

## Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2020

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations- Dion Hess, (Excused); Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans, 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 (Excused), Marlene Varga, Ron Powers Sarah Hannon [15]

CMAC Members Present: Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets of WA), Ray Kutch (CMAC), David Hopford (CMAC), Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Carl Lingenfelter (40et8) Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Patrick Locke (40et8), June Lasch (Red Cross), Scott Hanson (Homes for Heroes), Connie Thompson (CLT at Home, LLC), Mark Tompson (CLT at Home, LLC), Stephen Phillips (Digital Graphics), Pat Spring (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Morris Giesler (40et8), Jerry Keen (40et8), Richard McHugh (CVI), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Annette Allen (40et8), Ron Abbey (CCVC), David Perez (JHB), Anne {Phillips (CLT at Home), Curt Loop (AUSA), Tom Barton (CCARC), Pam Libby (40et8), Chris Wright (Lewis and Clark Young Marines), Jake Carse (Home for Heroes), Dave Daly (Clark College), Leonard Mills (Elks Lodge 823), Ron Abbey (CCVAC), Bernadine Lee (Blue Star Mothers), Tonya Wark (PIC), Evan Cochrane (US Army), Frank Matlock (40et8), Les Lomax (40et8). Ed Foehl (CMAC) [36]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

### CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-April 8<sup>th</sup>-6:30pm at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St. Vancouver, WA 98685

### CMAC Meeting Dates:

Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> *	40et8	8:30AM
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30AM
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> *	40et8	8:30AM
Mar 6 <sup>th</sup>	40et8	8:30AM
Mar 20*	40et8	8:30AM

(\* ) Executive Board Meeting follows

### CMAC Summary:

- Larry shared that the 40 et 8 approved for us to have use of the west side of the south wall of the boxcar to display our plaques.
- Marlene shared Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be tonight, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:00pm to honor and recognize our volunteers.
- Sean announced that Our Community Salutes will be held at Skyview High School on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 starting at 6:30pm.
- Sarah Hannon with The National Historic Trust shared the 2020 George C. Marshall Awards nominations are open for both the Public Leadership Award and Youth Leadership Awards. The deadline to nominate someone for both the awards has been extended to January 31, 2020. If you would like to nominate someone for the awards,

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please visit their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/marshall-awards/m> or contact Sarah at [Sarah.Hannon@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:Sarah.Hannon@thehistorictrust.org) or phone her at 360-992-1804.

### Guest Speakers

- Dave Daly with Clark College Veterans Resource Center shared updates regarding their center. Their Bingo Fundraiser in November raised 42,000 to help pay for books for veteran students. The college was rated 17<sup>th</sup> in the nation for top Technical and Community Colleges. They are always open to have people meet the veterans who are part of the resource center. And they will continue to support CMAC at the Veterans Open House this coming November.
- Jake Carse with Home with Heroes thanked CMAC for supporting their organization over the years. He credited CMAC with being the driving force behind the formation of Home with Heroes. The organization has been instrumental in bringing veterans on fishing trips and creating a bonding experience for them. Jake has stepped down as the President of Home with Heroes, but will still serve on their board. He is looking forward to spending more time with his kids and is on a mission to help support his daughter's basketball team at Hudson Bay.

### Events and Announcements

- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center is holding Boots, Chaps & Cowboy Hats Fundraiser on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm at Ilani Casino located at 1 Cowlitz Way Ridgefield, WA. There will be a best dressed cowboy content, dinner, line dancing, and auction. For more information and to get your tickets, please visit their website at <https://ccvac.net/> or <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boots-chaps-cowboy-hats-2020-tickets-.75197193831>.
- Americans for Veterans Foundation is hosting a Gala event fundraiser at the Black Pearl on the Columbia to help raise money for their Veterans Village. The event will take place on March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-10:00pm. There will be fine dining, dancing, and an auction. For more information on the event, please contact Ron Fryer at 360-608-4443 or visit their website at <https://americaforveteransfoundation.org/>.
- Look for The Smithsonian channel to air a series titled "Combat Ships" starting in April 2020. A segment on PT boats is planned to be included. The filming, using PT658, the only authentically restored and operational PT boat remaining in the world, was completed in September, 2019. Smithsonian can be found on Comcast channels 270 and 809 in Vancouver.
- 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](mailto: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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