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**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2017**

Executive Board Members Present: Chairman-Larry Smith; Chairman-Jim Erixson; Secretary-Yvette Brown-Wahler; Treasurer-Bruce Evans (excused), and, Operations-Mike Burton. Board Directors Present: Chaplain-James Mead; Advocate-Denise Bender (excused); Marketing-Samantha Whitley; Outreach-Dan Sockle (excused); Safety-Roy Billings; Supply/Website-Bill Hauser (excused). Members at Large Present: Sean Gibson; Elizabeth Johnston; Teresa Wheeler; Natalie Hantho, Frazier Raymond, and Alex Patterson [13]

CMAC Members Present: Nelson (40et8) & Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (40et8-LF), Jim Czmowski (Young Marines), Jeff Davis (Vancouver Barracks), Bob Day (PT-658), Dave Hancock (SFA/NIVA), John Hopkins (CVI), June Lasch (ARC), Patrick Locke (40et8), Richard McHugh (CVI), Carmen McKibben (LULA), Leonard Mills (Vancouver Elks 823), Sandy Ramirez (ARC), Byndl Rohan & Trish (Costco), Eugene Sanchez (NIVA), Michael Stacey (PKVV), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Joann Strickland (ALA) [19]

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Larry Smith
2. Sickness and Health:
3. **Moment of Silence for:** Seven U.S. Navy Sailors onboard USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) killed in an at-sea collision off the coast of Japan; and, death of Otto Warmbier recently released North Korean prisoner
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- A. September 11th Patriots Day-9/11 Ceremony; 9:00am; with Vancouver Fire Dept.
- B. November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony/Parade; Providence Academy; 11:00am
- C. December 8th CMAC Christmas Party; 40et8; 5:00pm – Social; 6:00pm - Dinner

CMAC Meeting Dates: 8:30am: July 7th; *July 21st; August 4th; *August 18th; September 1st; September 8th; *September 15th; September 29th; October 13th; *October 27th; November 10th; *December 1st. (*) Executive Board meeting followed at 10:00am

CMAC Chairman Summary: Co-Chairman Larry Smith announced pre-planning details for Patriots Day - 9/11 meeting with VFD Chief Molina.

CMAC Notes:

- **NEW CMAC email address for Secretary – cmac11.secretary@gmail.com**
- Ralph Walker (CMAC & 40et8) photographer available for events.

CMAC Guests:

- Bryndl Rohan (Camas Costco) announced final planning and staging for Heroes Night.
- Sandy Ramirez volunteer (American Red Cross) spoke on Reconnection Workshops for Veterans & families/friends. Workshops available: sandylo29@yahoo.com
- Carmen McKibben (League of Latin American Citizens) introduced this new organization.

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

- LaFemme's Cabane #99 Rummage Sale; July 14th 9am-4pm & July 15th 9am-3pm; supports Nursing programs
- July 15th "Cruise the Couve" volunteers needed; contact Bubba Conway
- July 16th Welcome Home Veterans event; **free**; RSVP by Wednesday July 5th; (503) 273-5075; 2:00pm
- July 26th Home with Heroes Golf Tournament; Camas Meadows Golf Course; homewithheroes.com; 8:00am; (\$)

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- VFW Post 4278 in Camas is offering a free Veteran meal at Smitty's; 9:00am-1:00pm
- August 2nd Third Annual Country BBQ & Picnic; Summit Grove Lodge; Jamie Herrera Beutler; (360) 597-3065
- August 13th Spirit of '45 Day honoring WWII Veterans; Willamette Natl Cemetery; 11:00am; orspiritof45.org
- September 4th 40et8 Car Show; 1975 & Older; 10am-4pm; Entrance Fee \$15
- September 9th -12th Kings for Cops & Operation Salmon; for police officers, Veterans & PAL children; Ridgefield (\$ Contribution &/or Fee

Veterans Interest:

- Warrior to Soulmate – Couples Relationship Enhancement; July 8th ; VA Vancouver Campus – Chaplain Asparro james.asparro@va.gov, 503-220-8262 ext 31435
- Upcoming Veterans Stand-down: 07/24- Hillsboro; 09/11- Portland; 09/21- Gresham; 09/30- Vancouver
- Meal Train for Portland VA Fisher House (Vancouver campus) is seeking volunteers to create, cook & serve meals to families of Veteran hospitalized in the Portland VA Hospital. Approximate number of people to serve is 32; delivery or cook time in FH kitchen, 3:00-7:00pm. Meal Train for FH Calendar available thru 12/31/2017. For more info: <https://mealtrain.com/mdv4d3>; FH office (360) 567-4647, Barbara Decoito-Weaver. (a non-profit)
- Army, Navy and Air Force Exchanges will start offering to all honorably discharged Veterans online shopping starting on Veterans Day, November 11th , Register by calling: (844) 868-8672, Vet Verify Contact Center; M-F, 0800-1700
- Free Legal Assistance Services for military retirees, active duty, and reserve available in the Portland/Vancouver area; offered by the 6th Legal Operations Detachment. Contact: heiko.p.coppola.mil@mail.mil; (253) 229-0372
- Roots to Roads Veterans Garden is accepting sponsorships for bi-weekly vegetable delivery, July-September. Employment opportunities for local Veterans. \$150 sponsorships are tax deductible. Contact Andrea – 696-8417.
- July 10th & 17th VA Auditory Research for Tinnitus; 4-5:30pm; Portland VAMC; (503) 220-8262 ext 58269

Citizen Interest:

- Several fun and informative events this summer at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site as part of the National Park Service. Annual admission card recently redesigned; \$30/12 months cardholder & three guests.
- Air Force Emergency Management offers a free Emergency Preparedness Guide at www.BeReady.af.mil
- Jacobus CarStar “Annual Uplift” program on July 19th is giving a car away. Nomination form available at carstar.com; (360) 693-2118

Community Service Opportunities:

- AFRC is sponsoring 'Back to School' event for service member families and children; August 8-10; volunteers needed to collate school items into packages. Contact Liz (360) 604-7303
- Free smoke alarm installation by the American Red Cross; (503) 528-5783; preparedness@redcross.org
- 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:

- Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler and colleagues voted to support giving VA Secretary the ability to expedite termination of VA employees for misconduct and ensure VA staff take care of our Veterans.
- Senator Maria Cantwell held a press conference on June 17 in Vancouver called attention to new study showing disturbing effects of making sweeping cuts to Medicaid for 1.7 million Veterans; 56,000 live in Washington

2017 Calendar:

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)

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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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