

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2021
40 et 8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations-Marlene Varga (Excused), Mike Morgan (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused), Supply/Website - Bill Hauser (Excused), Safety - Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle (Excused), Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley (Excused), Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Sarah Hannon (Excused) [10]

CMAC Members Present: Dave Casteel (MOAA), Buck Marr (MOAA), Bob Day (PT Boat), Tom Cates (PT Boat), Patrick Locke (40et8), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Tom Barton (Radio Club), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Carl Lingenfelter (40et8), Amanda McCallum (1st Choice Advisory), Curt Loop (AUSA), David Shehorn (CMAC), Juanita Swinehart (CMAC), Frank Matlock (40et8), Sarah Fox (VFW), Ron Ostrander (CMAC), Chris Wright (Young Marines) [20]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
2. Prayer/Inspiration: Larry Smith

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Memorial Day Ceremony TBA

CMAC 2020 40 et 8 and Zoom

Apr 30 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
May 16 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
May 29 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Sean went over Our Community Salutes Agenda.
- Marlene will give updates on planning this year's Memorial Day Ceremony at our April 30th meeting.
- Dan Sockle shared that the date for the War Memorial Cleanup is May 22nd from 9-11am.
- Larry shared that he is going to talk to reach out to Walmart about collaborating on this year's Heroes Night.
- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle shared that the City is giving out 1000 vaccines per day at this time at the Tower Mall and to remind everyone that if you know anyone that needs help with the getting the vaccines, please contact her at Anne.McEnery-Ogle@cityofvancouver.us. You can also visit <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/> to find a vaccination site.

Guest Speakers

- Dave Casteel with MOAA shared that each year the president of their council sets up a meeting with the 12 members of our states Congress to advocate for issues on The Hill. Currently the main issue they have been asked to advocate for at the May Advocacy in Action effort (previously called Storm the Hill) concerns burn pits. The issue is Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform. The burden of proof is on the veteran to prove that they have been exposed to burn pits. As of right now there is no requirement for the VA to report the cases. MOAA wants to help advocate for the veteran to ensure that the cases are being reported properly. If you know of anyone in Washington State that was affected by the burn pits, please contact Dave Casteel with MOAA at shilohcamas@comcast.net.

Events/Announcements

- The VA Portland Health Care System is hosting a public virtual listening session on May 4th from 2:00pm-3:30pm. The virtual event is hosted by Dr. Teresa D. Boyd, the VISN20 Network Director. The intent is to hear Veterans' ideas and feedback on how to design a health care system of the future and grow services for Veterans which reinforce VA's role as a leader in health care. These are some of the items they want feedback on: Perception of the quality of health care at VA and VA's community network, Experience with the ability to get care at VA and within VA's community network, Satisfaction with the condition and location of VA's facilities, and the VA's role in research, education, and emergency preparedness. You can register by calling 404-397-1596. Access code 199 522 6290.
- Sound the Alarm: Save a Life. The American Red Cross is offering virtual home fire safety education sessions to the community. From the comfort of your home, you and a trained Red Cross volunteer, will discuss your home fire escape plan, practicing your 2-minute drill, testing smoke alarms, and other key home fire safety tips. To request an appointment, please visit redcross.org/cascades. Email: preparedness@redcross.org or call (503) 528-5783.
- Virtual workshops for living with chronic pain. There is more information about the upcoming workshops on our website. To register for their virtual events taking place from February through November, please call 564-397-5700 or email zena_edwards@wsu.edu.

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