

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2022  
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Board of Directors present: Chairman – Larry Smith, Vice Chairman– Mike Burton; Operations- Marlene Varga, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer –Bruce Evans (Excused) , Advocate-Rod Williams, Board Members, Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Samantha Whitley [6]

Advisory Council: present: Website-Bill Hauser Safety-Roy Billings, Richard McHugh (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle, Donal Singleton (Excused), Aaron Ochoa, Sean Gibson, Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams (Excused), Sarah Nein (Excused), Steven Stanley (Excused), Patrick Locke, Larry Clifton (Excused) [8]

CMAC Members at Large present: Anne McEnerny-Ogle (CMAC), Tony Johnson (Davidson Insurance), Terry Sharp (Buffalo Soldiers), Frazier Raymond (Buffalo Soldiers), Mike Stacey (Pure Kraze), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Anderson Debouis (CMAC), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), June Lasch (Red Cross), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Les Lomax (40et8), Amanda McCullum (1<sup>st</sup> Choice Advisory Services), David Moeglein (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Tennyson Long (CMAC), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Bob Day (PT Boat), Dianna Smith (Buffalo Soldiers), Ralph Walker (CMAC), [21]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of Inspiration: Ron Powers

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Skyview High School, 6pm
- Memorial Day Ceremony May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Fort Vancouver, 11am
- Heroes Night-June 24, 2023, Pearson Hangar, Time, 3pm-8pm
- Patriots Day Ceremony September 11, 2023, Vancouver Waterfront, 9am
- POW/MIA-September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, ARFC, 11am
- Veterans Day-November 11, 2023-Pearson Air Hangar-11am

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Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Apr 28<sup>th</sup> 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry presented Tony Johnson with Davidson Insurance a plaque for their support of CMAC in helping make a better community.
- Marlene went over updates on the CMAC Organizational Chart. We are still in the process of updating and adding to the chart. Marlene shared the Board of Directors will

include Chair-Larry Smith, Vice-Chair Mike Burton, Treasurer-Bruce Evans, Secretary-Stephanie Collazo, Operations-Marlene Varga, and Board Members, Teresa Wheeler, Rod Williams, and Samantha Whitley. Marlene shared the Advisory Council will consist of members of the organization with key roles as well as event managers. We have been in contact with some of the members to verify they want to keep their role and be on the Advisory Council. The Board of Directors will be meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> to go over the chart and have updates at our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Amanda McCullum will compile a list of senior center activities directors in the area so we can connect and bring in more of their residents to our CMAC meeting and events.
- Sean went over the Our Community Salutes draft agenda. All recruiters have been contacted.
- Dan Sockle went over some details about Heroes Night that will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pearson Hangar. Their next walkthrough will be March 8<sup>th</sup> and their monthly planning meeting will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Patrick Locke shared Cliff Taylor is working on a Death March Remembrance that will take place on March 26, 2023, from 6am to 6pm. They are looking for both participants and volunteers. Participants can Run, jog, or walk or crawl with their family or friends during the event. Please contact Cliff at [cliff.taylor527@yahoo.com](mailto:cliff.taylor527@yahoo.com)
- Patrick Locke shared the Annual 40et8 Labor Day Car Show will include a variety of vendors, and some big surprises coming. He will update us at future meetings.
- Brian Andrus with Legion of Service shared if you know anyone who needs a state or service flag replaced, please contact him at [brian@legionofservice.org](mailto:brian@legionofservice.org)
- Jack Giesen with VBMA shared they are starting up their Military History Talks. For more information and schedule, please visit <https://www.vbma.us/projectsTalks.html#2023%20talks>
- Megan Anderson with Clark College Veterans Center shared updates on her presentation for the 100 Men of Clark County. Megan shared the presentation will be focused on the need for help in childcare expenses for veteran students. She shared there are currently 200 veterans per term at Clark College and many of them are not only full-time students work full time but are also parents of young children with childcare expenses. Megan shared statistics of childcare costs and expenses. If we are awarded the money from the 100 Men of Clark County, it will go to create a stipend/grant to offset the costs of childcare for the veteran students.
- Mike shared he will be hosting a media panel to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War. It will be a two-part event to be held March 29<sup>th</sup> at Clark College starting at 11am in the PUB 161 room. At 12pm there will be a Witness Tree Dedication that all the public is invited to attend. Mike will have the coordinates of the tree at our next meeting.
- Judith Johnson from CCVAC shared they are putting together information for their newsletter for Veterans Day and if you have a veteran you would like to honor, please send their photo and bio to [ccvacmedia@ccvac.net](mailto:ccvacmedia@ccvac.net).
- Diana Smith with the Buffalo Soldiers shared Dru Holley's Buffalo Soldiers Documentary debuted in Portland recently and wanted thank everyone who contributed to the film.
- If you are interested in placing an order or a CMAC shirt or hat, please contact Dan Sockle at [dsocket@gmail.com](mailto:dsocket@gmail.com).

## Events/Announcements

- Red Cross is looking for volunteers to help installing free smoke detectors in homes in Longview Washington on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm for their Sound the Alarm Event. Kickoff and volunteer training will be at St. Helens Elementary School at 9am located at 431 27<sup>th</sup> ave, Longview WA 98632. If you are available to help, please contact Michael Drake at [Michael.drake@redcross.org](mailto:Michael.drake@redcross.org) or 360-768-7463
- CCVAC is holding a Hole in the Range Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Tri Mountain Golf Course starting at 9am. For more information or want to put a team together or sponsor the event, please visit <https://ccvac.net/>
- 2023 Oregon Women Veterans' Biennial Conference. The Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs will host the conference on 20-21 May 2023. It will be held at the Salem Convention Center. The coordinator of the conference is LTC Jessica Bradley, USMC (Ret). The theme of the conference is "Stronger Together - Voices of Service". Early focus will be on Outreach, sponsors, and speakers as the ODVA finalizes the agenda. The website is [wvc.oregondva.com](http://wvc.oregondva.com) or contact Jessica at: [jessica.bradley.odva.oregon.gov](mailto:jessica.bradley.odva.oregon.gov) (copied from an email from Bill Crist).
- The 42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Portland on July 4th to 9th, 2023. It is co-presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. It is anticipated that 650 to 700 athletes will attend the games from every state, Puerto Rico and England. The Games serve Veterans with Spinal Cord Injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Amputations, and other central neurological impairments with the goal to increase their independence, healthy activity and quality of life through wheelchair sports and recreation. There are 19 different events in which Veterans can choose to participate. It is anticipated it will take about 3,000 volunteers from the metropolitan community to host the event. If you know of organizations or individuals who could support the event, please contact either Shaun Benson at (503) 309-1980 or [shaun.benson@va.gov](mailto:shaun.benson@va.gov) or Tom Hurt at (503) 362-7998 or [exec.dir@oregonpva.org](mailto:exec.dir@oregonpva.org) (Copied from an email from Bill Crist).
- 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](http://www.cfsww.org/how-we-grant/scholarships) Deadline is: May 1, 2023. For any questions, please email [deanna@cfsww.org](mailto: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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