

Community Military Appreciation Committee



*Serving SW Washington
and the surrounding region*

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About CMAC

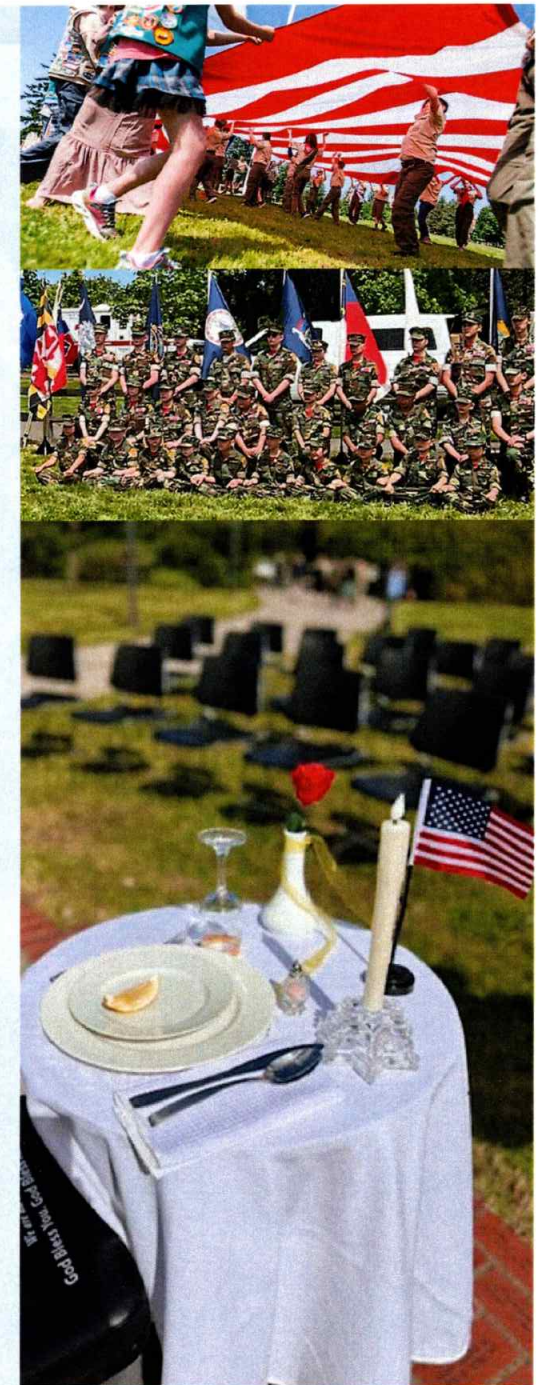
CMAC is a community-driven non-profit created in 2010 for the purpose of honoring, supporting and advocating for those who have served, or are serving, whether overseas or right here at home - protecting and serving community and country.

CMAC members are an all-inclusive cross-section of our region who believe in respectful engagement and collaborative problem-solving.

CMAC strives to honor our region's Gold Star Moms and Families, wherever and whenever most appropriate - to include scholarships and other assistance.

In partnership with public and private organizations, CMAC helps preserve and promote our region's proud and unique military history going back to the mid 1800's.

CMAC is sometimes called upon to lead or facilitate projects when no other agency has the staffing, budget or resources to move forward. We are fortunate to have private sponsors and donors who help with such collaborations.





CMAC Organized Events

- **Memorial Day Observance at Fort Vancouver:** a solemn tribute to honor the sacrifices of fallen service members.
- **Veterans Day Open House:** a gathering to celebrate veterans, fostering community connection and appreciation.
- **Our Community Salutes:** recognizing and honoring future military service members who have committed to serving in the military.
- **POW/MIA Recognition Day:** dedicated to remembering prisoners of war and those missing in action, ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten.
- **Patriot Day:** a remembrance event to honor those lost on September 11 and acknowledge first responders' sacrifices.

Other Community Events

CMAC has a strong commitment to community engagement, veteran support, and leadership development. In 2024, events that CMAC supported and advocated for include:

Veteran and Military Support

- Ten *Never to be Forgotten* ceremonies, and the *Rotary War Memorial Cleanup* and *Wreaths Across America* to honor fallen soldiers.
- The *Veterans Stand Down*, *WWII Humason Honor Flight*, and *Veterans Day Parade* in support of veterans.
- *Blue Star Mothers Care Packages* for deployed troops and the *USAREUR Soldiers' Chorus*.

Community Services and Celebrations

- The *Vietnamese TET Festival*, *Walk and Knock* food drive, and *Clark County Prayer Breakfast* community events.
- The *CCVAC Red, White, Blue Gala* and *40et8 Car Show* fundraisers

Leadership Development and Recognition

- *Gold Star College Scholarships*, *Nez Percé's Scholarship Fund*, and the *40et8 Student Nurse Appreciation Dinner* in support of students.
- *Clark College's Career & Resource Fair*, the *Military Academy's ROTC Night*, and the *CCVAC Hiring and Resource Fair*.
- The *Marshall Leadership Award* and the *Senior Heroes Awards* honoring community leaders.

Through these efforts and advocacy, CMAC is dedicated to fostering a sense of community, supporting veterans and military families, promoting leadership and community service.

Sponsors and Partners

We are an inclusive, diverse organization facilitating collaborative problem-solving across public and private sectors of our community. Membership is open to anyone; attend a meeting and you become a member of a dynamic team. No dues – just community engagement.

Our work would not be possible without our network of amazing sponsors, volunteers and service agencies.

Key Sponsors. Columbia Credit Union, Keller Foundation, Waste Connections, Adam Blackwell (Molecular Testing Labs), and other generous donors.

Valued Partners. Over 40 partners help carry out CMAC's mission. Agencies include 40et8, American Legion, Clark College, AMVETS, VFW, Blue Star Mothers, Combat Veterans International, Clark County Veterans Assistance Center, City of Vancouver, Clark County, Rotary Clubs, Boy Scouts, the National Park Service, The Historic Trust, Lewis and Clark Young Marines, Patriot Guard Riders, Buffalo Soldiers, Red Cross, Marine Corps League, Toastmasters, and many more.

Community Outreach Program. Our mission is powered by partnerships and we always welcome new organizations and volunteers to join us in making a difference.