

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of March 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, Supply/Website - Bill Hauser; Safety - Roy Billings; Advocates - Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond; Sean Gibson; Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnston, Samantha Whitley (Excused), and Teresa Wheeler (Excused) [14]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Jim Czmowki (Marine Cadets), Jeff Davis (VBMA); Patrick Locke (40et8), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Daniel Vossen (Klineline Kids Fishing), Tom Cates (Pt 658/40et8), Bob Day (Pt 658), Jerry Keen (40et8), Richard Alvarez (VWF/40et8), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Nelson Collazo-Serrano (Youth 4 Vets), Michael Stacey (PureKraze Events for Veterans), Bill Sebers (CVI), John Hopkins (CVI), June Lasch (Red Cross), Lisa Silbert (Portland VA), Rachel Wall (Portland VA), John Posey (SW WA Patriot Guard Riders), Curt Loop (AUSA), Ron Power (Pure Kraze Events for Veterans), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of CC), Diana Pietras (CMAC), Stacey Donovan (City of Vancouver), Ed Howard (CMAC) ([25]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: James Mead
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

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:

CMAC Events

April	13 th	27 th *
May	11 th	25 th *
June	8 th	22 nd *
July	13 th	27 th *

Apr. 19th Our Community Salutes 6:30pm
 May 28th Memorial Day Ceremony 11am

* Indicates Board Meeting directly following regular CMAC meeting

CMAC Summary

- Our Community Salutes program is coming up on April 19th starting at 6:30pm at Skyview High School. We are encouraging veterans and the community to be there to help support our students and parents.
- Larry shared the George C. Marshall awards winners were announced earlier this week. The adult award recipient was Jenny Thompson and the Youth award went to Bridgette McCarthy.
- Dan Sockle shared the local Rotarians are available to help veterans in need. Please contact Dan for more information at (360) 624-4478 or email dsockle@gmail.com.
- Larry encouraged members to volunteer their time as a lunch buddy at the local elementary schools.

CMAC Guests:

- Dr. Lisa Silbert and Rachel Wall from the Portland VA Medical Center visited and shared about their new program which is a research study of The Collaborative Aging (in Place) Research using Technology (CART) project which uses technology to assess activity in a home, with the hope of helping people remain independent as they age. By participating in this three-year long study, the individuals will be contributing to the development of future devices that aim to increase the quality of life of older adults who may live far from medical clinics and hospitals. The program is looking for Veterans who live outside the Portland Metro Area who is interested in a study exploring how technology supports the aging process. To be eligible, applicants must be living independently or with a partner, are at least 62 years of age, a veteran, and live outside the Portland Metro Area. If you are interested in learning more about the CART program, please contact Rachel Wall at (503) 468-7178 or you can email her at wallra@ohsu.edu.

Announcements and Events:

- If you know a veteran who needs help finding a job, please contact Elizabeth Johnston at the Armed Forces Center. Her email is Elizabeth.A.johnston46ctr@mail.mil.
- Marine Cadets are selling Papa Murphy's Gift Cards to help raise money for their organization. Please see Steven Stanley if you would like to purchase the gift cards.
- 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 info.
- 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.
- Nez Perce Chief Redheart 21st Annual Memorial Ceremony is Saturday, April 21st at 10:00 am. It will be held across 5th Street from the reconstructed Fort Vancouver. The public is invited to attend and there will be a lunch located in the Artillery Barracks at 600 E. Hatheway Road.
- VFW Memorial will be held on May 12th at the Phil Arnold Way Plaza from 9-11 am.
- Vancouver Barracks World War 1 National Centennial Conference is being held May 25-27, 2018 at the Historic Vancouver Barracks. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Mitchell Yockelson, who is a professor of military history at Norwich University. For more information, please visit <http://www.vbma.us>.
- Costco Heroes Night will be held June 23rd at the Costco on 192nd. The car show will start at 4pm. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Dan Sockle at (360) 624-4478 or email dsocket@gmail.com or Bob Day at theday4@comcast.net.

For additional Upcoming Community Events, please visit our
Website: www.cmac11.com or

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If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:
Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, at CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com