

VAB Agenda – March 14, 2024

- I. Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call
- II. Approval of February 8, 2024 minutes (action)
- III. Committee Reports (info and action)
- IV. CMAC Presentation (info)
- V. 2023 Year-End Fund Report & January 2024 Contractor and Fund Reports (info)
- VI. Veterans Assistance Center updates (info)
- VII. Old Business (info)
- VIII. New Business (info)
- IX. Open Forum (info)
- X. Adjourn



Agenda Item I. Call to Order/Pledge/Invocation/Roll Call



Agenda Item II. Approval of February 8th minutes

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes An advisory board to the Clark County Council February 8, 2024

Chair: Michael Harding Vice Chair: Bob Nichols Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; *italics indicates excused*]

POST	PRIMARY	ALTERNATE
40 et 8	Bob Brennan	Steve Slegers
American Legion #14	<i>Gene Couture</i>	
American Legion #44	<i>Darren Wertz</i>	Charles Ingalls
American Legion #168	Bob Nichols	
American Legion #176	<i>Thomas Phillips</i>	<i>Michael Gibson</i>
American Veterans #6	<i>John Lovejoy</i>	<i>Vanise Pratt</i>
Camas Post 27	<i>Wes Forgey</i>	<i>Shawn O'Neil</i>
DAV Chapter #4	Bruce Maas	<i>Tom Cousino</i>
Korean War Assoc. #321	<i>Earl Edwards</i>	<i>Dixie Hotaling</i>
Marine Corps League #826	Steve Slegers	Ron Brandon
VFW #4278	Shannon Roberts	<i>Dana Difford</i>
VFW #7824	Michael Harding	
Vietnam Vets #512	<i>Greg Whitson</i>	<i>Nick Herber</i>
Members at Large	Kelly Jones	
	<i>Bryan McGillis</i>	
	Tonya Wark	
	Tamara Elam	
	<i>Megan Anderson</i>	
	Eli Gonzalez	
	Michael Langsdorf	
	Lloyd Bowman	

Clark County Representative: Abby Molloy

Guests: CVTV23, Janet Snook (Clark County); Lori Pugh, Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Emma (VA representative for Congresswoman Glusenkamp-Perez)

Approval of January 11, 2024, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Bob Nichols that was seconded by Michael Langsdorf.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures:

Section 3.5.2 is not updated in the online version. County staff will update the website to have the accurate version. Request for a policies and procedures meeting was made. A date will be determined.

Member roles and responsibilities

Members play an important role in creating recommendations for veterans in Clark County. Members are expected to be knowledgeable of programs, services, and needs. Members do not administer policies or programs. They are expected to attend meetings well prepared and work with the group. They are not allowed to make decisions unilaterally for the board or to accept gratuities. Additional responsibilities are detailed in the handbook.

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes An advisory board to the Clark County Council February 8, 2024

December 2023, Contractor & Fund reports

The fund assisted 64 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 596 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$3,762 for 6 veterans. The WDVA filed 896 claims with 90 percent success. The Fund balance was \$624,962.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Thanks to the Elks Lodge and Opus Music for sponsoring successful Bingo last Saturday.
- July 16 fundraiser at ilani: Red, White, and Blue: A Salute to Veterans.

Old Business

Copies of the RCW regarding the veterans' levy are available.

New Business

- Kelly Jones made a motion to appoint three members to investigate whether part of Camp Bonneville could be used as a veterans' cemetery. Motion was seconded by Tamara Wark and carried.

Open Forum

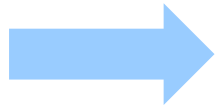
- PointMan International Ministries is running again, to support combat and any veteran, and first responders.

Adjourn

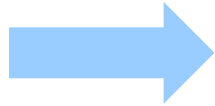
Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 14, 2024



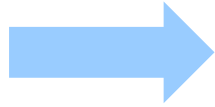
Agenda Item III. Committee Reports



Appeals – Gene Couture



Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones



Nominations – Bruce Maas



Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) Presentation

Larry Smith, CMAC Chair



Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)

cmac11.com



Honoring those who serve
or have served...

ABROAD...



... on the FRONT LINES

... or *at HOME*



Community Military Appreciation Committee

Honoring service to Community and Country

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – at Home and Abroad

CMAC is a patriot-driven, non-profit organization created for the purpose of connecting veteran advocacy and support organizations in and around Southwest Washington. We are an open, inclusive, community-driven/non-military organization where everyone is welcome. We honor and appreciate all those who serve their fellow citizens through military and/or service in law enforcement, firefighting, search & rescue, emergency medical response, or otherwise on the “front lines” in safety and/or security professions.



Memorial Day



CMAC Connects a Diverse, Collaborative Network of Public and Private Organizations

- 40 et 8
- American Legion Posts
- American Red Cross
- American Vets Post #6
- Boy Scouts of America
- Buffalo Soldiers
- CDM Services
- City of Vancouver
- Civil Air Patrol
- Clark College Vet Resource Ctr
- Clark Co. Cmty Services
- CC Veteran's Assistance Ctr
- Clark Public Utilities
- Columbia Credit Union
- Combat Veterans International
- Community Foundation
- Emblem Club
- ESGR
- Evergreen Public Schools
- **GOLD STAR Moms/Families**
- Homes for Heroes
- Military Ofcrs Assn/MOAA
- National Park Service
- NW Battle Buddies
- Patriot Guard Riders
- PeaceHealth SW
- Pearl Harbor Survivors
- PT Boat 658
- Rotary
- Salvation Army Vet Cntr
- The Columbian
- The Historic Trust
- USAF JROTC units
- Vancouver Brks Mil Assn
- Vancouver Public Schools
- Veterans Village
- WSU Veterans
- Young Marines



CMAC Sponsors/Co-Sponsors or otherwise supports these and other community events

- “Welcome Home” (honoring Vietnam Veterans)
- “Our Community Salutes” (HS Seniors entering military service)
- Memorial Day (starting with honoring our **Gold Star Moms & Families**)
- “Heroes Night” (Honoring Veterans and First Responders)
- Independence Day Celebrations
- Patriots’ Day - September 11 Remembrance
- POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Veterans Day Parade and Open House
- Recognizing and honoring **Gold Stars** is foundational to CMAC activities; fundraising supports our “**Gold Star Scholarships**” for the children of our fallen heroes.

