

## **Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2019**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations- Dion Hess; Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans (Excused), Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead, Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings; Advocates -Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Jenni Greenmiller [14]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of WA), Tonya Wark (Partners in Careers), Donna Oglesby (PIC), Jerry Keen (40et8), Curt Loop (AUSA), Gary Medvigy (County Council), Jay Williams (CMAC). Brandon Trager (The Fallen Outdoors), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Dawn Marie Martin (Vancouver Funeral), Bob Day (PT658), Jim Moody (CMAC), Jeff Davis (VBMA), Pat Spring (CMAC), Joseph Olivetti (CMAC), Ron Powers (Pure Kraze), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), [18]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

### CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 6:30PM at Heritage High School- 7825 NE 130th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98682
- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27, 2019. 11AM, Fort Vancouver Park

### CMAC Meeting Dates:

Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
Apr 19 <sup>th*</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM

(\* ) Executive Board Meeting follows

### CMAC Summary:

- Larry shared the recipients of the Marshall Awards were announced at last week's ceremony. The adult award recipient is Elizabeth Fitzgerald and the youth recipient is Nicole Nugent.
- Larry announced Clark Colleges Veterans Resource Bingo Fundraiser has been cancelled and will be reschedule for the Fall. We will post updates once we know more.
- James Mead shared he has raised \$48988.12 to help build a Korean War Memorial Wall in Washington DC.
- Dion shared Operation Salmon King for Cops will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> and we will be partnering with the Fallen Outdoors to put on this event. Dion also shared he is putting together a fishing event for soldiers coming in for Fleet Week in Portland during the Rose Festival.
- Dan Sockle shared Costco Heroes Night will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the East Vancouver Costco. CMAC will play a more prominent role in the event this year. This year's sponsors are Waste Connections and IQ Credit Union. If your organization would like to have a table at the event, please contact Dan Sockle at [dsocket@gmail.com](mailto:dsocket@gmail.com).

- Sean went over the details of Our Community Salutes agenda. The event will take place on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30pm at Heritage High School. A reception will directly follow the ceremony. Please come out and support our local high school students who will be entering the military after graduation. This event is free and open to the public.
- Mike went over details of the Memorial Day Ceremony taking place on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am at Fort Vancouver Park.

CMAC Guests:

- Brandon Trager with The Fallen Outdoors shared about their organization who will be holding their annual banquet fundraiser on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Their organization who facilitates hunting and fishing trips for veterans have state, regional, and national chapters and a social media community 180,000 people strong. Their excursions are not only about getting outdoors but also a place where veterans connect. If you would like more information on how to support this wonderful organization, please visit their website at [www.thefallenoutdoors.com](http://www.thefallenoutdoors.com)

Announcements and Events:

- Young Marines is looking for a new home to hold their meetings at. If you know of a location, please contact Chris Wright at [cwright26@msn.com](mailto:cwright26@msn.com)
- The Vancouver Barracks Military Association owns an authentic reconstruction of a rare WWI Army Ambulance. To apply for the M1917 Ambulance to visit your event, contact Jack Giesen at [vbmatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:vbmatreasurer@gmail.com) or leave a message at 360-907-8034.
- Vet Fest PDX 2019 is taking place May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at Oaks Park in Portland Oregon. The Veterans and Family Resource Center of Oregon in Partnership with Oaks Amusement Park is putting on this event where veterans and their families can come together for fun entertainment, exposure to veteran crafted beer, wine, and various cuisines all crafted locally by veterans. This event will serve as a platform to showcase the accomplishments of veterans and their families in the community. To learn more about Vet Fest PDX 2019 or would like to have a table at the event, please email them at [info@vfrcoregon.org](mailto:info@vfrcoregon.org). You can also visit their Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2136634753063966/>
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center is hosting a Veterans Carnival Fundraiser on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am-4pm at Vancouver Lake-Eagle Picnic Center. Tickets are \$20 and include entry, your meal, entertainment, and 5 game tickets. They are also looking for sponsors for the event. For more information about their fundraiser, please visit their website at [www.ccvac.net](http://www.ccvac.net) or contact them at 360-693-7030.
- Race to Remember is hosting their Annual Memorial Day Run on May 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in having a booth at the event or would like to volunteer to help, please visit their website at <http://www.racetoremember.com/#!/memorialdayrace>
- Paddle for Life fundraiser benefiting Clark County Veterans Assistance Center is being held at Vancouver Lake Park on July 13, 2019. They are looking sponsors for the event as well as volunteers and those interested in participating as an individual or team. For more information, please visit their website at [www.PaddleForLife.org](http://www.PaddleForLife.org).
- Societe de Femmes is hosting their annual SW WA Health Fair on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at the 40et8. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, or would like to sponsor this year's event, please contact them at [swwahealthfair@gmail.com](mailto:swwahealthfair@gmail.com)

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