

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of April 28, 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; Advocate-Denise Bender; Marketing-Samantha Whitley; Outreach-Dan Sockle; Safety-Roy Billings; and, Supply/Website-Bill Hauser. Members at Large Present: Sean Gibson; Elizabeth Johnston (excused); Teresa Wheeler; Natalie Hantho, and Frazier Raymond. [16]

CMAC Members Present: Richard Alvarez (VFW), Tom Cates (PT Boat 658), Jessica Chapman (ARC), Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Bud Cunningham, Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks), Bob Day (PT Boat 658 – Meals on Wheels), Marc Finn (Battle Ground Elks), Dave Hancock (SFA/NIVA), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Debra Lewis (VA), Pamela Libby, Patrick Locke (40et8), Bob Knight (Clark College), Jeff Kreinbring (Keller-Williams), Dawn-Marie Martin (Vancouver Funeral), Richard McHugh (Combat Veterans Int'l), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks 823), Jim Moody (End of Life), Amanda Perkins (Vancouver Funeral), Eugene Sanchez (NIVA), Joel Scott (ESGR), Joyce Slemp (Emblem Club), Michael Stacey (PKVV), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), JoAnn Strickland (ALA-VAVS), Marlene Varga (Homes for Heroes), Debbie Vourlas (CLC-VA) [34]

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith
2. Sickness and Health:
3. Prayer: Chaplain James Mead
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson

CMAC Chairman Summary: Co-Chairman Larry Smith accepted a donation from the newly renovated Walmart in Long View this morning. The Nez Perce Chief Redheart Ceremony was well attended given the rainy day. Our Community Salutes swore-in over 115+ new enlistees from all five services. CMAC appreciation goes out to Evergreen School District for hosting event and Army Recruiting Battalion for efforts to coordinate with other services.

CMAC Notes:

1. Denise Bender (PIC) joins Executive Board as Advocate. Frazier Raymond (Buffalo Soldiers) joins Executive Board as a Member-at-Large. Unfortunately, Brad Aiello resigned as a Member-at-Large due to his new job position.
2. CMAC website added a drop-down-menu under 'Calendar' to include VA Crisis Line information to raise awareness on suicide prevention.
3. CMAC planning on conducting Life Saving & CPR training for members and volunteers to be prepared in case of an emergency.
4. CMAC with Fort Vancouver Nat'l Trust and City of Vancouver are planning on dedicating a Witness tree in memory of Bill Morehouse, Buffalo Soldier.

CMAC Guests:

- Bryndl Rohan (Camas Costco) announced Costco Heroes Night promulgation of flyers, registration and nomination forms now available. An annual community service award will be presented to nominee in memory of Bill Morehouse, Buffalo Soldier.

- Meredith McMackin of EasterSeals-WA, discussed Operation Family Caregiver; more information available on CMAC website.
- Mike Tanner of Keller-Williams (Vancouver), introduced community businesses involvement in creating Purple Heart parking spaces for wounded Veterans.
- Bob Cromwell, Nat'l Park Service, informed members about finding original site of the Fort Vancouver Barracks Garrison Flag Pole, directly across from Grant House, where the new flag pole will be placed.

CMAC Events:

A. Memorial Day Ceremony – May 29th, Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds Bandstand. 11:00am Ceremony with Garrison Flag Pole Dedication. Indoor reception 10:00-10:45am at Marshall House, Officer's Row; by invitation & CMAC. Outdoor reception follows ceremony sponsored by civic and Veteran organizations. *Set-up – May 26, 9:00am; Rehearsal – May 27th; 10:00am*

B. Costco-Camas 'Heroes Night' – June 24th; 5:00-8:00pm. Parking lot Car Show 4:00-7:00pm. Must RSVP for a table, fee \$10; Set up NLT 4:45pm. RSVP for Car Show, fee \$15. Registration & Nomination forms available on CMAC website [cmac11.com drop-down under 'Calendar'].

C. Patriots Day & 9/11 Ceremony – September 11th; 9:00am.

D. Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th; 11:00am.

