

# VAB Agenda – 9/9/2021

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- (info) I. Call to Order/Invocation/Roll Call
- (action) II. Approval of August 12, 2021, minutes
- (info) III. CMAC 9/11 Remembrance
- (info) IV. Veteran Homelessness presentation
- (info) V. Committee Reports – Appeals/Policies
- (info) VI. July 2021 Contractor & Fund reports
- (info) VII. Veterans Assistance Center update
- (info) VIII. Old and New Business
- (info) X. Open Forum



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

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# Agenda Item II. Approval of August 12 minutes

**Approval of July 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes** Motion made to approve by Les Schreiber, motion seconded by Steve Slegers, minutes approved as written.

## **Community Roots Presentation**

Chris Thobaben with Community Roots Collaborative (CRC) gave a presentation on their tiny home development in Fruit Valley. CRC's community consists of 21 tiny homes and one house with four units. There are six units reserved for Veterans. A second phase project (50 units) will be located on property near Saint Johns, funded with city and state funds. The ribbon cutting for the tiny homes project will be held at 10:00 am on August 23. A second program that Chris spearheads is Marine for Life Program where he connects community partners with marines in need of services. Since October, 17 Veterans have obtained employment through the program. Email for this program is [m4lpdf@gmail.com](mailto:m4lpdf@gmail.com).

## **Cowlitz Tribe Veterans Services**

Teri Graves is the Cowlitz Tribal Veterans Representative, located in DuPont, Washington, where the Tribe just purchased the Girl Scout Headquarters Building. Teri is the main contact for the Warriors Program and Veteran-related tribal information; she is also training as a VSO. Currently, the program serves approximately 178 Veteran tribal members located up/down the I-5 Corridor. Teri is looking to identify more tribal Veterans in Washington.

## **2021 Portland Stand Down – September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Leslie Luo updated the board on the Portland Stand Down. It will be 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Services provided range from housing to healthcare, with 15 employers onsite looking to hire Veterans. Leslie shared a registration link for service providers to join the Stand Down.

**Committee Reports Policies and Procedures:** As a follow-up to last months' question regarding County Veteran services, RCW 73.08.010 is to be referenced.

## **June 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report**

The fund assisted 24 Veteran households with \$25,041 in assistance; there was one denial. Year-to-date, six Veterans have exited homelessness, with \$2,935 expended. The Veterans Assistance Center saw 126 Veteran visits for essentials and food; served 148 meals and fielded 946 calls/emails. Volunteers provided 448 hours of service for a value of \$11,073. The Free Clinic Dental Program served three Veterans and billed \$703. WDVA VSO second quarter report reflects 430 claims with 83% approved and \$217,101 in VA payments to Veterans. VAF balance at the end of June was \$948,951.

**SWACH Navigator Contractor Update** Contract has been executed for 12-months at \$30,000, as approved.

## **Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update**

- The CCVAC received \$700,000 for the TERA/TRAP Program and have \$17,600 remaining. Back rent and future rent has been paid for Veterans.
- Stand Down will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 1 pm. This event will be from a drive-thru/walk-thru event like last year, at River City Church. \$22,000 spent so far.
- CCVAC has hired an outreach specialist and is distributing school supplies from the Reserve Center.
- Next online auction will be September 1-14; the link will be sent out.

## **Open Forum**

- NW Battle Buddies provides service animals for Veterans. It was asked whether the Fund can make donations to help cover program costs. Bruce Maas mentioned that the Traveling Wall will be coming to Mt. Solo Cemetery in Longview, on September 24-26, 2021.
- Sam is co-chair of the ACHS Veterans Committee. The Committee is prioritizing legislative support for VSOs under RCW 43.60. This will affect rural counties with populations less than 100,000.



