

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2021  
40 et 8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman – Mike Burton; Operations-Marlene Varga, Mike Morgan (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead , Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety (Excused) - Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle, Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson (Excused), Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Michelle Marra (Excused) [12]

CMAC Members Present: Ralph Walker (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Tom Barton (Radio Club), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Pat Spring (CMAC), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Patrick Locke (40et8), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home), Darvin Zimmerman (Veterans Court), John Adams (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), Tom Clute (CMAC), Stewart Bauer (VFW), Kimberly Elgon (LaCenter American Legion), David Moeglein (40 et8) John Treosti (Villages Clark County) [16]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day Ceremony-Saturday, September 11, 2021, Vancouver Waterfront-9am-in partnership with the City of Vancouver.
- Veterans Day Open House-November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021- directly following the Historic Trust Veterans Day Parade– Time TBD-Hudson Bay High School

CMAC 2021 40 et 8 and Zoom

July 9 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	VIA Zoom ONLY	8:30AM (Boxcar is being used that day)
Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Marlene Varga shared that they had a preliminary meeting for planning this year's Patriots Day was earlier this week with the City of Vancouver. This year's event will be marking the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 and will be held on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am at the Vancouver Waterfront. They are working on getting sponsors. Marlene is reaching out to New York to see if there are any police or fire that are available to be involved in our event. There will be an education aspect to help get more children involved including a children's art display along the waterfront. Mayor Anne confirmed that C-tran will be available to help assist with rides that day. Marlene is waiting on

confirmation on a few things. She will have updates and an agenda at our July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Dan Sockle shared that we are reviving the Heroes' Night in partnership with the 192<sup>nd</sup> Walmart. Looking at August 28<sup>th</sup> as the date of this year's event. There will be opportunities like in past years to have a table for your non-profit at the event. Dan will have more updates at our next meeting.
- Our Veterans Day Open house will be in a partnership with The Historic Trust and take place directly following the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Hudson Bay High School Commons area. We are looking to have the event look similar to our 2019 open house including booths with businesses that cater to our veteran community. This will be a day to celebrate our veterans and be open to the public. More updates will be at our next meeting.
- Mike Burton shared that he had a meeting with the Therapeutic Courts and they are looking for mentors to help work with veterans.
- Judge Darvin Zimmerman shared that the Cowlitz Tribe donated \$5000.00 to the Vancouver VFW to build a Pavilion at their location. It will be dedicated to honor the Gold Star Families.
- John Treosti with shared about the Villages Clark County Helping the Aging Stay in Their Own Homes and Connect to Community. They are a grassroots organization that works to provide community to our aging population including personal connections and volunteer services. To learn more about their organization or to volunteer to help, please email John at [infovillagescc@gmail.com](mailto:infovillagescc@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-574-5746. You can visit their website at: <https://villagesclarkcounty.org/>
- Anne McEnery-Ogle shared about some cooling centers that are going to be open this weekend.
- Anne Phillips with CLT at Home shared some summer health tips to avoid heat exhaustion for seniors. We will the handout to our meeting minutes and have it available on our website.
- Mike Burton shared this reminder: While we focus on our events to help bring people together, we are an organization of organizations, meeting to exchange information and appreciate everyone being here and helping.

## Events/Announcements

- 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](http://redcross.org/cascades). Email: [preparedness@redcross.org](mailto: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](mailto: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>.
- Senior Heroes Awards are being held on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Information about the event will be shared in our next meeting minutes.

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- Hoops for H.O.P.E is a 3-3 Basketball Event benefiting veterans and their families being held August 20-22, 2021 at the Vancouver Mall Parking Lot. This event is put on by H.O.P.E and there is opportunity for youth, adult, wheelchair, and elite teams to play. To register to participate or learn more about volunteering, sponsoring, or attending the event, please visit their website at [www.hopeforthegood.org](http://www.hopeforthegood.org) or phone at 360-644-7199.
- Tom Clute one of our CMAC members has a Coupon Book fundraising opportunity with a variety of coupons from local businesses. If you or your organization is interested, please contact Tom at 360-907-7233 or by email at [tomcluteconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:tomcluteconsulting@gmail.com)

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