) Ladies Auxiliary Spring Bazaar; 9:00am-4:00pm; \$
April 23 rd	Young Marines participating in Windhaven Therapeutic Riding program; LaCenter, WA
April 24 th	Vets Bowl Fundraiser for Veterans Village; PureKraze for Veterans; Big Al’s Bowling Ctr; 7:00-9:00pm; \$
April 28 th	2017 Barn Dance Fundraiser – Partners in Careers; Clark County Veterans Dance Center; 5:30-10:00pm; \$
April 28 th	5th Annual Black & White Gala – Clark County Veterans Asst. Ctr.; Heathman Lodge; 5:30-10:00pm; \$
May 5-6 th	Used Book Sale – 40et9 V99 LeFemmes; in Boxcar Room; 10:00am-4:00pm; \$
May 6 th	NW Battle Buddies 6th Annual Auction & Dinner Fundraiser; Embassy Suites-PDX Airport; 6:00pm; \$
May 19 th	Job Hiring Event; ARFC; sponsored by WNG and WorkSource; 9:00am
May 20 th	Let’s Take Flight Fundraising Dinner & Auction; FTV Nat’l Trust; Pearson Air Museum; 5:30-8:30pm; \$
May 29 th	Race to Remember – Memorial Day Run; Races start/finish at Phil Arnold-Columbia Way; 12:30-6:00pm
May 29 th	Service Soldier’s Bivouac – National Park Service; Fort Vancouver (following ceremony – 5:00pm)
July 1 st	Paddle for Life benefitting CC Veterans Assistance Ctr; Vancouver Lake Regional Park;
July 26 th	40et8 V99 Veterans Golf Day; \$
Late 2017	Commissioning of the USS PORTLAND (LPD 27) an amphibious transport dock ship. In Portland, OR.

(\$ Contribution &/or Fee

Community Service Opportunities:

- April 21st - 6:00pm; Chief Redheart Pre-Ceremony Dinner for volunteers; Sandy & Erskine Wood’s home; RSVP: (360) 892-1443 // columbiagroove@msn.com.
- Race to Remember (non-profit) mission is to support and honor our past and present military heroes through races, organize military care packages, coordinate “Soldier in the Classroom”, “Thank You Cards”, and “Books for Soldiers”. racetoremember.com (a non-profit)
- Windhaven Therapeutic Riding {Warhorses with Warriors} offers horse riding lessons to Veterans over eight sessions; teaching how to handle a horse and advancing to overnight trail rides. Located in La Center, WA. windhaventherapeuticriding.org (a non-profit)
- Team Rubicon’s primary mission is providing disaster relief to those affected by natural disasters, be they domestic or international. By pairing the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders, medical professionals, and technology solutions, Team Rubicon aims to provide the greatest service and impact possible. Team Rubicon ‘Greyshirts’ deploy internationally. teamrubiconusa.org. (a non-profit)
- Village Without Walls (new Vancouver non-profit) assist elderly citizens to stay in their homes. Projects include: replace smoke alarms, change light bulbs, visits, etc. Contact John Chapman; villagewithoutwalls.org.
- Home with Heroes – nominate Veterans for October fishing event on: homewithheroes.com. (a non-profit)

- VA Vancouver volunteer opportunity to become a VA parking lot shuttle driver. Contact Dave Hancock for more information: sftree@centurytel.net.
- WA Hunter Education Program offered by American Legion Post #176 – Salmon Creek; teaches firearm safety, survival & compass skills, and sportsmanship. www.post176.com.
- 10th Annual Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium to Thank, Honor and Salute Oregon’s “Fallen Warriors” on Tuesday, July 4th. Theme is “We Will Not Let Them Be Forgotten”. An opportunity to kick back and enjoy our Patriotic Tribute, professional baseball and a gigantic Fireworks show.
- Volunteers have supported the National Park Service since its founding in August, 1916. Volunteers still uphold the agency's values today by working with national park staff and partners to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources of the National Park System. For more information on volunteering at the national park, visit Volunteer.gov and search for "Fort Vancouver National Historic Site."

Legislative Affairs:

- On March 3rd, 2017: “The Department of Veteran Affairs, announced by VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin, will offer urgent mental health care beginning this summer to thousands of former service members with less-than-honorable discharges, as part of its expanded initiative to stem stubbornly high rates of suicide.”
- On April 5th, 2017: The Military Officers of America’s (MOAA) annual ‘Storm the Hill’ initiative to address important issues affecting active duty, reserve, guard and Veterans. “This year the focus is on ending the sequester, with its harmful budget caps, and the widows tax offset to SBP-DIC that will cost surviving spouses \$15,000 year if not repealed.” Additional concentration on: Preserve Commissary benefits; Call-up orders for Guard and Reserve personnel; Retired Pay Restoration Act; and Full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees. For members log onto MOAA.org. For non-members contact your Senator or Congressman/woman on the US Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

CMAC Meeting Dates:

April 14 th	40et8	8:30am
*April 28 th	40et8	8:30am
*May 12 th	40et8	8:30am
May 26 th	Fort Vancouver	9:00am (Memorial Day set-up)
June 9 th	40et8	8:30am
*June 23 rd	40et8	8:30am
July 7 th	40et8	8:30am
*July 21 st	40et8	8:30am
August 4 th	40et8	8:30am
*August 18 th	40et8	8:30am

(*) Ex Board meeting follows at 10:00am

- Armed Forces Reserve Center 15005 NE 65th Street, Vancouver, WA
- 40 et 8 7607 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA

2017 Calendar:

Sunday, April 16th : Easter
 Tuesday, April 18th : Federal taxes are due (date change due to Washington DC holiday)
 Thursday, May 4th : National Day of Prayer
 Monday, May 8th : V-E Day
 Friday, May 12th : Military Spouse’s Day
 Sunday, May 14th : Mother’s Day
 Saturday, May 20th : Armed Forces Day
 Monday, May 29th : Memorial Day (federal holiday)
 Wednesday, June 14th : Flag Day
 Sunday, June 18th : Father’s Day
 Tuesday, July 4th : Independence Day (federal holiday)

Thursday, July 27th: National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
Tuesday, August 8th : V-J Day
Monday, September 4th : Labor Day (federal holiday)
Monday, September 11th: Patriots Day-9/11 Remembrance
Friday, September 15th : National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sunday, September 24th : Gold Star Mother's Day
Monday, October 9th : Columbus Day (federal holiday)
Tuesday, October 31st : Halloween
Sunday, November 5th : Daylight Savings time ends
Tuesday, November 7th : Election Day
Thursday, November 23rd : Thanksgiving Day (federal holiday)
Thursday, December 7th : Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Monday, December 25th : Christmas Day (federal holiday)
Sunday, December 31st : New Year's Eve

Please contact CMAC Secretary add community events and/or service opportunities.

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