

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of March 5, 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, Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety - Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle, Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Sarah Hannon (Excused) [12]

CMAC Members Present: Buck Marr (MOAA), Judy Starr (The Historic Trust), Dave Perez (Office of JHB, Leonard Mills (Elks), Bruce Maas (DAV), Bryan Stebbins (Senator Murrays Office), Andy Woodrow (JR AFROTC at Battleground), Tom Cates (PT Boat), Bob Day (PT Boat), Patrick Locke (40et8), Anthony Pena (CMAC), 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), [10]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes- Saturday April 24th, 2021 10:00am-12:00am, Fort Vancouver Artillery Barracks, 600 Hatheway Road, Vancouver, WA 98661.
- Memorial Day Ceremony TBA

CMAC 2020 40 et 8 and Zoom

Mar 19 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Apr 2 nd	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Apr 16 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary:

- March 5th was the first meeting that was held in person since March of 2020. All attendees adhered to helping the 40 et 8 be in compliance with Clark County Health's rules for in person gatherings. Thank you to Steven Stanley for helping ensure that everyone was checked into the meeting and for helping us keep in compliance with the guidelines. Thank you to Larry for streaming the meeting via his tablet so those that were attending via Zoom were able to be a part of the meeting. The March 19th meeting will also give members the option to attend in person or via zoom. We want our members to do what makes them feel comfortable and appreciate having each of you as part of our organization.

- Sean went over Our Community Salutes Agenda. There will be 4 different ceremonies to honor the students who will be entering the military this year. The event will take place at the Fort Vancouver Artillery Barracks. Larry Smith will be the MC and Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle will be the guest speaker. Additional details will be discussed at our March 19th regular meeting.
- Marlene is following up with Tracy Fortmann to discuss Memorial Day and will update us at our March 19th meeting. Larry shared at this time; Memorial Day attendees will most likely only consist of guest speakers with the ceremony being recorded. We will know more as the time goes on if the guidelines for holding large gatherings change.
- 4th of July at the Fort has been cancelled for 2021.
- Larry shared the Interim Director for the Trust at this time is Board Member Stacy Graham.
- Dan Sockle shared that the tentative date for the War Memorial Cleanup is May 22nd from 9-11am.
- Dan Sockle shared that Costco is no longer hosting Heroes Night. Unfortunately, they have had to eliminate their Marketing Departments across the nation and are unable to host the annual event. Dan shared that we are looking to continue the spirit of Heroes Night and we are looking to partner with other organizations to continue the annual tradition. At this time, there is not a set date as to when the event will take place. We will keep you updated as time goes on and if you know of any organizations that would like to partner with CMAC on this, please contact Dan Sockle at dsocket@gmail.com
- Mike Burton shared that the VA has a number of virtual classes available including Chai Tea. If you are interested and want to learn more about their offerings, please contact Megan at the VA at 503-273-5114.
- Mike Burton shared that the suicide rates are down, but there has been an increase in the calls to the hotline. This has been a difficult time for many and a good reminder to check in on our family, friends, and neighbors.
- Some of our members shared they were grateful for all the VA's help in ensuring that our Veterans received access to the vaccine and their work on helping keep our Veterans safe in their establishments this past year. If you would like to send a thank you note to them, you can do so by emailing Daniel Herrigstad at Daniel.Herrigstad@va.gov
- Bruce Maas and Sam Whitley shared that the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center is open weekdays from 9-4. You can call ahead to see if you need to have an appointment. Their number is (360) 693-7030.
- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle shared that if you would like to get access to the COVID vaccine, please contact her at mayor@cityofvancouver.us.
- Tom Cates and Bob Day with the PT Boat shared that Bill Weaver is their President and that they are extending an invite to 1st Responders and local heroes to come on a boat ride once we have gotten through the Pandemic.

Events/Announcements

- Veterans: At this time the VA is not authorized to give anyone the vaccine unless you are enrolled in the VA Healthcare System. If you are not enrolled, you can learn more about eligibility, requirements and forms you will need to apply by going to this link. https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/hbco/hbco_enrollment_eligibility.asp. The link to the application to apply is <https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/> or you can call them and apply over the phone at 877-222-8387.
- Sam Whitley shared about an email that we sent out a few weeks ago regarding upcoming 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

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place from February through November, please call 564-397-5700 or email zena_edwards@wsu.edu.

- Chelsea White with the American Red Cross shared they have an upcoming virtual Resilience Workshop helping military, veterans, and their families build resilience coming up on March 24th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. You can email cascadesSAFIS@redcross.org to register for the event.
- Bernadine Lee with the Blue Star Mothers shared that the USO at PDX Airport will be opening back up on March 1st and will be open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. They moved locations at the airport due to construction and will be located down to the left of the baggage area at the airport for at least the next 5 years.
- The 2021 Marshall Leadership Award applications for both adults and youth are open and due by March 25th. The virtual award ceremony will take place on April 27, 2021. If you know of someone you would like to nominate for either the youth leadership award or the adult leadership award, please visit The National Historic Trusts website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/marshall-awards/>

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