

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2022
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman– Mike Burton; Operations-Marlene Varga, 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 (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley (Excused), Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams (Excused), Michelle Marra (Excused), Sarah Nein, (Excused) [10]

CMAC Members Present: Jerry Keen (40et8), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Richard McHugh (CVI), Judy Johnson (CVAC), Darwin Zimmerman (Vets/1st Responders Board), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Paulette Fryar (AFI Military Spouse of the Year), Pat Spring (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Tom Barton (Radio Club), David Stuebe (City of Washougal), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Dave Perez (Office of JHB), Larry Clifton (40et8), Richard Rylander (CC Council), Terry Ogle (City of Vancouver), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Buck Marr (MOAA), Rod Williams (MOAA), Ron Brandon (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV/Red Cross), Dimitry Mishchuk (Giving Hope), Dan Ostapenko (Giving Hope) [23]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
Prayer/Inspiration: Jerry Keen

CMAC Scheduled Events:

CMAC 2022 40 et 8 and Zoom

June 24th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
July 8th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
July 22nd 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Marlene thanked everyone for all their work in helping put together this years Memorial Day Ceremony. We had close to 1000 people there and the feedback we have received has been wonderful.
- Bruce Evans went over a summary of the Treasurer's report. And to remember if you are sending out an email that is pertaining to money to remember to copy Bruce on all your emails.
- Dan went over the proposed agenda for Heroes Night that will take place on June 11th at Hudson Bay High School honoring our local heroes and to support our local businesses. Live music will be provided by One-Eyed Kats. Food donations are being accepted and

will benefit CCVAC. The event is open to the public with free parking and will include local food truck vendors.

- Ralph shared the Memorial Day photo album will be on display at this year's sponsor, Waste Connections.
- Judge Zimmerman thanked CMAC for the donation to help purchase and build the three granite benches honoring our local heroes. The 1st Responders Board received additional donations from donors that allowed them to build the three granite benches. One will be on display at the ARFC, and the others will honor fallen officers Don Sahota and Jeremy Brown.
- David Stuebe from the City of Washougal shared that one of our members and veteran John Kaiser received the Citizen of the Year award recently at the Camas/Washougal Chamber meeting. John spoke at our meeting recently and runs an organization that takes veterans out on fishing trips.

Guest Speakers

- Daniel Ostapenko and Dimitry Mischchuk with Giving Hope spoke about their efforts to help the residents of Ukraine. Giving Hope was started by former residents of Ukraine that are now living in the United States and have been directly aiding hundreds of Ukraine refugees that are settling in the Portland/Vancouver area as well as sending care packages and food overseas. Many of the residents coming here are in need of supplies including clothing, hygiene products, and diapers. For more information on how you can help their efforts here and abroad, please contact Daniel Ostapenko at d.danielostapenko@gmail.com or at 360-910-5895 or on their website at <https://gvhope.org/>

Events/Announcements

- Blue Star Mothers have partnered with local and national paper crafting communities to help send care packages and medical supplies to the soldiers of Ukraine. For more information on how you can help or to learn more about their mission, please visit freeukraine2022.wordpress.com.
- Local members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., American Gold Star Mothers, Inc, and Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. have banded together to obtain a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument to be placed at Willamette National Cemetery. Currently Oregon is the only state that does not have one of these monuments. The monument will serve as a testimony and reminder to all families visiting Willamette National that their sacrifices are appreciated and remembered. For more information or to donate to their cause, please visit their website at <https://woodywilliams.org/monuments/portland-or.html>

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