

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2021  
VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman (Excused) – Mike Burton (Excused); Operations-Marlene Varga, Mike Morgan (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano (Excused) Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused) Supply/Website - Bill Hauser- Safety - Roy Billings, Outreach -Dan Sockle (Excused), Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson (Excused), Alex Patterson (Excused); Denise Bender (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley (Excused), Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Michelle Marra [10]

CMAC Members Present: Tom Barton (Radio Club), Bob Day (PT Boat), June Lasch (American Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI), Curt Loop (AUSA), [5]

Meeting called to order by Marlene Varga

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Marlene Varga
2. Prayer/Inspiration: Stephanie Collazo

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
- Our Community Salutes-March 30, 2022-Skyview Highschool

CMAC 2021 40 et 8 and Zoom

Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Marlene Varga reviewed the 9/11 Remembrance and thanked everyone for their help in making the event happen. Marlene shared Barry Gramor was very impressed with the event and would like to be involved in it again next year.
- Marlene shared she is backing down from doing events to dedicate more time to her family and work.
- Jay Williams shared we are looking for an alternative location to hold the Veterans Day Open house due to the school district not allowing those other than students and faculty to use the commons at Hudson Bay High School. Other locations were suggested. Jay will follow up and report back at our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Bob Day shared they were pleased with how the 9/11 Remembrance went with the PT Boat and releasing the doves.
- Bill Hauser shared all the photos from the 9/11 Remembrance are up on our website.

## Events/Announcements

- The Clark County Historical Museum (CCHM) has announced the launch of its membership drive on August 1st, 2021. **(Information below taken directly from their press release)**. For over 100 years, the Clark County Historical Society and Museum has worked to gather, save, and share the history of Clark County. For the entire month of August, you'll have an opportunity to make a lasting impact and invest in this important work. Membership in the organization will be used to create community-driven exhibits, engaging programs, such as historical walking tours and locally-focused talks, and save the stories and pieces of our community's history. The CCHM will also be asking community members to serve as History Ambassadors and help grow our membership. Weekly social media posts will update the public on this fun competition. To find out more about membership with CCHM, become a member, and learn more about being a History Ambassador please visit - <https://cchmuseum.org/membership/> . For more information, contact the museum at 360-993-5679 or [outreach@cchmuseum.org](mailto:outreach@cchmuseum.org)

The museum will also have a new Women's History Exhibit as well as its continued display of military relics and displays. For information on the full press release, please contact Stephanie at [cmac11.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cmac11.secretary@gmail.com)

- 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 and appointment, please visit [redcross.org/cascades](http://redcross.org/cascades). Email: [preparedness@redcross.org](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](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> .

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