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

May 5-6 th	Used Book Sale – 40et9 V99 LeFemmes; in Boxcar Room; Friday, 9am-4 & Saturday 9am-3pm; \$
May 6 th	NW Battle Buddies 6th Annual Auction & Dinner Fundraiser; Embassy Suites-PDX Airport; 6:00pm; \$
May 9 th	Portland Fisher House celebrating one year anniversary; open to all; Vancouver VA Campus; 11-2:00pm
May 15 th	Thanking Boy Scout Troop 14 for erecting Edwards flag pole; Salmon Creek Methodist Church; 7:00pm
May 17 th	7 th Annual VA2K Walk & Roll event; Vancouver VA Campus; 9:45am line-up; 10:00am race start; Free
May 20 th	Home for Our Troops building event; Washougal; check-in 12:30pm, kick-off 1:00pm
May 20 th	Let's Take Flight Fundraising Dinner & Auction; FTV Nat'l Trust; Pearson Air Museum; 5:30-8:30pm; \$
May 22 nd	Veteran Orientation; WorkSource Vancouver; 2:00-4:00pm; Free
May 26 th	National Poppy Day; "Remember the Fallen & Support the Living"; sponsored by the American Legion
May 26 th	Purple Heart parking space dedication; Keller-Williams @ E. Mill Plain, Vancouver; 10:00am
May 27 th	Home with Heroes 5K Run & Gun; Horse Bend Rand, Centerville; homewithheroes.com; 9:00am; \$
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)
June 10 th	National Get Outdoors Day & Brigade Encampment; FTV Nat'l Historic Site (NPS); 10:00-3:00pm
June 20 th	Hole on the Range fundraiser for CC Veterans Assistance Ctr; Lewis River Golf Course; 12:00pm; \$
June 25 th -30 th	Oregon Summer Star '17; Military youth camp (ages 8-18); Camp Cascade, Lyons, OR
July 1 st	Paddle for Life benefitting CC Veterans Assistance Ctr; Vancouver Lake Regional Park; 9:00am; \$
July 4 th	Independence Day Fireworks – Fort Vancouver; 10:00pm
July 22 nd	Nat'l Park Service Vintage Baseball Game & WWII living encampment event
July 26 th	Home with Heroes Golf Tournament; Camas Meadows Golf Course; homewithheroes.com; 8:00am; \$
TBD	Veteran Stand-down at Armed Force Reserve Center, Vancouver
Late 2017	Commissioning of the USS PORTLAND (LPD 27) an amphibious transport dock ship. In Portland, OR.

(\$ Contribution &/or Fee

Veterans Interest:

- Flag for First Graders: Volunteers needed to package folders; Saturday, May 6th, 8:00am; 40et8 'Boxcar'
- Northwest Battle Buddies gala is raising funds to provide 60 service animals for Veterans

- Veterans Orientation; WorkSource Vancouver; Monday, May 22nd; 2:00-4:00pm; Orientation provides an overview of Veteran's resources, educational & vocational programs; eligibility benefits and employment related case management available for Veterans who qualify. 204 SE Stonemill Dr. Ste 215, Vancouver 98684
- Home for Our Troops: Volunteers needed to begin building a home for SPC Alex Hussey in Washougal; Saturday, May 27th; check-in 12:30pm, kick-off 1:00pm;
 - For more information – <https://hfortusa.org/building-homes/veterans/hussey/>
- Oregon Summer Star 2017 – A camp for Youth of Military Families; ages 8-18. Sunday, June 25th thru Friday, June 30th; Camp Cascade, Lyons, OR. Register at oregonsummerstart.org. Info – akari@tsuga.org
- 10th Annual Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium (Salem) 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. This year tribute is honoring Mrs. Bennet, mother of Tyrone Wood, and Mrs. Doherty, mother of Glen Doherty, who were killed in Benghazi.
- Home with Heroes – nominate Veterans for *October* fishing event on: homewithheroes.com
- Operation Family Caregiver (OFC) is a proven, evidence-based program that provides support to the families of newly returning service members and Veterans. Specially-trained coaches teach military families the skill they need to overcome unforeseen challenges and cope more effectively with issues they never imagined. Caregivers who have completed the program report being less depressed and more satisfied with their lives, few health complaints and are generally more prepared to take care of their families. For more information: www.easterseals.com/Washington/

Community Service Opportunities:

- Portland Fisher House at the Vancouver VA Campus needs donations to support families with Veterans in VAMC Portland hospital care. Items needed: MasterCard or Visa gift cards to purchase food items for families at check-in; K-Cup coffee pods; Travel cups-disposable; Bottled water; and Paper products (towels; plates; bowls; cups, and plastic utensils. Open house on Tuesday, May 9th; 11:00am-2:00pm. (non-profit)
 - Further information contact Front Desk at (360) 567-4647; &/or Dawn Shultz at dawn.shultz2@va.gov
- 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.
- 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.
- 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."
 - Many exciting events happen at the Fort Vancouver Nat'l Historic Site. For more information on National Park Service/Fort Vancouver events: www.nps.gov/fova/
- Compassion Connect offers clinical services in medical, dental and chiropractic care. Certain clinics may also provide vision and other forms of physical care such as foot & nail care. Clinics are available throughout Clark County and Portland metro areas. www.compassionconnect.com/calendar/ or /models/

Legislative Affairs:

• On April 21st WA Senator Joe Fain released information that the Washington State Legislature approved new legislation bringing the state into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act, which requires a person to show proof of citizenship before obtaining a driver's license. The bill creates a two-tiered ID system, with our existing enhanced driver's license meeting the federal requirements. The standard license will remain available to all residents but *will not work for federal purposes like boarding a plane*. For more information on obtaining an enhanced driver's license visit REALID.SenatorFain.com.

CMAC Meeting Dates:

*May 12 th	40et8	8:30am
May 26 th	Fort Vancouver	9:00am (Memorial Day set-up)
May 27 th	Fort Vancouver	10:00am (Memorial Day Rehearsal)
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

2017 Calendar:

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

Military Service Birthdates:

US Merchant Marines – 12 June 1775
US Army – 14 June 1775
US Army Special Forces (Green Berets) – 19 June 1952
US Coast Guard – 4 August 1790
US Air Force – 18 September 1947
US Navy – 13 October 1775
US Marine Corps – 10 November 1775

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

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