

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2022
40et8 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, Safety-Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle, Members at Large Present: Frazier Raymond (Excused), Sean Gibson, Alex Patterson (Excused); Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham (Excused), Ron Powers, Jay Williams (Excused), Michelle Marra (Excused), Sarah Nein, (Excused) [9]

CMAC Members Present: Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Bernadine Lee (Blue Star Mothers), Bill Crist (AUSA), Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), JoAnn Strickland (CMAC), Jerry Keen (40et8), Buck Marr (MOAA), Les Lomax (40et8), Rod Williams (MOAA), Curt Loop (AUSA), Pat Spring (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross) [14]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Jerry Keen
2. Prayer/Inspiration: Jerry Keen

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-March 30, 2022, 6:30pm, Skyview Highschool

CMAC 2022 40 et 8 and Zoom

Mar 11th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Mar 25th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Apr 8th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Apr 22nd 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Sean went over the details of Our Community Salutes. He will schedule a walk through prior to the event. Carl Lingenfelter will pass the U.S. Flags to the enlistees.
- Marlene will start working on Memorial Day Ceremony and will update us at future meetings. We are looking to have the event on the parade fields and be like our past events prior to covid.
- Dan shared Heroes Night will be June 11th at the Pearson Air Museum. Time will either be 3pm-7pm or 4pm-8pm. Dan will have a task list for the next CMAC meeting. Possibly looking at having a car show at Hudson Bay during the event. If you have any suggestions of a police, veteran, fire, healthcare, or teacher hero that you would like to honor, please email Dan at dsocket@gmail.com.
- Larry shared the new Historic Trust President is Michelle Reeves. Michelle will be coming to speak at CMAC in the future and will be working on projects at the Trust to honor our veterans.

- Larry shared the Marshall Awards are being held in April and if you would like to nominate a youth or public leader for the awards, please visit the National Historic Trust's website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/marshall-awards/>.
- Les Lomax shared the new flag poles have been completed at the 40et8.
- Larry shared we are looking to add more members to our organization who are looking to get involved in helping further our mission. He encouraged us to reach out to people you might know who are interested in joining us. We want to make sure that we continue the organization and its mission.

Events/Announcements

- The Veterans and First Responders Board of SWWA is holding a fundraiser for the families of Sgt. Jeremy Brown and Officer Donald Sahota on March 19, 2022 from 11am-9pm at Goldie's BBQ located at 15640 NE Fourth Plain Blvd Vancouver, WA 98682. Judge Darvin Zimmerman will be the Master of Ceremonies and there will be musical entertainment provided throughout the day.
- There is a Clark County Veteran's Hiring and Resource Fair taking place on Wednesday March 30th from 10am-1pm at the Armed Forces Reserve Center located at 15005 NE 65th, Vancouver, WA 98682. Job seekers can register for this event by calling or emailing Sonja Wood at 360-604-7320 or at Sonja.d.wood2.ctr@army.mil
- VA to Expand 3 Caregiving Programs by 2026. Email copied and sent from Mike Burton: As reported on January 25, by Aaron Kassraie for AARP, the VA has announced plans to expand three of its home- and community-based caregiving services to its 171 medical centers by the end of 2026. Services are expanding to areas with the highest unmet needs and will include the addition of 58 medical foster homes, 70 veteran-directed care programs, and 75 home-based primary care teams within these programs: Home-Based Primary Care; Medical Foster Home; and Veteran-Directed Care. https://www.va.gov/GERIATRICES/pages/Home_Based_Primary_Care.asp
- Dan Sockle shared about a sleep study the VA is conducting, called Improving sleep, sleep-related outcomes, and biomarkers in Veterans. The purpose of this research study is to learn about how receiving bright light or negative ions in the morning might affect sleep in Veterans of all ages. To determine if eligible: <https://octri.ohsu.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=EDAKYRNTF4>. Those interested can also contact OHSU/VA study team at 503-468-6002.
- 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)

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