

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2021
40 et 8 and VIA Zoom**

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

CMAC Members Present: Tom Barton (Radio Club), Hang Le (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Thanh Huyh (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Pat Spring (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Marine Cadets), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Ron Ostrander (CMAC), Jerry Keen (40et8), Patrick Locke (40et8), Barbara Bannon (Red Cross), Dave Perez (JHB), Curt Loop (AUSA), June Lasch (Red Cross), Richard McHugh (CVI), Stew Bauer (VFW), Ron Brandon (40et8) [16]

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. Address: 600 Hatheway Rd. Vancouver, WA. This will be an event in partnership with the National Historic Trust.

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

CMAC 2021 40 et 8 and Zoom

Nov 12 th	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Dec 3 rd	40 et 8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Jay went over the details of the Veterans Day Event that will take place on Thursday, November 11th starting at 11am and will include guest speakers Troy Price from the Vancouver Police, and Retired 1st Sergeant Michael Robertson as well as remarks from Mayor Anne. There will be musical performances by Fort Vancouver High School Band and military displays. The event will honor our Veterans as well as be an opportunity to visit 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.
- Larry thanked the Patriot Guard Riders for holding their Fallen Heroes Ceremonies this year.

- Larry shared that Mike Burton and Dan Sockle and himself have met with Mayor Anne to discuss being approached by the WDVA for a potential construction of a VA Home in SW Washington. They will keep us up to date on the progress and of future meetings with the State and how we can get the community involved in this project.
- Larry shared that Marlene is looking into putting together an event to thank our sponsors, volunteers, and members. We are looking into the dates and times to hold the event, but want to make sure that we can do so safely. More information will be shared at our next meeting.
- Larry shared the new pavilion is up at the VFW. Thank you to Patrick Locke for being the project manager and to Judge Zimmerman and all the volunteers for making it happen.
- Dan shared about The Clark County Resource Guide that lists resources for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Clark County. Stephanie will send out the PDF guide along with these meeting minutes.
- Curt Loop shared they are updating the email addresses for the military. Instead of using @mail.mil you will now use @army.mil.
- Curt Loop shared their AUSA 6th Regional conference will take place April 7-11th, 2022. Curt will share additional details at future meetings.

- We have added one more regular CMAC meeting for 2021. It will be held Friday, December 3rd at 8:30am both in person at the 40 et 8 Boxcar and online via Zoom.

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 and 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

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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> .

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