

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2023
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton; Director of Operations -Marlene Varga (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer -Bruce Evans (Excused), Board Members- Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, Samantha Whitley (Excused) [5]

Members at Large present: Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Ron Powers (Clark College), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Les Lomax (40et8), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Amanda McCullum (1st Choice Advisory Services), Sande Lomas (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Pat Spring (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Jay Williams (CMAC), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Ron Brandon (Point Man Ministries) [15]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of Inspiration: Ron Brandon

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day Ceremony September 11, 2023, Front of Vancouver City Hall, 9am
- POW/MIA-September 15th, 2023, Armed Forces Reserve Center, 11am
- Veterans Day-November 11, 2023-Pearson Air Hangar-11am

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and Zoom.

Aug 18th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 1 st	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 15 th	40et8 ad Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 29 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 13 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 27 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Nov 10 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry Smith shared the Patriots Day Ceremony will take place in front of the Vancouver City Hall on 9/11 starting at 9am. This event is in partnership with the City of Vancouver. We will have updates at our next CMAC regular meeting.
- Larry shared the POW/MIA Remembrance will be on Friday, September 15th at the Armed Forces Reserve Center starting at 11am. We will have updates at our next meeting.
- Larry shared the Veterans Day Open House will take place immediately following the Veterans Day Parade and will take place at Pearson Hangar. We will continue to have updates as the event date gets closer.

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- Dan Sockle shared that Vet Tix offers provides tickets for veterans to events. You can learn more about them at <https://www.vettix.org/>.
- Megan Anderson with the Clark College Veterans Resource Center shared they are working on getting the traveling display The Eyes of Freedom at the college. The display is a painting and sculpture and a traveling memorial dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of all who answer our Nation's call. She shared that they have put in their application to host the display sometime in November in conjunction with their upcoming Job Fair. You can learn more about The Eyes of Freedom by visiting <https://www.limacompanymemorial.org/silent-battle> .

Events/Announcements

- Mike Burton wanted to remind members that there is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits. For more information on eligibility or where you can file a claim, please visit <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>
- The Blue Star Mothers of Oregon just helped the 142nd Airborne Div.at PANG with 64 care packages in July and have another 55-65 to do for their own group. They would appreciate any help with getting the word out. If you are interested in donating or would like more information, please visit their website at <https://bluestarmothersoforegon.org/> .
- The 40et8 Annual Labor Day Car show will take place on Monday September 4, 2023, at 2809 NE 78th Street Vancouver, WA 98665. There will be music, food, and fun. For more information, please visit <http://www.voiture-99.com/event/40et8-annual-labor-day-car-show/>
- CCVAC 2023 Standdown will be held on September 29th from 9am-2pm at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. The Humane Society will be there to help pets of veterans. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation, or get more information about the event, please visit <https://ccvac.net/stand-down/> .
- Clark College is hosting a Job Fair November 7th from 10am-2pm at Gaiser Hall.
- CCVAC is putting together a special Veterans Day Email to honor our heroes. If you have a veteran that you would like to be recognized in the email, please send photos and a bio to Judith Johnson at ccvacmedia@ccvac.net.

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