

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of July 23, 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 (Excused), Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused) Supply/Website - Bill Hauser, Safety (Excused) - Roy Billings, 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, Michelle Marra [13]

CMAC Members Present: Ralph Walker (CMAC), Tom Barton (Radio Club), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Patrick Locke (40et8), Tom Cates (PT Boat), Curt Loop (AUSA), Frank Matlock (40et8), Ron Ostrander (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Chelsea White (Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI), Sarah Fox (VFW), Juanita Swineheart (CMAC), Carl Lingenfelter (40et8), Pat Spring [15]

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 6th, 2021- directly following the Historic Trust Veterans Day Parade– Time TBD-Hudson Bay High School

CMAC 2021 40 et 8 and Zoom

Aug 6th	VIA Zoom ONLY	8:30AM (Boxcar is being used that day)
Aug 20 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 3 rd	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 17 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 1 st	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 15 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Marlene Varga went over the Patriots Day Agenda. This year's event is in partnership with the City of Vancouver and is the 1st major event being held at the Vancouver Waterfront. Marlene is working closely with the City of Vancouver to plan the event. The PT Boat along with some Fire Boats will be out on the water during the event. Sarah Hannon has graciously stepped up to help Marlene plan the event and will be working on the sponsorship packets as well as working on bringing in an education piece for children. Marlene shared they are meeting with the planners of this event on Monday July 27th and will have an update at our next meeting on August 6th. Please email

Marlene if you are able to help with this year's event at marlenemvarga@gmail.com or Stephanie at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com.

- This year marks the 20th year of 9/11 and Mike Burton reminded us the importance of helping people remember this event. He stated the attack changed the culture of this country and we don't want anyone to forget. It is a great opportunity for CMAC and its members to share in the significance of this event by honoring all the people we lost. Please remember to invite everyone you know and help us in honoring those that gave their life on 9-11-2001.
- Larry shared this year's Veterans Day Open House will take place at Hudson Bay high School in the Commons area on Saturday, November 6th directly following the Veterans Day Parade. We will discuss more about this event at upcoming meetings.
- Larry shared Michelle Marra will be taking over Sarah's position on the Board representing The National Historic Trust. Michelle is the Director of Education for The National Historic Trust.
- Dan Sockle shared that this year's Heroes Night has been put on hold. He shared they are working with Marlene to add a few elements of Heroes Night to our Patriots Day Remembrance including honoring some of our local heroes as well as a possible flyby over the waterfront on 9/11.
- Sarah Fox updated us on some things that are going on with the City of Vancouver. She shared that if you have any questions on current projects, please let her know.
- At the end of the meeting, we celebrated Carl Lingenfelter's 102nd Birthday for those that were in attendance and via Zoom.

Events/Announcements

- The Societe de Femmes is holding a Rummage/Booksale Fundraiser on Friday August 6th from 9am-5pm and on Saturday August 7th from 9am to 4pm at the 40 et 8 Boxcar to supporting the 40 et 8 veteran programs. The address is 2809 NW 78th St Vancouver WA 98665
- Marlene shared that CVI is holding a raffle ticket fundraiser. They will be raffling off 2 different weapons or you can get a gift certificate from Sportsman Warehouse. Please contact Marlene at marlenemvarga@gmail.com if you are interested in purchasing tickets.
- 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.

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- 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> .
- AUSA Columbia River Chapter is hosting a Golf Tournament on August 6th in Woodburn, Oregon to support our soldiers.
- 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 or phone at 360-644-7199.

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