# Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2018

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith; Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations – Leonard Mills, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans. Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead, Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings(Excused); Advocates -; Dan Sockle(Excused). Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond Sean Gibson (Excused); Alex Patterson; Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnston(Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Amy Mintonye (Excused), Minh Pham [12]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), June Lasch (Red Cross), Jeff Davis (VBMA), Richard McHugh (CVI-9), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Richard Alvarez(VFW), Ron Powers (Clark College), Jerry Keen (40et8), Dawn Marie Martin (Vancouver Funeral Dignity), Jenny Greenmiller (The Trust), Jack Giesen (VBMA). Bill Turlay (City of Vancouver), Dion Hess (Ridgefield Outdoors), Neal Erickson (De La Torre Wealth Strategies), Jerry Keen (40et8), Bob Day (PT658), Joey Fuerstenberg [17]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: James Mead

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

### **CMAC Scheduled Events:**

Sundaes on Sunday with Veterans, Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm at the Fort Vancouver Artillery Barrack, 600 E Hatheway, Vancouver, WA

<u>CMAC Meeting Dates</u>: 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:

 Oct 5th
 40et8
 8:30 AM

 Oct 19th\*
 40et8
 8:30 AM

 Nov 2nd
 40et8
 8:30 AM

 8:30 AM
 8:30 AM

(\*) Executive Board Meeting follows

#### **CMAC Summary:**

- September 21<sup>st</sup> was POW/MIA Day and both Larry and James spoke about the significance of this day and how we can continue to remember those who are still missing.
- Larry shared that Jim Erixson is doing great in South Carolina and recently welcomed a new granddaughter on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry announced that Vancouver Granite completed the engraving at the War Memorial Site and CMAC will be partnering with National Parks Service and Vancouver Granite to continue repairing the site. CMAC and other volunteers will be power washing at the site on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry shared that Steven with Marine Cadets of Washington will be bringing CMAC's new enclosed trailer to our next meeting for the members to see.

## **CMAC Guests:**

• Dion Hess shared about the Operation Salmon Fishing Event that took place on the Columbia on September 9<sup>th.</sup> This year's event was the best they have ever had with almost 200 participants. Dion thanked everyone for their support and shared an article The Reflector published about one of our CMAC members Carl Lingenfelter who is a

WWII Veteran who was part of the event. You can read more about Carl's fishing experience and this wonderful event at:

http://www.thereflector.com/news/article\_d8e84122-b536-11e8-89df-130729ca4ea3.html

• Jenny Greenmiller with the National Historic Trust announced the Lough Legacy Veterans Day Parade will be taking place on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am and still has spots open. If you are interested in registering to participate in the parade or would like more information on this year's event, please visit the Trusts website at <a href="https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/veterans-parade/">https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/veterans-parade/</a>

#### Announcements and Events:

- Vancouver Funeral Chapel is holding their Clothing Drive Contest benefiting our local veterans from September 15-December 15, 2018. You can drop off your clothing donations at the Vancouver Funeral Chapel located at 110 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Vancouver WA. The organization with the most donations will receive a complimentary lunch. For more information, please contact them at 360-693-3633 or visit their website at <a href="https://www.vancouverfuneralchapel.net">www.vancouverfuneralchapel.net</a>
- Fort Vancouver has a position open within the Facilities Management Division. Veterans Preference does apply. For more information on the position, please visit <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/511943500#overview">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/511943500#overview</a>
- NAMI of SW Washington is offering a free, six session class for family, friends, significant others of veterans and Military Service members with mental health conditions. The classes are being offered on Wednesday Evenings from 6:00-8:30pm from October 17- November 21, 2018. The address is 5411 E. Mill Plain Blvd. Ste 4, Vancouver, WA 98661. To register or learn more about the classes, please call 360-695-2823 or email them at info@namiswwa.org.

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

'Like us' on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommunityMilitaryAppreciationCommittee/

If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email: Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, at <a href="mailto:CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com">CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com</a>

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