# Agenda Item III. CMAC 9/11 Remembrance

- Mike Burton, Co-Chair



The poster features a dark blue background with a gold diagonal line. At the top, the word "Program" is written in a gold serif font. Below it, the location and date are listed: "VANCOUVER WATERFRONT PARK" and "SEPTEMBER 11, 2021". The program is divided into two columns of activities, each with a bold heading and a list of participants. The left column includes Welcome, Posting the Colors, National Anthem, Invocation, Remembrance, Remarks, God Bless America, and F-15 Eagle Flyover. The right column includes Presentation of Wreath, Final Alarm, Rifle Salute, Taps, Amazing Grace, Release of Doves, Benediction, Retire the Colors, Closing Remarks, and Music Provided by 204th Army Band. A small image of a boat with names on its side is visible in the top right corner of the poster.

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VANCOUVER WATERFRONT PARK  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

**WELCOME**  
Colonel Larry J. Smith, (Ret.) USA  
Co-Chairman, Community Military Appreciation Committee

**POSTING THE COLORS**  
Vancouver Fire Department Honor Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**  
Laura Le  
Student, Clark College

**INVOCATION**  
Chaplain Peter Schrater  
Vancouver Fire Department

**REMEMBRANCE**  
Colonel Larry J. Smith, (Ret.) USA  
Co-Chairman, Community Military Appreciation Committee

**REMARKS**

- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle, City of Vancouver
- Division Chief Tom O'Connor, Vancouver Fire Department
- Assistant Police Chief Troy Price, Vancouver Police Department
- Council Chair Eileen Quiring O'Brien, Clark County
- Senator Annette Cleveland, Washington State
- Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, Washington State

**GOD BLESS AMERICA**  
Corporal Rey Reynolds  
Vancouver Police Department

**F-15 EAGLE FLYOVER PROVIDED BY 142ND WING,  
OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

**PRESENTATION OF WREATH**  
Colonel Michael Burton, (Ret.) USAF  
Co-Chairman, Community Military Appreciation Committee

**FINAL ALARM**  
Vancouver Fire Department Honor Guard

**RIFLE SALUTE**  
VFW Post 7824 Honor Guard

**TAPS**  
Sergeant Adam Buell  
204th Army Band

**AMAZING GRACE**  
Bob Lowther  
Portland Highland Guard

**RELEASE OF DOVES**  
Jadia Ward  
Bright Eyes Dove Release

**BENEDICTION**  
Chaplain Peter Schrater  
Vancouver Fire Department

**RETIRE THE COLORS**  
Vancouver Fire Department Honor Guard

**CLOSING REMARKS**  
Colonel Larry J. Smith, (Ret.) USA  
Co-Chairman, Community Military Appreciation Committee

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY 204TH ARMY BAND**



# Agenda Item IV. Veteran Homelessness

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- **Jamie Spinelli, City of Vancouver**



Jamie Spinelli

Homeless Response Coordinator  
@ City of Vancouver

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# Agenda Item V. Committee Reports

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**Appeals:** No appeals in August

**Policies and Procedures:** No updates



# Agenda Item VI. July Contractor & Fund Reports

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- **CCVAC Services**

- 36 Veterans served, services totaling \$55,346. 1 denial.
- 9 Veterans exiting homelessness year to date, total expended \$9,387.
- 56 men, 10 women Veterans
- 224 Veteran visits to center, 194 meals served, 1,191 phone calls/emails
- 718 volunteer hours, totaling \$17,727 value

- **Free Clinic Dental Program**

- No Veterans were referred for dental work in July.
- Value of service provided: \$0. Program costs billed: \$691.

- **VAF Fund**

- Revenue: \$5,614. Expenses: \$51,865. Balance: \$902,700.



## Agenda Item VII. CCVAC updates

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- Judy Russel and Sharon Tyre

CLARK COUNTY VETERANS' ASSISTANCE  
CENTER

FALL 2021 ONLINE AUCTION

SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> – SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

<https://charityauction.bid/CCVACFALL2021ONLINEAUCTION>





## Agenda Items VIII. – XI.

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- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Open Forum**
- **Adjourn**

***Next meeting: October 14, 2021***

