

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2021
40 et 8 and VIA Zoom**

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

CMAC Members Present: Jim Erixson (CMAC), Hang Le (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Thanh Huyh (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Pat Spring (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Ron Ostrander (CMAC), Jerry Keen (40et8), Patrick Locke (40et8), Barbara Bannon (Red Cross), Curt Loop (AUSA), June Lasch (Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI), Andrew Young (Mackay Sposito), Mark Springer (CMAC), Rider Skyler (Young Marines), Corbin Rider (Young Marines), Sena Rider (Young Marines), Lynne Bolte (CMAC), [19]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-March 30, 2022, 6:30pm, Skyview Highschool

CMAC 2021 40 et 8 and Zoom

Dec 3rd 40 et 8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Jay Williams thanked everyone that participated and helped put together this year's Veterans Day Ceremony. Thank you to the guest speakers, the Young Marines, Honor Guards, and the ROTC Cadets from Battleground, and the Fort Vancouver High School Bands and to our sponsor Columbia Credit Union. And a special thank you to Erin with the National Historic Trust for helping organize the event. The event went great and was well attended. Both Channel 8 News and CCTV captured the event.
- Sean shared that next years Our Community Salutes is being held on March 30, 2022 starting at 6:30pm at Skyview High School and Dave Daly will be the guest speaker.
- Richard Keller from the Keller Foundation presented CMAC with a \$5000.00 donation for its work in the community. Thank you to the Keller Foundation for their continued support of CMAC.

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- Young Marines SGT. Corban Rider and CPL Skyler Rider shared about their Wreaths Across America Fundraiser where you can donate a wreath to be placed on the graves of veterans at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on December 18, 2021 at 10am. All donations must be made by November 30th, 2021. In addition to donations, they are also looking for a few more volunteers to help place the wreaths on December 18th. For more information on how you can donate or volunteer, please visit their fundraiser page at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/157078/Overview/?relatedId=20351,17268>

Events/Announcements

- Vancouver Barracks Military Association is holding a “Vancouver USA Then and Now” 15-month Calendar Non-profit fundraiser. Cost is \$14.00. For more information. Please visit <https://www.vbma.us/index.html> or you can contact Jack Giesen at jljg84d@gmail.com
- The National Historic Trust is hosting the traveling exhibit, *fighting for the Right to Fight, African American Experience in WWII*. The exhibit will be held in the Artillery Barracks Meeting Room October 1, 2021-January 15, 2022. The address is 600 Hatheway Road, Vancouver WA. The Exhibit will include artifacts as well as individual war time stories. You can learn more about the exhibit by visiting <http://righttofightexhibit.org/home/> OR VISIT THE TRUST’S WEBSITE AT <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/fighting-for-the-right-to-fight/> . They are also looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Michelle at Michelle.Marra@thehistorictrust.org if you are able to help.
- 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.
- REACH Too is hosting a Veterans Support Circle the last Thursday of each month starting at 5pm starting July 29th at the REACH Center, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd, Building 17 (in the basement)
- 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.
- Dave Casteel shared in a prior meeting about the Burn Pit Registry and if you know of anyone exposed to Burn Pits, please have them register using this link <https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/#page/home> .

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