

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of April 28, 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, Board Members- Teresa Wheeler (Excused), Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, Samantha Whitley [7]

Members at Large present: Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), 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), Pat Spring (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Curt Loop (AUSA), Jay Williams (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC) Larry Clifton (40et8), Rey Reynolds (CMAC), Kathryn Reynolds (CMAC), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Tony Sprague (Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez), Lauri Logerquist (VFW), Bill Tatum (VFW), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Dianna Smith (AUSA), Bill Crist (AUSA), Bill Hauser (CMAC), Ron Brandon (Point Man Ministries) [24]

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, ARFC, 11am
- Veterans Day-November 11, 2023-Pearson Air Hangar-11am

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and Zoom.

Aug 4th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
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

- Mike Burton shared that CMAC was awarded a non-profit award at the Senior Heroes Award Luncheon on July 12th. Teresa Wheeler nominated CMAC for the award that was presented at the luncheon.
- Larry Smith thanked CMAC members for helping volunteer at the FISH Pantry.
- Larry Smith announced Colonel Turner will be the Reviewing Officer for the Veterans Day Parade this year.

- Larry Smith and Mike Burton presented Rey Reynolds a plaque recognizing Rey's singing contribution to CMAC events over the years.
- Larry Smith shared Sean Douglas with the City of Vancouver and Sarah Hannon with CMAC will be working together to plan and execute this years Patriots Day Event that will be held in front of the Vancouver City Hall on, September 11th at 9am. They will have more updates at the next meeting.
- Larry Smith shared the POW/MIA Remembrance will be at the ARFC on Friday, September 15th and will be coordinated by Richard McHugh with CMAC and Andrew Plassmeyer with the Armed Forces Reserve Center.
- Larry Smith shared Sean Gibson has stepped down as the Event Manager for Our Community Salutes as well as the Gold Star Scholarship liaison. Rod Williams will step into his position. Sean will mentor Rod in the new positions.
- Larry and Mike expressed their concerns about the need for more CMAC members to continue the organization in the future. Larry encouraged members to reach out to people who might be interested in joining CMAC. Dan Sockle has CMAC brochures that we can get you that you can share with people.
- Mike Burton discussed going over the criteria for the Gold Star Scholarships and expanding eligibility. We will discuss this more at our CMAC Board meeting on August 11th.
- Mike Burton shared about Team Rubicon of Oregon that does special projects for disabled veterans. He shared that him and Larry will be meeting with Team Rubicon on August 10th at the O.O. Howard House to learn more about their mission and how CMAC can collaborate with them.
- Donal Singleton with the Buffalo Soldiers thanked Darvin Zimmerman for helping with the Buffalo Soldiers organization.

Events/Announcements

- Mike Burton wanted to remind members that there is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits. But if you file your PACT Act claim or quickly submit your intent to file by August 9, 2023, you may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022.
- The 2023 AUSA Columbia River Chapter Charity Golf Tournament will be, Friday, August 4th, 2023, at the OGA Golf Course located at 2850 Hazelnut Dr. Woodburn, Oregon starting at 8:30am. The proceeds support the Veteran's Homes in the area, along with soldiers, veterans, and military families. They are looking for golfers, hole sponsorships, and silent auction items. For more information about the fundraiser or to register, please email artashton2@comcast.net or call 360-901-2350.
- 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/>

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- CCVAC 2023 Standdown will be held on September 29th from 9am-2pm at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation, or get more information about the event, please visit <https://ccvac.net/stand-down/> .
- 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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Or visit us at our website at www.cmac11.com

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