

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2022
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Vice 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: Donal Singleton, Aaron Ochoa, Sean Gibson (Excused), Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, (Excused), Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham (Excused), Ron Powers , Jay Williams (Excused), Sarah Nein (Excused), Steven Stanley, Bryndl Rohan (Excused), Rod Williams (Excused), Paulette Fryar [11]

CMAC Members Present: Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Pat Spring (CMAC), Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), June Lasch (Red Cross), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Curt Loop (AUSA), Les Lomax (40et8), John Kaiser (Tenacity Outdoors), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Buck Marr (MOAA), Frank Falbee (40et8), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Scott Seal (British Veteran), Amanda Cowen (Columbian), Lauren Ellenbecker (Columbian), Ralph Walker (CMAC) [16]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
Prayer/Inspiration: Steven Stanley

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-TBA
- Memorial Day Ceremony May 29th, 2023, Fort Vancouver, 11am
- Heroes Night-June 24, 2023, Pearson Hangar, Time TBA
- Patriots Day Ceremony September 11, 2023, Vancouver Waterfront, 9am
- POW/MIA-September 15th, 2023, ARFC, 11am
- Veterans Day-November 11, 2023-Pearson Air Hangar-11am

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and Zoom

Jan 6 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Jan 20 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Feb 3 rd	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Feb 17 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Mar 3 rd	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Mar 17 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Apr 14 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Apr 28 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry shared the both the Open House and Veterans Day Parade went well and Teresa Wheeler was one of the announcers. Starting next year, the Veterans Day parade and Open House will be held on Veterans Day. The Open House will be held at the Pearson Hangar.
- Larry shared he went to two Veterans Day assemblies in the area and mentioned there was a low turnout of veterans and how we can work on getting the word out and helping increase attendance next year.
- Frank Falbee with the 40 et 8 presented CMAC with a check for the Gold Star fund from the Schwab Foundation. The check will be forwarded to the Gold Star Community Foundation.
- Lauren Ellenbecker with the Columbian shared about an upcoming article that will be published in the Columbian regarding Vancouver and Military Retirees. You can view the article here. <https://www.columbian.com/news/2022/nov/22/for-second-straight-year-its-official-vancouver-cares-for-its-vets/>
- John Kaiser with Tenacity Outdoors shared that he was able to sponsor 22 veterans last summer and thanked CMAC for our sponsorship. Larry shared that CMAC will be again sponsoring the Salmon for Soldiers project that will continue offering fishing trips for veterans.
- Larry shared the CMAC Steering Committee will meet in person on December 30th. We will have updates at our January meetings.
- Dan Sockle introduced Scott Seal, a British Veteran who shared about his experience in the British military and about his book he is currently writing about his father and WWII.
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Events/Announcements

- The Vietnamese Community of Clark County would like to extend a warm invitation to you and your families to attend their annual Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival, which is known in Vietnam as Tet festival.
The event will be on Saturday 1/28/2023 from 1PM-5PM at the Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School located at 2921 Falk Rd, Vancouver, WA 98661
- The Pacific Northwest Gold Star Scholarships are open. The scholarships are available to students who lost a parent that served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Global War on Terrorism (2001-present) and the student has lived in Clark, Skamania or Cowlitz County, WA or the deceased parent had once lived in one of those counties. Award amount: up to \$2500. The scholarship may be used in pursuit of post-secondary education at public or private nonprofit colleges, universities, or vocational schools in the United States. Recipients will be selected based on demonstrated financial need and academic or vocation potential. To apply, please visit: www.cfsww.org/how-we-grant/scholarships Deadline is: May 1, 2023. For any questions, please email deanna@cfsww.org
- The Veterans & 1st Responders Board of SW WA is helping fundraise for the Buffalo Soldiers. They are selling t-shirts with Moses Williams Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers information on them. For more information, please contact Darvin Zimmerman at 360-609-4947

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