

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of April 13, 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 (Excused); Advocates - Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond; Sean Gibson (Excused); Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, and Teresa Wheeler [11]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Jim Czmowki (Marine Cadets), Jeff Davis (VBMA); Patrick Locke (40et8), Tom Cates (Pt 658/40et8), Bob Day (Pt 658), Jack Giesen (VBMA), John Hopkins (CVI), June Lasch (Red Cross), John Posey (SW WA Patriot Guard Riders), JoAnne Strickland (CMAC), JoAnn Goodrich (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI-9), Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors), Les Lomax (CMAC), Kristina Johnson (Costco), Corinne La Fors (CCVAC), Debbie Roper (Soldiers Angels), Dave Hancock (SFA), Bryndl Rohan (Costco), Art Liss (Cau Song Be Rescue Mission), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Joel Scott (ESGR), Neal Erickson (De La Torre), Leon Behnke (CMAC), [25]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: Jim Erixson
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes; April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm-Skyview High school. Our sponsors are McKay & Sposito and IQ Credit Union.
- Memorial Day Ceremony; May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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	27 <sup>th</sup> *	
May	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> *
June	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> *
July	13 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> *

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

\* Indicates Board Meeting directly following regular CMAC meeting

CMAC Summary

- Our Community Salutes program is coming up on April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 announced that Mike True will be leaving the Historic Trust and will be going to work for the Murdock Trust.
- Larry shared that 100 Men of Clark County will be meeting this week and CMAC has been nominated as one of the three non-profits who has the opportunity to receive the funds raised from the event. Mike Burton and Dan Sockle will be presenting on behalf of CMAC.
- CMAC has been awarded AUSA’s Community Outreach Award and Curt Loop will be accepting the award on behalf of CMAC in California this weekend. Curt will present the award to CMAC members in the next coming months.
- Mike reported that since the VA has gone to an electronic system for claims and appeals, they have seen significant improvement in the last quarter.
- Dion Hess shared the USS Portland will be coming to Portland this next week and to honor the soldiers, they will be taking a group fishing on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> and later in the evening will be hosting a dinner at the Sportsman Steakhouse in Ridgefield. The dinner is open to the public.

- 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 [dsockle@gmail.com](mailto:dsockle@gmail.com) for more information.

#### CMAC Guests:

- Dan Sockle introduced Art Liss, with "The Rescue at Cau Song Be" whose brother (CPT) Larry Liss and another pilot, (CWO) Tom Baca, on 14 May 1967, transformed their unarmed VIP flight into an extraction mission that saved about 80 South Vietnamese soldiers surrounded by an estimated 600 or so NVN and VC in the final days of "Operation Junction City." Both received Distinguished Flying Crosses, as did another pilot in a second Huey – efforts now ongoing to reach out to Special Forces survivors.

#### Announcements and Events:

- Nez Perce Chief Redheart 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Memorial Ceremony is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. It will be held across 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- The VA Community Living Center who has approximately 75 veterans that are hospitalized at any given time needs donations and supplies to make "honor quilts" and "service quilts". At this time, they do not have any quilts to give out to the veterans and need your support. Please contact Debbie Vourlas with the VA at (503) 220-8262 x33002 for more information on how you can help.
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will be hosting a Tea to honor and celebrate Women Veterans on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the 40<sup>et</sup>8 Boxcar Room. Please RSVP by April 27<sup>th</sup> by calling Debbie at 360-225-4474 or emailing her at [scubaroper@gmail.com](mailto:scubaroper@gmail.com). The event is for Women Veterans and those who celebrate them.
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Black and White Gala will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Heathman Lodge. This is their annual dinner with a silent and live auction to raise funds for veterans and their families that are in need. Guest speaker will be Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle. Please contact Sharon at 360-693-7030 for "more ticket information or to sponsor a table.
- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Costco on 192<sup>nd</sup>. 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 [dsockle@gmail.com](mailto:dsockle@gmail.com) or Bob Day at [theday4@comcast.net](mailto:theday4@comcast.net).
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center's 2018 Stand Down & Expo will be held on Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM at the Vancouver VA Campus. The event is open to all veterans and their families.

For additional Upcoming Community Events, please visit our

Website: [www.cmac11.com](http://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](mailto:CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com)