

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2022
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Chairman – Larry Smith, Vice Chairman– Mike Burton; Operations-Marlene Varga, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Directors Present: Chaplain - James Mead (Excused) Supply/Website - Bill Hauser Safety-Roy Billings, Outreach -Dan Sockle, Members at Large Present: Donal Singleton (Excused), Aaron Ochoa (Excused), Sean Gibson, Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, Minh Pham, Ron Powers , Jay Williams, Sarah Nein (Excused), Steven Stanley, Bryndl Rohan (Excused), Rod Williams, Paulette Fryar (Excused) [16]

CMAC Members Present: Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Pat Spring (CMAC), Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), June Lasch (Red Cross), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Les Lomax (40et8), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Buck Marr (MOAA), Meghan Han (Red Cross), Darvin Zimmerman (Vets & 1st Responders Board), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Curt Loop (AUSA), Larry Clifton (40et8), Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Chuck Mally (CMAC), Emily Cram (CMAC), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), Lauren Andrus (Legion of Service), Myrna Leija (Veterans & 1st Responders Board), Bill Crist (AUSA), Ralph Walker (CMAC) [22]

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 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 CMAC Steering Committee met on December 30th and will be working on creating an organizational chart and will be looking at adding back up coordinators for our events. Larry shared the Steering Committee will meet again on January 27th and have meeting updates at the February 3rd meeting.
- Larry shared we had a great Holiday Social in December, and the pictures are posted on the website.
- Mike Burton presented an award on behalf of CMAC to Bill Hauser for all the work he does on helping keep our CMAC website updated and running.
- Sean Gibson shared he is waiting to hear back from Evergreen Schools to schedule a date to hold this year's Our Community Salutes.
- Larry shared the history of why we hold an annual Our Community Salutes. It is a national organization and decentralized to communities that want to recognize and honor the high school seniors who will be joining the Armed Forces after graduation. CMAC chooses to honor the students and let their parents know they have a community backing them with an annual ceremony held in the springtime at one of the local high schools.
- Stephanie shared Marlene has graciously stepped back into the role of Operations Director.
- Dan Sockle shared he will be putting in an order for CMAC polo shirts. If you are interested in ordering one, please contact him at dsocket@gmail.com.
- Dan Sockle shared the Marshall House is looking to expand volunteer tour guides. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan at dsocket@gmail.com.
- Dan gave updates on Heroes Night that will take place on June 24th at the Pearson Hangar and Tarmac. There will be a car show, music by the One-Eyed Kats, and food vendors. They put together a planning committee that will be meeting soon and he will have updates at our upcoming meetings.
- Dan shared he is working on getting guests for the Guest Speakers Bureau. If you are interested in sharing your story with local high school students, please reach out to Dan at dsocket@gmail.com.
- Jay Williams shared that he will be coordinating the POW/MIA Remembrance on the 3rd Friday of September. We will be revamping the event that will be held at the POW/MIA remembrance bench at the Armed Forces Reserve Center.
- Jay Williams shared Veterans Day Open house will be held in partnership with the Historic Trust and be held at the Pearson Hangar this year. As in past years it will be held to recognize our veterans.
- Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle shared city updates including possible land for veteran housing in the county and possible satellite training center near WSU for law enforcement. The county camera program has been funded and they are waiting for body and car camera systems to come, in. They are also actively looking for law enforcement recruits, and the Bridge project is on track for 2025. If you are interested in learning more information about these updates, please contact Mayor Anne at a.mcenery-ogle@cityofvancouver.us
- Larry shared Molecular Testing Labs a locally veteran owned business will be one of the new sponsors for the Marshall Awards.
- Darvin Zimmerman shared 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

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

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