

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2023
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Board of Directors present: Chairman – Larry Smith, Vice Chairman– Mike Burton; Director of Operations (Excused)-Marlene Varga, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer – Bruce Evans, Board Members- Teresa Wheeler, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, Samantha Whitley (Excused) [7]

CMAC Members present: Scott Seal (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Steven Hamaser (CMAC), Sean Douglas (City of Vancouver), Jay Williams (CMAC), Bob Day (PT Boat), Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Bill Crist (AUSA), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), John Toll (UOFP), David Moeglein (CMAC), Sean Gibson (CMAC), Tony Sprague (Office of Marie Gluesenkamp Perez), Sean Gibson (CMAC), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ron Powers (Clark College), Jay Williams (CMAC), 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), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Buck Marr (MOAA), Curt Loop (AUSA), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Ralph Walker,) [32]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Megan Anderson

Words of Inspiration: Dan Sockle

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 28 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
May 12 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
May 26 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
June 9 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
June 23 rd	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Sean Gibson went over the OCS agenda.
- Larry Clifton went over a Memorial Day Ceremony draft agenda. Larry Smith shared Waste Connections will be the principal sponsor for Memorial Day and has graciously sponsored this event for the past 10 years.

- Dan Sockle went over details about Heroes Night that will take place on June 24th at the Pearson Hangar from 3pm-7pm. Sean Douglas updated he is working on the permits. The next planning meeting will be April 19th. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee or would like to have a table at the event, please reach out to Dan Sockle at dsocket@gmail.com.
- Megan Anderson with Clark College Veterans Resource Center shared while we did not win the 100 Men of Clark County it was a great opportunity to bring awareness to the need of childcare for our veteran students. Larry shared for participating in the presentation, we will be given \$1000.00 that will go towards future childcare stipends.
- John Toll with University of Portland spoke about why he appreciates CMAC and the work we do in the community. He is hoping to model what CMAC is doing across the river. He thanked CMAC for connecting him with Lieutenant General (LTG) Xavier T. Brunson who is the Commanding General of I Corps and JBLM who will be visiting the area on May 5th to thank Veterans, community leaders, and educators for their support of the Army mission as well as promoting Veterans as value added to our community. CMAC will hold a reception for the Commander on Friday May 5th from 3pm to 5pm at the Red Cross Building. This event is open to CMAC members and will include light refreshments. The dress is casual and will include comments by Mayor Anne, Temple Lentz with the Historic Trust as well as John Toll. And then on May 6th he will join the University of Portland for their Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony.
- Marlene went over the organizational chart that is a work in progress. The goal of the chart is to help promote CMAC and all the work our members do in the community. We want to make sure that it aligns with our by-laws and creates a roadmap for continuing the organization in the future. The Board of Directors will meet again on May 4th to work on finalizing the chart and have updates for the members at the May 12th meeting.
- Marlene shared that Richard McHugh and Andrew Plassmeyer will be the event managers for the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony in September.

Events/Announcements

- 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/>
- 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 Radio Club is holding their Annual Field Day on June 24th at SHE from 12pm-4pm.
- The 42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games will be held in Portland from 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

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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 nineteen 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 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 vocational 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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