

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of January 20, 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), Board Members, Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Sam Whitley (Excused), and Rod Williams, Bill Hauser Safety-Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle (Excused), Donal Singleton, Aaron Ochoa (Excused), Sean Gibson, Minh Pham (Excused), Ron Powers, Jay Williams, Sarah Nein (Excused), Steven Stanley (Excused), Bryndl Rohan (Excused), Paulette Fryar [11]

CMAC Members at Large present: Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Pat Spring (CMAC), Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), June Lasch (Red Cross), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Buck Marr (MOAA), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Darvin Zimmerman (Vets & 1st Responders Board), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Curt Loop (AUSA), Larry Clifton (40et8), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), Richard McHugh (CVI), Mike Morgan (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Myrna Leija (Veterans & 1st Responders Board), [16]

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

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes-May 24th, 2023, Skyview High School, 6pm
- 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

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 Smith shared that he is a member of the 100 Men of Clark County and CMAC has been nominated as one of the 3 non-profits who is eligible to receive a donation. We will

be putting together a 5-minute presentation to present to 100 Men of Clark County in April at the Heathman lodge about CMAC and what we would use the money for. Their members then vote on the presentations and decide who will get the money. The runner ups automatically receive \$1000.00. Three years ago, we were also nominated and won and used the money to help provide backpacks to service members children in Clark County.

- Larry Smith shared he belongs to the Commission on Aging in Clark County and shared that two of the things they are focusing on is helping seniors who are experiencing isolation and working on creating programs that engage area seniors. He encouraged members if you have senior neighbors to reach out to them during this time.
- Larry Smith reminded members that we are an organization of organizations and a patriot organization. We will be working on putting together a directory as well.
- Sean Gibson shared he is waiting to hear back from the Vancouver school district with regards to the availability to hold Our Community Salutes. Update since last meeting: Our Community Salutes will be held on May 24th at Skyview High School.
- Marlene shared she will be meeting with Larry Clifton and Aaron Ochoa next week to go over details of Memorial Day. Bill Hauser has reserved the tents from Clark Public Utilities for Memorial Day.
- Ron Powers shared Heroes Night will take place at the Pearson Hangar on June 24th to honor veterans, 1st responders, front line workers, and teachers. If you are interested in having a table at the event, please contact Dan Sockle at dsockle@gmail.com or Ron Powers at jrpfamily@aol.com. Ron shared the Heroes Night planning committee will be meeting on the 3rd or 4th Friday of the month to plan the event.
- Jay Williams shared the Veterans Day Open House will take place at the Pearson Hangar on November 11th.
- Larry Smith shared Stephanie and Marlene will be working on updating CMAC's Organizational Chart and we will have some updates at our February 3rd meeting.
- Larry Smith shared the Marshall Awards nominations are open and nomination are due February 17th, 2023. If you know someone in your community who you would like to nominate for the Adult and/ or Youth Leadership awards, please visit <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/marshall-awards/>
- Mike Morgan shared he currently has two sons in active duty and when he retired, he wanted to do something in the community to help veterans. He is currently working with a retirement center focusing on serving veterans through a residential program. He is working on establishing services for veterans from Portland to Astoria and let members know that if you know a veteran that needs help advocating for themselves, please reach out to him at michael.morgan@virtuerc.com.
- Dave Casteel with MOAA shared they held a reception recently to meet area legislators and learn about current bills. He will be meeting next week with the new Congresswoman.
- Judith Johnson with CCVAC shared they are working on putting together a Women's Symposium and will have more information at upcoming meetings.
- Larry Clifton shared Ko Taketazu's Eagle Scout Project has been completed and he is now an Eagle Scout. We will have him back at a future meeting to give us an update.

'Like us on Facebook'

- CCVAC is holding a Hole in the Range Golf Tournament Fundraiser on June 6th at Tri Mountain Golf Course starting at 9am. For more information or to sign up, please visit <https://ccvac.net/>
- 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

Like us' on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CommunityMilitaryAppreciationCommittee/
Or visit us at our website at www.cmac11.com

If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:
Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, at CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com

CMAC Mailing Address

O.O. Howard House
750 Andresen St. Suite C
Vancouver, WA 98660