

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2021
40 et 8 and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman– Mike Burton (Excused); Operations-Marlene Varga (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused) Supply/Website - Bill Hauser (Excused)- Safety-Roy Billings, Outreach -Dan Sockle, Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused); Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham , Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Michelle Marra (Excused) [11]

CMAC Members Present: Tom Barton (Radio Club), Pat Spring (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Ron Ostrander (CMAC), Les Lomax (40et8), Jerry Keen (40et8), Amy VanCamp (Historic Trust), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Patrick Locke (40et8), Barbara Bannon (Red Cross), Dave Perez (JHB), Frank Falbee (40et8), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Curt Loop (AUSA), June Lasch (Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI), Stew Bauer (VFW) [18]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Jack Giesen
2. Prayer/Inspiration: Larry Smith

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Veterans Day Event-Thursday, November 11th, 11am-in front of the Vancouver Artillery Barracks. This will be an event in partnership with the National Historic Trust.
- Our Community Salutes-March 30, 2022-Skyview Highschool

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Oct 29 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Nov 12 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry shared the Veterans Day Parade has been cancelled this year.
- CMAC will partner with the National Historic Trust to put on a Veteran's Day Event in front of the Vancouver Artillery Barracks on Thursday, November 11th starting at 11am. The set up will be similar to our Memorial Day event and will include guest speaker Deputy Police Chief Troy Price. We are working on getting another guest speaker. The Trust will be in charge of the marketing. The tents and chairs have been ordered. We will have the flags on display.
The event will tie into the *Fighting for the Right to Fight* exhibit currently on display inside the Artillery Barracks. The Veterans Day Event will be open to the public and the exhibit will be free to everyone on Veterans Day. Jay Williams is coordinating the event. He will be meeting with his planning team and will have more updates at our next meeting on October 29th.

- Larry shared Amy VanCamp is the new events director for the National Historic Trust and will be in charge of helping with the Veterans Day Event along with Veterans Day Coordinator Jay Williams.
- Sean Gibson shared he is planning for next year's Our Community Salutes that will take place at Skyview Highschool on March 30th. Dave Daly will be the featured speaker. We will have continued updates at future meetings.
- Larry shared that Marlene is looking into putting together a Holiday event to thank our sponsors, volunteers, and members. We are looking into holding an event, but want to make sure that we can do so safely. More information will be shared at our next meeting.
- Sam Whitley shared the Clark County Advisory Board is looking for Wreaths Across America sponsors and volunteers to distribute them. If you are interested, please contact us and we can connect you with them.

Events/Announcements

- Vancouver Barracks Military Association is holding a "Vancouver USA Then and Now" 15-month Calendar Non-profit fundraiser. Cost is \$14.00. For more information. Please visit <https://www.vbma.us/index.html> or you can contact Jack Giesen at jlg84d@gmail.com
- The National Historic Trust is hosting the traveling exhibit, *fighting for the Right to Fight, African American Experience in WWII*. The exhibit will be held in the Artillery Barracks Meeting Room October 1, 2021-January 15, 2022. The address is 600 Hatheway Road, Vancouver WA. The Exhibit will include artifacts as well as individual war time stories. You can learn more about the exhibit by visiting <http://righttofightexhibit.org/home/> OR VISIT THE TRUST'S WEBSITE AT <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/fighting-for-the-right-to-fight/> . They are also looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Michelle at Michelle.Marra@thehistorictrust.org if you are able to help.
- 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.
- 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> .

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