

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of April 27, 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 (Excused); Safety - Roy Billings (Excused); Advocates - Leonard Mills; Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused) ; Sean Gibson (Excused); Alex Patterson; Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, and Teresa Wheeler (Excused) [11]

CMAC Members Present: Jeff Davis (VBMA), Marlene Varga (Home for Heroes), Scott Hanson (Home for Heroes), Dan Vossen (Klineline Kids), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Dawn Marie Martin (Dignity Memorial), Leon Behnke (CMAC), Grace Behnke (CMAC). Patrick Locke (40et8), Tom Cates (Pt 658/40et8), Bob Day (Pt 658), June Lasch (Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI-9), Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors), Kristina Johnson (Costco), Bryndl Rohan (Costco), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Neal Erickson (De La Torre), Cory Doane (Jaime Herrera Bulter (JHB)), Kai Nuce (JHB). Pam Peiper (JHB), Ryan Wagner (US Fish & Wildlife), Kenneth Wheeler (Vancouver Recruiting Co), Tal Clark (DAV), Monique Martin (Work Source), Tiffany Plous (Work Source), Gerald Siegel (40et8), Bruce Maas (DAV) [28]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: James Mead
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Erixson

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- 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:

			<u>CMAC Events</u>
May	11 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup> *	
June	8 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> *	May 28 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremony 11am
July	13 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> *	

\* Indicates Board Meeting directly following regular CMAC meeting

CMAC Summary

- Mike Burton thanked everyone for helping make Our Community Salutes a successful 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](mailto:dsocket@gmail.com) for more information.

CMAC Guests:

- Pam Peiper from Jaimie Herrera Butler’s (JHB) office introduced two new representatives with their office, Kai Nuce and Cory Doane. Cory will be working on helping with VA issues at JHB.
- Captain Kenneth Wheeler from Vancouver Recruiting Company thanked CMAC members for their help in honoring students at last week’s Our Community Salutes. He reported that his Army Recruits were very impressed with the event.
- Tal Clark a Veterans Service Officer from Disabled American Vets (DAV) shared about their organization. DAV will be 100 years in 2021 and helps veterans with a wide variety of things including finding jobs, VA claims, and home modifications. They have a mobile service office with volunteers that meet and educate vets that cannot get to the one of their 1300 local chapters nationwide. For more information on DAV, please contact Tal Clark at [dav.vbaport@va.gov](mailto:dav.vbaport@va.gov) or visit their website at [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)

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- Dion Hess shared about the fishing event where troops, sailors, and marines from USS Portland were invited to join them for a fishing trip and dinner to say thank you for their service. The event was held on the Columbia and the dinner was at Sportsman’s Steakhouse and Saloon. Dion reported everyone had a great time and the soldiers were thankful for the hospitality that was shown to them. You can see more about the event in the Reflector at [http://www.thereflector.com/news/article\\_ef5881fa-47fa-11e8-84a6-13f11fa373db.html](http://www.thereflector.com/news/article_ef5881fa-47fa-11e8-84a6-13f11fa373db.html)

#### Announcements and Events:

- 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.
- Fish and Wildlife will be hosting a Federal Employment Resume Workshop and Assistance Lab on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11am at WorkSource Vancouver located at 204 SE Stonemill Dr. Suite 215. For more information and to RSVP, contact: Tiffany at 360.735.4985 or [tplous@esd.wa.gov](mailto:tplous@esd.wa.gov). or register at [worksourcewa.com](http://worksourcewa.com)
- Bingo for Vets benefiting Clark’s Veteran Students is being held May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 40et8 Bingo Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm and includes dinner and bingo. \$25.00 per person. Table sponsors are also available. To register, please contact Dave Daly at 360-992-2073
- WorkSource Vancouver, Joint Service Support, and Work for Warriors is hosting a Veteran Hiring Event on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-6:30pm at the Armed Forces Reserve Center located at 15005 NE 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98682. For more information, please contact Monique Martin at 360-735-4985 or [momartin@esd.wa.gov](mailto:momartin@esd.wa.gov)
- 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).
- Veteran’s Car and Motorcycle Show is being held on Labor Day, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 3pm at the 40et8. For more information, please contact Earl Edwards at 360-513-8251.
- 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

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If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:

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