

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of September 13, 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 (Excused), Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings, Advocates -Dan Sockle. Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson (Excused), Alex Patterson; Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Minh Pham (Excused), Marlene Varga, and Ron Powers [11]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of WA), Patrick Locke (40et8) Ron Ostrander (American Legion), Sarah Hannon (Historic Trust), Tim McPharlin (Mt. Hood VRC), Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Carl Lingenfelter (CMAC), Keshia Blandford (Senator Patty Murray), Dru Holley (Dru Films), Mark Springer (CMAC), Tom Cates (PT658), Morris Giesler (40et8), June Lasch (Red Cross), Pat Spring (CMAC),), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Tom Barton (CCARC), Jay Williams (CMAC), David Shehorn (40et8), Richard McHugh (CVI), [19]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Veterans Day Event-November 9th-12-3pm-Hudson Bay High School-Directly following the Veterans Day Parade

CMAC Meeting Dates:

Sept 27 th *	40et8	8:30 AM
Oct 11 th	40et8	8:30AM
Oct 25 th *	40et8	8:30AM
Nov 8 th	40et8	8:30AM-Veterans Day Event Prep Meeting
Nov 22 nd *	40et8	8:30AM-Last meeting of the year and will be held in the 40 et 8 Bingo Hall.
Dec 6 th	40et8	5pm-CMAC Christmas Party

(*) Executive Board Meeting follows

Please note that we have updated our meeting dates.

CMAC Summary:

- Larry thanked the guest speakers, and all the organizations who participated in helping honor our heroes at the Patriots Day Ceremony this past Wednesday. And a special thank you to Marlene Varga, Jill Brown, and Scott Hanson for their work in helping organize the event.
- Mike and Larry shared they attended the Patriots Day Event hosted by Heritage High School on September 10th and how much they appreciated the school putting on the event to help honor our local heroes.
- Mike shared that we have new CMAC coins with our new logo on them. Our goal is to give them out to the students at future Our Community Salute events as well out to those

we recognize through their work in the community. If you know someone that you would like to recognize for their work in the community, please let Mike or Larry know.

- Jay Williams went over the details of our upcoming Veterans Day Event taking place on Saturday, November 9th starting at Noon in the Commons Area at Hudson Bay High school directly following the Veterans Day Parade. Columbia Credit Union will be sponsoring the event that will include free hotdogs, chips, ice cream, interactive map of where local members of the Armed Forces are deployed, and a host of local businesses and organizations to honor our veterans. The event is free and open to the public of all ages. Our next planning meeting will take place on Thursday, September 19th starting at 3pm in Clark College's Veterans Resource Center. If you have any questions or your organization would like to be considered as one of the events participants, please contact Jay Williams at jay.williams@comcast.net.
- Dion Hess shared about the 9th Annual Salmon Salute Fishing Event that took place on September 8th in Ridgefield. Even though the Salmon Fishing Season was closed four days before the event, everyone had a great time and went home with some fresh filled fish that was donated by a local hatchery. Thank you to the Reflector for covering the event. You can read more about on their website at http://www.thereflector.com/news/article_c802583a-d348-11e9-835f-8f85f1ce.html
- Sarah Hannon, Public Events Manager with The Historic Trust shared they are in need of volunteers to help at the Veterans Day Parade taking place on Saturday, November 9th at Officers Row. For more information on where to register as a parade participant or to help volunteer on the day of the event, please visit their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/veteransparade/>
- Mike shared that CMAC presented Richard Lee with a plaque for all his help with our fishing events.

Guest Speakers:

Dru Holley with Dru Films shared an update on his documentary, *Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest*. The film will explore the sacrifices of the Buffalo Soldiers of the Pacific Northwest. This educational film is currently in post-production and they have released the trailer that you can view at <https://buffalosoldiersofthepacificnorthwest.com/>. A recent article in The Columbian about the project can also be found at <https://www.columbian.com/news/2019/sep/01/documentary-tells-story-of-buffalo-soldiers-invisible-men-of-honor/>

If you are interested in donating to help this project or would like more information about the film, please contact Dru Holley at druholleyproductions@gmail.com

Events and Announcements

- Mt Hood Community College is holding their Building Military Cultural Competencies Workshops on Thursday September 19th from 11:30am-1pm and Friday, September 20th from 9:00am-10:30am. All participants must pre-register by contacting Tim McPharlin at Tim.McPharlin@mhcc.edu
- The Buffalo Soldier Dedication will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 11am-12pm at the Infantry Barracks down at the Fort. For more information, please visit the Trust's website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/>
- The 2019 Veterans Stand Down & Expo hosted by the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will take place on Saturday, September 28th from 9am-2pm at the VA Campus (Gym) located at 1601 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. There will be VA Claims and registration, Housing Assistance, Health & Dental, Haircuts, Community

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Resources, Employment Services, Counseling Services, Afternoon meal provider, and the event is open to all veterans and their families.

- The 33rd Annual Hough Legacy Veterans Day Parade hosted in partnership with The Historic Trust and The City of Vancouver will take place on Saturday, November 9th at Offices Row and Evergreen Blvd starting at 11am. To register as a parade participant or to volunteer to help on the day of the event, please visit their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/veteransparade/> or email Sarah Hannon, Public Events Manager at Sarah.Hannon@TheHistoricTrust.org.
- Volunteers are needed for the 2020 National Veterans Wheel Chair Games being held in Portland, July 3-8, 2020. They are in need of 4000 plus volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Daniel E. Herrigstad, Public Relations Officer with the VA Portland Health Care System at Daniel.herrigstad@va.gov

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