

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2018**

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

CMAC Members Present: June Lasch (Red Cross), Steven Stanley(Marine Cadets of WA), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Gerald Siegel (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI) , Jeff Davis (VBMA), Marlene Varga (Home with Heroes), Leonard Mills (Elks), Troy Reddick (Buffalo Soldiers), Ron Ostrander( American Legion), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Pamela Libby (CMAC), Patrick Locke (40et8), Dan Vossen (Klineline Fishing), Carl Lingenfellow (40et8), Paul Willcocks (NW Natural), Michelle Sanzobrin (De La Torre Wealth Strategies), Joe Olviertti (CMAC), Tiffany Plous (Worksource), Joyce Slempp (Emblem Club), Dawn Marie Martin (Dignity Memorial), Debbie Crawford (Young Marines), Michael Langedorf (Veterans Solutions Actions Committee), Tom Cates (Pt658), Michael Drake (American Red Cross) [25]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Prayer: Steven Stanley
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

CMAC Scheduled Events:

**You are invited to our:        2018 CMAC Christmas Party  
Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm-Social Hour  
6:30pm-Dinner  
40et8 Chateau Room  
7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Vancouver WA 98665**

**An invitation will be e-mailed with the details of the event.**

**Please RSVP with number in your party to Stephanie by December 3<sup>rd</sup> at  
[cmac11.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cmac11.secretary@gmail.com)**

CMAC Meeting Dates:

2019 meeting dates will be announced in December.

CMAC Summary:

- Dion shared about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Veterans Waterfowl Hunt that took place on Veterans Day at the Refuge's River "S". He shared everyone had a great time and even had some veterans participate that have never hunted there before. It was a great opportunity to give back to those who sacrificed so much. You can learn more about the event which was published in the Columbian at <https://www.columbian.com/news/2018/nov/14/hunt-for-heroes-ridgefield-refuges-event-lets-veterans-give-sport-a-try/>
- Larry shared CMAC received a \$3000.00 donation from the Keller Foundation for all our work in the community. Larry shared we also received a donation from Vancouver Clinic for \$1000.00.
- Larry announced the Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the Armed Forces Center next year.

- Jenni Greenmiller with the Trust shared they had a successful turnout for the parade this year and General Burleson had a great time and really enjoyed being a part of the ceremony and parade.

#### CMAC Guests:

- Troy Reddick with the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Buffalo Soldiers Calvary shared about a documentary being produced by Dru Films on the history of the Buffalo Soldiers in the Pacific Northwest. He shared the documentary will be a great opportunity to honor the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers and is helping raise funds to complete the project. If you would like to learn more or help support the project, please contact Troy Reddick at [troyreddick83@gmail.com](mailto:troyreddick83@gmail.com).
- Michele Sanzobrin shared about a program supplement for veterans that is in conjunction with Medicare. The supplement can be no cost to low cost options for veterans who qualify. Open enrollment is October 15 through December 7<sup>th</sup>. To learn more about this program, please contact Michele at [msanzobrin@financialguide.com](mailto:msanzobrin@financialguide.com) or at 360-859-1694.

#### Special Announcement

- Please join CMAC and The Patriot Guard Riders for a Never to be Forgotten Ceremony honoring our fallen hero, US Marine Corps SGT, Jason D. Peto who died on 7 Dec 2010 due to IED explosion in Sangin, Afghanistan. The ceremony will take place on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 12pm at the Clark County War Memorial located at Ft. Vancouver Way and McClellan Drive. For more information on the ceremony, please contact John Posey at [jposey@corpsecure.com](mailto:jposey@corpsecure.com) or at 360-571-2998.

#### Announcements and Events:

- Suits for Soldiers is collecting gently worn business suits (male or female) to help military personnel transition into the civilian workforce. You can bring your suit from October 18-November 30<sup>th</sup> to Farmers Insurance District 06, 3925 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Ste 104, Vancouver WA 98661. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Valentine at 360-571-4666
- Lewis and Clark Young Marines Wreaths Across America which is a national program to help place wreaths on the graves of those who have served is selling wreaths through December 1<sup>st</sup>. To find out more about how you can purchase a wreath for this wonderful program, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lcym2002/>. You can also email Debbie at [PAO@LCYM.org](mailto:PAO@LCYM.org) or visit their website at [www.LCYM.org](http://www.LCYM.org) for more information.
- Veterans Listening Session/Resource Fair, December 11, 2018 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Vancouver VA Campus in the Columbia Room, building 11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 305 located at 1601 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. To learn more about this event, please contact Ruth Zhang at [VHAPOR-PublicAffairs@med.va.gov](mailto:VHAPOR-PublicAffairs@med.va.gov) or contact her at (503)808-1920.
- Red Cross is honoring people who have exemplified courage, kindness, selflessness and bravery by nominating them for a prestigious American Red Cross Hero Award. Do you know a hero? Has a colleague, neighbor, family member, or student played an instrumental role in rescuing someone in danger or saving a life? Have they given of their time and talents in extraordinary ways? Nominate them for their heroic actions. Go [redcross.org/Heroes2019](http://redcross.org/Heroes2019) and click "Nominate a Hero". Nominations are due by December 15<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be recognized at their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Vancouver Hilton.

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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)

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