

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of October 27, 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: Patrick Locke (40et8), Curt Loop (CMAC), Ron Powers (Clark College), Mindy Wilkins (The Historic Trust), Pat Spring (CMAC), Jay Williams (CMAC), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Michael Eschete (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Roy Billings (CMAC), Aaron Ochoa (NPS), Beth Robertson (Clark Co. Veterans Therapy Court), Larry Clifton (40et8), Carrie Hagel (Med Advise), Alan Martinez (VA), Brian Andrus (Legion Services), Myrna Leija (Veterans 1st Responders), Ron Brandon (Pointman), J. Sholtz (40et8), Tom Cates (PT 658), Robert Symboli (KWVA), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Sande Lomas (CMAC), Robert M. (1st Responders Board), Donal Singelton (Buffalo Soldiers), Bill Crist (AUSA), Richard McHugh (CVI), [30]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of Inspiration: Ron Powers

CMAC Scheduled Events:

- CMAC Holiday Social, Saturday, December 16th- 5pm-8pm, 40et8 Boxcar

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and Zoom.

Nov 17th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Larry shared the City of Vancouver will present a Proclamation for Veterans Day.
- Jay Williams went over details for our Veterans Day Open House that will take place on Veterans Day, November 11th from 11am-2pm at the Pearson Hangar and will be in partnership with the National Historic Trust and the National Parks Service and sponsored by Columbia Credit Union. This year's event will have a much larger space for more tables for organizations and companies that employ or support veterans to share with the community. The event is free and open to the public. There will be free hotdogs, ice cream sundaes, and coffee.
- Stephanie Collazo shared that we have created a spreadsheet with upcoming Veterans Day Events taking place at local schools and organizations that was sent out last week. If you have any additional events to add to the list, please let Stephanie know at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com
- Dan Sockle reminded members that we have CMAC brochures that you are welcome to take and share with your organizations and community. Please contact Dan for the brochures at dsockle@gmail.com

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- Bruce Evans shared that we received an email from the Home Depot Foundation regarding the veteran home repair project we are co-sponsoring that it has been approved. Home Depot will send the gift cards to pay for the repairs for the veteran.

Guest Speakers

- Mike Burton introduced Carrie Hagel with Med Advise Insurance Group who spoke about the 2024 AARP Medicare Advantage Plan from United Healthcare. Carrie shared about the benefits, coverages, and the details of the plan. If you are interested in learning more about the Patriot Plan, please contact Carrie at carrie@medadviseinsurance.com or at 253-256-1637.

Events/Announcements

- The Blue Star Mothers of Oregon have been serving the military since 2008 recently helped the 142nd Airborne Div. at PANG with 64 care packages and have additional care packages they are putting together for our military. They have put together an Amazon wish list that you can find here: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/16HHBGEZIYNRX?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_2 . They would appreciate any help with getting the word out. If you are interested in donating to help with missing care package items, shipping, or would like more information, please visit their website at <https://bluestarmothersoforegon.org/> .
- National Parks Service is hosting their Heritage Holidays. December 2nd at the McLoughlin House in Oregon City and December 9th at Fort Vancouver. For more information, please visit <https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>

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