CMAC Sponsors/Partners include:

- 40 et 8
- City of Vancouver
- Clark County Community Services
- National Trust (Ft. Van National Trust)
- National Park Service
- Camas Costco
- Alan Webb Chevrolet
- Waste Connections
- Columbia Credit Union
- Clark County
- IQ Credit Union
- Riverview Bank
- Point Man Ministries
- Premier Property Group

The list continues to grow:

- MacKay-Sposito
- Vancouver Elks
- Walmart
- Hunting with Heroes
- Fishing with Heroes
- Mustang Club
- Corvette Club
- Vintage Flying Services



2012 Veterans Day Parade, Vancouver Washington




CMAC ORGANIZATIONAL CHART


BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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EVENTS MANAGEMENT

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MEMORIAL DAY



LARRY CLIFTON
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HEROES NIGHT




DAN SOCKLE
RON POWERS

PATRIOTS DAY



SARAH HANNON-NEIN
SEAN DOUGLAS

POW/MIA



RICHARD MCHUGH
ANDREW PLASSMEYER

VETERANS DAY



JAY WILLIAMS
ROD WILLIAMS

MEMBERS AT LARGE

EXTRAS FOLLOW
(PHOTOS, ETC.)



Your All-Volunteer CMAC Advisory Board

Board Officers

Co-Chairs: Larry Smith

Mike Burton

Operations/Vet Advocate:

Marlene Varga

Secretary:

Stephanie Collazo-Serrano

Treasurer: Bruce Evans

Marketing/Public Relations:

Samantha Whitley

Website/Logistics: Bill Hauser

Outreach: Dan Sockle

Safety: Roy Billings

Chaplain: James Mead

Advocate/Legal:

Rod Williams

Directors at Large

Aaron Ochoa

Elizabeth Johnston

Jay Williams

Josh Jones

Megan Anderson

Ron Powers

Teresa Wheeler

THE 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEROES NIGHT IN BENEFIT OF C.M.A.C.

Community Military  Appreciation Committee

PRESENTED BY
COLUMBIA CREDIT UNION



JUNE 6:30PM
TO
25TH 9:00PM

**EAST VANCOUVER COSTCO
19610 SE 1ST ST
CAMAS, WA 98607**

Join us in recognition of our local veterans, military,
and first responders that make our community thrive.

- *Heroes Information Tables
- *Donation Drive For Veteran
& Military Families in Need
- *Car Show Starting at 4:30pm
- *Everyone Invited to Shop
- *Membership Promotions
- *Family Friendly Activities
- *Specials & Giveaways



Columbia Credit Union will be "Making Life Better"
Non-Costco Members may receive a one year
Costco Gift of Membership

For more information please go to, <http://www.cmac11.com>



**YOU MAY
RECEIVE
A GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP!**

JUNE 6:30PM
TO
25TH 9:00PM

**East Vancouver Costco
19610 SE 1st Street
Camas, WA 98607**

Not a Costco Member?

Present this invitation at the Heroes Night Event for
a chance to receive a One Year Gift of Membership!

*Gift of memberships subject to limitations & available while supplies last.

Bill Morehouse Community Service Award

In recognition of selfless service on behalf of community and country, the Community Military Appreciation Committee, representing a cross-section of Southwest Washington State, and greater Vancouver-Portland, SALUTES and expresses a hearty and heartfelt THANK YOU to:

Washington State Patrol Trooper (#551) Jeffrey Heath

Trooper Heath, also a veteran of the U.S. Military (Navy and Army), provides outstanding and steadfast service every day he reports for duty. Trooper Heath holds specialties as a Drug Recognition Expert and has been the most active DRE in Clark County over the past two years, and the most drug arrests in 2016. Trooper Heath is also a Field Training Officer and has coached 4 different cadets, all of whom have gone on to become successful WSP Troopers. Trooper Heath has proudly served the citizens of this state as a WSP Trooper for 10 years.

Larry J. Smith, CMAC Co-Chair

Morehouse Family Representative



Agenda Item V. 2023 Year-End Fund Report

- 2023 revenue = \$927,863
- 2023 expenditures = \$944,033
- Net decrease = \$16,170
- Fund balance = \$568,897



Agenda Item V. January 2024 Contractor Reports

• **CCVAC**

- 49 Veterans served in January, services totaling \$27,506
- 43 men, 2 women, and 4 other Veterans served
- 9 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 527 visits to the center for essentials and food, 682 meals served
- 630 volunteer hours, totaling \$15,555 in value

• **Free Clinic**

- 0 veterans served in January. Services totaled \$0 in value. Billed \$707.

• **Fund**

- January revenue: \$4,935; expenditures: \$2,788; fund balance: \$571,065



Agenda Item VI. CCVAC updates

**Honorably
serving those
who served
honorably**



Agenda Items VII. – X.

- **Old Business**

- Camp Bonneville update

- **New Business**

- Vote to confirm Ron Brandon
- Member binder
- Legislative update

- **Open Forum**

- **Adjourn**

Next meeting: April 11, 2024

