

## **Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of June 28, 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 (Excused), Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender, Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley (Excused), Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Minh Pham [10]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of Washington), Marlene Varga (Home for Heroes), Scott Hanson (Home for Heroes), Keisha Blandford (Senator Murray), Bryndl Rohan (Costco), Kenneth Wheeler (US Army), Evan Cochrane (US Army), Erik Gonzales, (Heritage High), Ryan McNabb (Vet Center), Franco Rodriguez (US Army), Shannon Rodriguez (CMAC), Carl Lingenfelter (40et8), Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Jerry Keen (40et8), Ron Powers (CMAC), Bob Day (PT 658), Elyse Medvigy (CMAC), Bruce Maas (DAV), Annette Allen (40et8), Michelle Thor (CCU), Paul Montague (City Council Candidate), Carson McDonagh (Campaign Manager for Paul Montague), David Shehorn (CMAC), George Parson (CMAC), Tom Barton (CCARC), Carol Bausch (Freedom Plaza), June Lasch (Red Cross), Gary Medvigy (CMAC), Chris Wright (Young Marines), Pat Spring (CMAC), Joyce Slemph (Emblem Club), Glenn Fischer (VFW), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), [34]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

### CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-Vancouver City Hall-415 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA

### CMAC Meeting Dates:

July 12 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
July 26*	40et8	8:30 AM
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup> *	40et8	8:30 AM
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30 AM
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup> *	40et8	8:30 AM

(\* ) Executive Board Meeting follows

### CMAC Summary:

- James Mead thanked Costco and CMAC for honoring him at Costco Heroes Night on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Mike Burton thanked Gary Medvigy for his time in taking our senior member Carl Lingenfelter and his son on a flyer over of Costco Heroes Night.
- Marlene went over the details of Patriots Day Ceremony taking place on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Larry shared we have two scholarship applicants for the Gold Star Scholarships.

### CMAC Guests:

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- Bryndl Rohan with East Vancouver Costco thanked everyone for their support of this year's Costco Heroes Night. She shared they were able donate over 5500 pieces of clothing and food to Clark County Veterans Assistance Center.
- Bryndl shared she was privileged to present CMAC with a check for \$9618.00 for the donations received from Costco Heroes Night. She also thanked Dan Sockle and Bob Day for their help in planning the event. They are already working on next year's event.
- Erik Gonzalez, the Athletic Director at Heritage High school shared about honoring local heroes at their upcoming Volleyball Match on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. They need volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please email Erik at [erik.gonzalez@evergreenps.org](mailto:erik.gonzalez@evergreenps.org).
- Colonel G.L.A. Harris, PhD, and professor of Public Administration at Portland State University spoke with the membership about the status of women in the armed forces. Dr. Harris shared that she and our co-chair Mike Burton were the ones to launch the first Veterans Resource Center at PSU. Today that model is being used around the country at various colleges and universities. Dr. Harris also shared statistical information about women in the military as well as information pertaining to the lifting of the combat exclusion policy. You can also read more about Dr. Harris in her book *Living Legends and a Full Legacy: Implications of Repealing the Combat Exclusion Policy*.
- Glenn Fischer shared about the history of Echo Taps and played it for the membership. You can see the history and words of the song in the word document accompanying these minutes.

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)  
For more information on the event, please contact Cliff Taylor at 360-901-8671.
- 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).
- La Société de Femmes is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SW WA Health Fair on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm at the 40<sup>et</sup>8 Boxcar and parking lots to connect the community to local health and safety resources. All monies raised will go to support Nurse's training scholarships. There will be 35+ health and wellness vendors, Blood Drive, Car seat Clinic, Dance Sessions, Wellness Workshops, Kids Zone, and much more. For more information on this year's event, please visit their website at <https://swwahealthfair.com/>.

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