

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2022
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

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

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

CMAC Members at Large present: Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), June Lasch (Red Cross), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Pat Spring (CMAC), Les Lomax (40et8), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Sarah Fox (VFW), Ralph Walker (CMAC), [10]

Meeting called to order by Mike Burton

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of Inspiration: Mike Burton

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Vietnam Veterans Day, March 29th, Clark College, 11am Media Panel in PUB 161. 12pm Witness Tree Dedication and Commemoration Pin Ceremony-Outside-See tents

- 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 31st 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Apr 14th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Apr 28th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry Clifton went over a Memorial Day Ceremony draft agenda and asked for status updates from those who are helping put on the event.

- Sean Gibson went over the OCS agenda.

- Dan Sockle went over some details about Heroes Night that will take place on June 24th at the Pearson Hangar. He shared the city has been contacted to look into closing 5th street down for the event and to make room for the car show, a beer garden, and food carts to be included in the event taking place inside the hangar. The planning committee will meet again on March 22nd and Dan will have more updates at the next CMAC meeting.
- Mike Burton discussed what would an event look like if we were to create an event for Flag Day. We will discuss this at future meetings.
- Mike Burton thanked Brian Andrus with Legion of Service for helping replace the flag at the Marshall House. Brian shared that he is passionate about helping people who need replacement flags that have been worn out or are in need of retiring. If you or an organization you know of needs a new flag, please reach out to Brian at brian@legionofservice.org.
- Jay Williams shared he has sent a request to the National Parks Services to reserve the Pearson Hangar for our Veterans Day Event.
- Mike shared we will be hosting a Vietnam Veterans Day Event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and honor those who served during the Vietnam Era (from 1955-1975). This is a two-part event to be held March 29th at Clark College starting with a Panel Discussion at 11am in the PUB 161 room Panel Discussion where you can listen to stories from those who lived through this profound time in history and honor those Vietnam Era Veterans who served our country. Then at 12pm there will be a Witness Tree Dedication and Commemoration Pin Ceremony and all the public is invited to attend. There will be tents and signs outside indicating where the tree is that will be dedicated.
- Stephanie went over the draft version of the Organizational chart and shared updates including Rod Williams who will fill the position of Advocate on the Board of Directors. She went over the roles the Advisory Council will play within the organization, which is to provide strategic direction, offer advice on decisions that will be brought to the Board of Directors for a vote and help CMAC stay in alignment with our mission and values. If you are interested in filing a role on the Advisory Council, please contact Stephanie at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com.
- Sarah Fox with the City of Vancouver shared updates on the things happening within the city. A Joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting will take place on Monday, March 20 from 4pm-6pm to discuss updating the city's 20-year comprehensive plan at City Hall. You can find out more information by going to this link <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/plan2045> . Also, there will be a Community Forum on Monday, March 27 at 6:30pm at Firstenberg Center. And below is a link to find out more about Be Heard Vancouver and what is top of mind of the city staff. You can also add it as an app for phones. www.beheardvancouver.org More information on the Main Street Promise <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/mainstreetpromise> and the Fourth Plain Forward <https://www.beheardvancouver.org/fpfa> .

Events/Announcements

- If you are interested in placing an order or a CMAC shirt or hat, please contact Dan Sockle at dsocket@gmail.com.

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- The AFJROTC cadets are conducting a Bataan March of remembrance at Lewisville Park near Battle Ground on Saturday, 15 April, if anyone is interested in joining them, please contact Andrew Woodrow at woodrow.andrew@battlegroundps.org.
- The Historic Trust is holding their Spring Tea at the Marshall House on May 6, 2023, at either 11am or 2pm. They have partnered with Dandelion Teahouse and Apothecary to share in the history of tea that has been enjoyed for centuries. To book your reservation, please visit https://thehistorictrust.rezdy.com/550302/spring-tea-at-the-marshall-house?_gl=1*1cbx2j6*_ga*MjEzMTAwMTA4Mi4xNjY0MjE2Njkx*_ga_J7SXS0R0D6*MTY3NzY4NzIwNS4yMC4xLjE2Nzc3MDAxNzYuMTEuMC4w&blm_aid=26804
- 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).
- 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 want to put a team together or sponsor the event, please visit <https://ccvac.net/>
- 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 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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If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:
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