

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2018**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith; Co-Chairman – Jim Erixson; Operations - Mike Burton; Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans. Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused); Supply/Website - Bill Hauser; Safety - Roy Billings; Advocates - Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused); Sean Gibson; Alex Patterson; Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnson (Excused), Samantha Whitley, and Teresa Wheeler [13]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Jim Czmowki (Marine Cadets), Jeff Davis (VBMA); Nelson Collazo-Serrano (40et8/Youth4Vets), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Patrick Locke (40et8), Karen Locke (LaFemmes), Patrick Vernier (Young Marines), Daniel Vossen (Klineline Kids Fishing), Tom Cates (Pt 658/40et8), Bob Day (Pt 658), John Hopkins (Combat Veterans Int'l #9), Jerry Keen (40et8), Kathy Weinberg (VA), Darby Bender (VA), Cheryl Gollither (VA), Paul Stronge (WWII Veteran), (Curt Loop (AUSA), JoAnn Strickland (LaFemmes), Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors), Dawn Marie Martin (Dignity Memorial), Dave Hancock (SFA), Pamela L., Bruce Maas (DAV4), Carol Ann Power & Mom (Rosie the Riveter), Gerald Siegal (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC) [27]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: Jim Erixson
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Smith

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes; April 19th, 2018 at 6:30pm-Skyview High school. Our sponsors are McKay & Sposito and IQ Credit Union.
- Memorial Day Ceremony; May 28th, 2018 at 11:00am, Fort Vancouver National Park.

CMAC Meeting Dates: 2018 CMAC meeting dates have been published and will be held at the 40et8 Boxcar room starting at 8:30am and will be on the following days:

			<u>CMAC Events</u>
March	9 th	23 rd *	
April	13 th	27 th *	
May	11 th	25 th *	Apr. 19 th Our Community Salutes 6:30pm
June	8 th	22 nd *	May 28 th Memorial Day Ceremony 11am
July	13 th	27 th *	

* Indicates Board Meeting directly following regular CMAC meeting

CMAC Summary:

- Chief Redheart Ceremony and Feed; Reconstructed Fort at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, April 21st from 10am-1pm. The event is free and open to the public. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the event. Please contact Verne Wilson with NIVA at (360) 207-4552 if you are available to help.
- Dion Hess announced Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge will be hosting a fishing and hunting event for Veterans in the Fall and they are looking for organizations to help sponsor the event.
- Dan Sockle reminded members that he is forming a “Speakers Bureau” drawing from area Veterans, Rotarians, Kiwanians, Elks, and other volunteers ready and willing to engage younger generations. Please contact Dan Sockle by phone at (360)624-4478 or by email at dsocket@gmail.com for more information.
- Curt Loop shared about The Army Reserve 4-Year Minuteman Scholarship which was introduced in 2015 to enhance the Army Reserve’s ability to recruit highly qualified

cadets every year. The scholarship covers full tuition and fees (uncapped) or \$10,000.00 per year toward room and board at any college or university served by an Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call (502) 624-7695.

CMAC Guests:

- Kathy Weinberg, Darby Bender, and Cheryl Gollieher are three RN's who represent the VA Community Nurse Liaison Program and shared about their involvement in helping advocate for veterans who are admitted to non-VA community hospitals for acute care. All three of them work closely with all the non-VA hospitals in the area to ensure the veteran's discharge from a non-VA hospital is as seamless as possible while bringing your care back to the VA for ongoing care. Once the veteran is discharged from the non-VA hospital, the community nurse liaison will request your discharge information and alert your primary care team at the VA regarding any needs you may have. The program requires veterans seeking acute care at a non-VA hospital to notify the non-VA hospital that they receive their care at the VA. The non-VA hospital must notify the VA within 72 hours of their admission for the VA to pay for that hospitalization. This program only pertains to veterans admitted to a non-VA hospital for acute care not a scheduled admit.
- Carol Ann Power spoke about her Mom who was one of the Rosie the Riveter's that proudly served her country during World War II in a special way. She shared since women could not be drafted into the war and there was a workforce shortage due to the men who were gone overseas serving our country during this time, many women joined the workforce providing vehicles, weaponry, and ammunition to help win the war. In honor of those who served, March 21, 2017 is considered the national Rosie the Riveter day. Currently there a bi-partisan bill H.R 4912 that was introduced in the House on February 2, 2018 that would award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively to the American Women who joined the workforce during World War II that were referred to as "Rosie the Riveter" in recognition of their contributions to the Nation and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations. Carol Ann shared information on how we can reach out to our State Representatives and Senators to help urge a quick passage of this Bill.

Announcements and Events:

- LaFemme's Used Book Sale will be held in the 40et8 Boxcar Room on April 6th and 7th and they are looking for donations. All proceeds will go to help support the 40et8 Programs. Please contact Judy Bailey at (360) 798-5166 or Mary Snyder at (360) 210-5493 for more information.
- PureKraze Events for Veterans will be honoring Vietnam Veterans at their Vietnam War Commemoration on April 7th at 1pm in the Vancouver Mall near Starbucks.

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

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