

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

Board of Directors present: Chairman – Larry Smith, Vice Chairman– Mike Burton; Operations- Marlene Varga (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer –Bruce Evans, Board Members, Teresa Wheeler, Sam Whitley, and Rod Williams, Bill Hauser Safety-Roy Billings (Excused), Outreach -Dan Sockle, Donal Singleton, Aaron Ochoa, Sean Gibson, Minh Pham, Ron Powers, Jay Williams (Excused), Sarah Nein (Excused), Steven Stanley, Bryndl Rohan (Excused), Paulette Fryar (Excused) [13]

CMAC Members at Large present: Michael Langedorf (CMAC), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Pat Spring (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Patrick Locke (40et8), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Les Lomax (40et8), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Curt Loop (AUSA), Larry Clifton (40et8), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), Lauren Andrus (Legion of Service), Dianna Smith (Buffalo Soldiers), Ron Brandon (CMAC), Bill Crist (AUSA). Larry Hoff (18th District), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Darvin Zimmerman (Veterans & 1st Responders Board), [20]

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

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, 3pm-8pm
- 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

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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

- Sean went over the Our Community Salutes draft agenda. He is following up with recruiters and will have updates at our March 3rd meeting.
- Larry Smith is working with area senior centers to coordinate transportation for their veteran residents to attend Our Community Salutes as well as our other events throughout the year.

- Larry Clifton met with Marlene Varga to go over Memorial Day details and will have updates at our next meeting.
- Dan Sockle went over some details about Heroes Night that will take place on June 24th at the Pearson Hangar. Dan and Ron Powers did a walkthrough last week with Aaron from The Parks Service. Dan will get in touch with the City of Vancouver to see about having 5th street blocked off for the event to hold the car show as well as vendors and food carts. They are reaching out in the community to find WWII Veterans to honor for the Carl Lingenfelter Greatest Generation Award.
- Megan Anderson with Clark College Veterans Center will present on behalf of CMAC for the 100 Men of Clark County non-profit nomination to receive a contribution from their organization. Megan shared the presentation will be focused on providing childcare resources for veteran students who have young children that are enrolled at Clark College. Megan shared the presentation will be done by March 17th and the 100 Men of Clark County will vote by April 13th.
- Mike shared he will be hosting a media panel to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. It will be held March 29th at Clark College starting at 11am. He will have more information at our March 3rd meeting.
- Dan shared he will be putting in another order for CMAC shirts and hats soon. If you are interested in purchasing them, please let Dan know at dsocket@gmail.com.
- Patrick Locke shared he is chairing the 40et8 Car Show that will be held on Labor Day of this year, and they are looking to raise the level of awareness of what they do in the community.
- Larry shared Marlene Varga is working on our organizational chart and will have updates at our next meeting.

Events/Announcements

- Red Cross is looking for volunteers to help installing free smoke detectors in homes in Longview Washington on Saturday, March 18th 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 27th ave, Longview WA 98632. If you are available to help, please contact Michael Drake at Michael.drake@redcross.org or 360-768-7463
- 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/>
- 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 or contact Jessica at: 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

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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 or Tom Hurt at (503) 362-7998 or 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 Deadline is: May 1, 2023. For any questions, please email deanna@cfsww.org

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