

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2022
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Board of Directors present: Chairman – Larry Smith, Vice Chairman– Mike Burton; Director of Operations-Marlene Varga (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Members- Teresa Wheeler, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, Samantha Whitley [8]

CMAC Members present: Bill Hauser (CMAC), Amanda McCullum (1st Choice Advisory), Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Tony Sprague (Office of Marie Gluesenkamp Perez), David Moeglein (CMAC), Sean Gibson (CMAC), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ron Powers (Clark College), Jay Williams (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Patrick Locke (40et8), Larry Clifton (40et8), 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), Buck Marr (MOAA), Richard McHugh (CVI), Curt Loop (AUSA), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Ralph Walker, Darvin Zimmerman (1st Responders Board), [27]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
Words of Inspiration: Donal Singleton

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-7pm
- 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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Apr 14th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Apr 28th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
May 12th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
May 26th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
June 9th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
June 23rd 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Mike Burton thanked everyone who helped on the Vietnam Veterans Day event on March 29th at Clark College. There was a good turnout at both the panel discussion and outdoors at the Witness Tree dedication. He also shared the reason CMAC exists to recognize important events like this one and to bring the community together.

- Larry Smith went over the OCS Agenda. There have been no updates since the last meeting.
- Larry Clifton went over a Memorial Day Ceremony draft agenda and asked for status updates from those who are helping put on the event.
- Dan Sockle went over details about Heroes Night that will take place on June 24th at the Pearson Hangar from 3pm-7pm. A portion of 5th street will be closed down to accommodate the car show along with a beer garden, food carts, and vendors. The next Heroes Night Planning meeting will be April 19th. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee, please reach out to Dan Sockle at dsockle@gmail.com.
- Megan Anderson with Clark College Veterans Resource Center shared a 90 second video she submitted to the 100 Men of Clark County about her upcoming presentation she will be presenting on at their April meeting. CMAC was nominated as one of the three non-profits to be competing for their quarterly donation and if CMAC wins, the funds will be used to create stipends to offset childcare costs for veteran students at Clark College.
- Tom Barton shared if you know someone who owns a horse that could be used by the Buffalo Soldiers for events, please let Donal Singleton know at pdksingle@gmail.com.
- Stephanie went over a draft of the organizational chart we are currently working on. The Board of Directors will have a meeting on Friday, April 7th to review the chart and make necessary changes and share updates at the next regular CMAC meeting.
- Larry Smith and Amanda McCullum will work together to coordinate with area senior centers to arrange transportation so their veteran residents can attend our events throughout the year.

Events/Announcements

- If you are interested in placing an order or a CMAC shirt or hat, please contact Dan Sockle at dsockle@gmail.com.
- CCVAC, in collaboration with the Washington State National Guard, is holding a Hiring Event and Job Fair on April 19, 2023, at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Vancouver. This event is only open to Veterans from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and then opens to everyone from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information, please visit <http://cmac11.com/event/16663/>
- Chief Redheart Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10am-12pm at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site located at 612 E. Reserve St. For more information, please visit <https://www.cityofvancouver.us/parksrecculture/page/nez-perce-chief-redheart-memorial>
- 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

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(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/>
- CCVAC is putting together information for their newsletter for Veterans Day. If you have a veteran you would like to honor, please send their photo and bio to ccvacmedia@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).
- 40et8 Annual Labor Day Car show will take place on Monday September 4, 2023 at the 40et8. There will be music, food, and fun. More information will be shared as the event date gets closer.
- CCVAC is hosting their annual Stand Down to take place on September 29th. We will have updates as the event gets closer.
- 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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