

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2023
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

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

CMAC Members present: Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Bill Crist (AUSA), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), John Toll (UOFP ROTC), Sean Gibson (CMAC), Ron Powers (Clark College), Patrick Locke (40et8), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), June Lasch (Red Cross), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Jeff Davis (VBMA), Jack Giesen (VBMA), Tom Clute (CMAC), Paulette Frayer (CMAC), Brad Richardson (CCHMuseum), Shaun Benson (VA), Ashley Tulis (Clark College), John Posey (Patriot Guard Riders), Myrna Leija (1st Responders Board), Larry Hoff (State Rep. District 18), Jeff McAleer (VA), Pat Spring (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Curt Loop (AUSA), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Ralph Walker), Zackery Monzon (Clark College), Tristan Fleming (Clark College), Bill Hauser (CMAC), Ron Brandon (Point Man Ministries), Richard McHugh (CVI) [33]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of 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, 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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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
July 7th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
July 21st 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry Smith shared the Marshall Leadership Awards were held last week. They had the biggest turnout this year with over 30 participants. The adult leadership award went to Joshua Jones and Angela Cruz Paredes won the youth award.
- Sean Gibson went over the Our Community Salutes agenda that will take place on May 24th from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Skyview High School. There will be a ceremony in the auditorium starting at 6:30pm to honor the high school students going into the military with a reception following out in the commons area. Speakers will include Dr. Jeff Snell, VPS Superintendent, Clark County Council Gary Medvigy, Vancouver City Council, Sarah Fox, and Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle. Sean encouraged members to share the OCS flyer with their organizations and invite them to attend to honor the graduating high school seniors and show our support to them and their families.
- Larry Smith shared our Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Monday, May 29th at Fort Vancouver starting at 11am. The keynote speaker will be Congresswoman Perez. There will be a reception at the Marshall House before the event starts. We will have an event agenda together at our next meeting.
- Ron Powers shared Heroes Night will take place on June 24th at the Pearson Hangar and 5th Street from 3pm-7pm. There will be a car show, food vendors, and be a day in the park. If your organization is interested in having a table at the event, please contact Dan Sockle at dsockle@gmail.com.
- Larry Smith shared 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 with the University of Portland ROTC.

Guest Speakers

- Shaun Benson and Jeff McAleer with the VA shared about the upcoming 42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games that 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 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 would be interested in volunteering, 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. I will attach the power point presentation to the minutes that shares more about the event and volunteers needed and the link where you can sign up to volunteer.
- Jeff Davis with Vancouver Barracks and Brad Richardson with Clark County Historical Museum shared about a project they are working on to digitalize historical military records from Rufus Ingalls, a Quartermaster who was stationed at the barracks during the 1800's. The Museum will be donating full service of the lab and Jeff and Brad will be

donating their time to complete the project, but there is still a cost associated with completing the project including scanning all the images and documents and creating a meta data so the digitized document can be seen worldwide. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Brad Richardson at director@cchmuseum.org.

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 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.

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If you would like to add your event to our Calendar of events, please email:
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