

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of September 30, 2022  
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Co-Chairman – Larry Smith, Co-Chairman– Mike Burton (Excused); 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, Aaron Ochoa (Excused), Sean Gibson, Elizabeth Johnston (Excused), Samantha Whitley, Teresa Wheeler, (Excused) Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams (Excused), Michelle Marra, Sarah Nein (Excused), Steven Stanley (Excused), Bryndl Rohan (Excused), Rod Williams, Paulette Fryar, [15]

CMAC Members Present: Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), Pat Spring (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Les Lomax (40et8), Glenn Fischer (VFW), Eli Gonzalez (Clark College), Amanda McCullum (1<sup>st</sup> Choice), Paul Harris (Representative District 17), Buck Marr (MOAA), Prashant Chand (Clark College), Donna Larson (Clark College), Temika Johnson (Clark College), Richard McHugh (CVI), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Sarah Fox (VFW), Ralph Walker (CMAC) [18]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith  
Pledge of Allegiance: Dan Sockle  
Prayer/Inspiration: Patrick Locke

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Veterans Day Open House, Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am, Artillery Barracks

CMAC 2022 40 et 8 and Zoom

Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Michelle Marra updated us on the Veterans Day Parade that will take place on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to some construction taking place at the Fort, the route has been changed a little and once it is finalized the information will be going to the parade participants. The reviewing area will be in front of the Marshall House. Marketing of the parade will start in October. Columbia Credit Union will be sponsor of both the parade and our Open House.
- Larry Smith shared our Veterans Day Open House will take place on the same day as the parade and will be held at the Artillery Barracks. Jay will update us on the planning of the Open House at our next regular CMAC meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Dan Sockle shared if you are interested in ordering a CMAC shirt or hat, please contact him at [dsockle@gmail.com](mailto:dsockle@gmail.com) and he will get you in on the next order.
- Sarah Fox shared updates on projects from the City of Vancouver. To learn more about their current projects, please visit <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/>

- Judith Johnson with CCVAC shared the Standdown was a success, and they will be sending out an email to their subscribers explaining all they did at the event and to thank everyone for helping make it a success.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Glenn Fischer with the VFW gave an update on the Wall that is being painted near the railroad tracks downtown. The project is almost completed and they are hoping to get it completed by last part of October and ready for Veterans Day.
- Ron Powers introduced Donna Larson who is the new Associate Director of the Veterans Center of Excellence at Clark College. Donna introduced her team and shared the fall term started on September 19<sup>th</sup> and they currently had 200 veterans signed up this year. She wanted to thank CMAC for the flag donations to help acknowledge the veterans we have lost to suicide. She also wanted to thank the Trust for the donations of pictures that are displayed on the wall at the resource center. She invited our members to visit and get a tour of the facility and learn more about what they do there.

### **Events/Announcements**

- Do you love to learn and share stories? The National Historic Trust is seeking volunteers to serve as docents/tour guides at the Marshall House on historic Officers Row and Providence Academy. If you are in volunteering, please contact Michelle at [Michelle.Marra@thehistorictrust.org](mailto:Michelle.Marra@thehistorictrust.org) or you can fill out an online volunteer form at complete a volunteer inquiry form: <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/volunteer/>
- The First Responders of SW WA is putting on a Dinner Concert to honor 1<sup>st</sup> Responders and the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 9pm at the Living Hope Church Living Hope Church, 2711 NE Andresen Road, Vancouver WA. Great entertainment throughout the evening. Ticket prices are online \$20 Individual and \$50 Family. At the door \$30 Individual and \$70 Family. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Veterans-First-Responders-Board-of-SW-WA/100080435926239/>
- Buffalo Soldiers Fighting on Two Fronts documentary has some local screenings coming up. Director Dru Holley will be at the screenings as well and wanted to thank those that helped bring this project to life. The following screenings can be seen here. **Portland Premiere** Monday, October 17 at 10:00pm at Oregon Shore Crab Theatre [[Link](#)] **Second Screening.** Sunday, October 23 at 12:15pm at Red Rock Crab Theatre [[Link](#)] **Astoria Premiere** Saturday, October 22 at 1:30pm at the Liberty Theatre [[Link](#)]

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