

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2023  
40et8 Boxcar and VIA Zoom**

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton; Director of Operations -Marlene Varga, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer -Bruce Evans, Board Members- Teresa Wheeler, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, Samantha Whitley (Excused) [8]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (40et8). Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Ron Powers (Clark College), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Les Lomax (40et8), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Josh Jones (PIC), Bill Crist (AUSA), Brian Andrus (Legion of Service), 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), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Michael Eschete (CMAC), Bill Hauser (CMAC), Eli Gonzales (Clark College Vets Center), Aaron Ochoa (NPS), Michael Echete (CMAC), [23]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith  
Pledge of Allegiance: Patrick Locke  
Words of Inspiration: Ron Brandon

CMAC Scheduled Events:

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

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and Zoom.

Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 13 <sup>th</sup>	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

**CMAC Summary**

- Larry Smith recapped the Patriots Day Ceremony.
- Jay Williams went over some of the details for our Veterans Day Open House that will take place on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Pearson Hangar and will be in partnership with the National Historic Trust and the National Parks Service. He shared we currently have approximately 8 organizations already signed up to be a part of the open house. Aaron Ochoa is working on the permit for the event. If you are an organization that supports veterans or know of one that would be interested in having a table at the open house, please contact Jay Williams at [jay.williams@comcast.net](mailto:jay.williams@comcast.net)
- Larry Smith shared the reviewing officer for this year's Veterans Day Parade will be LTC Lance Turner, the Commander of the Army Portland Recruiting Battalion. The

Historic Trust will be sending out the invitations for the Reviewing Officers Reception inside the Marshall House that will take place prior to the parade.

- Dan Sockle shared that there are a variety of schools in the area that will be holding Veterans Day activities and encouraged members to attend the events. We will be sending out more information regarding these events in the next few weeks.
- Mike Burton shared there are currently 81,000 Americans still missing in action and the importance of putting on our POW/MIA Recognition event that we are holding at 11am today.

## Events/Announcements

- The Blue Star Mothers of Oregon have been serving the military since 2008 recently helped the 142<sup>nd</sup> 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](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/> .
- The Historic Trust is now accepting entry applications for the 35th Annual Lough Legacy Veterans Day Parade at Fort Vancouver National Site. The event takes place at 11 am on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. To learn more or apply, please visit their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/35th-annual-lough-legacy-veterans-parade/>.
- CCVAC 2023 Standdown will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> 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/> .
- CLT is celebrating 6 years of serving the community and is holding an Open House on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm to celebrate the opening of their CLT Care Academy and new office location. There will be refreshments and a ribbon cutting. The event will be held 201 NE Park Plaza Drive Suite 296, Vancouver, WA 98684
- Clark College is hosting a Job Fair on November 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ccvacmedia@ccvac.net).
- A Free Veterans Day Breakfast is being held at Westview High School in Portland on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am for veterans and their families in appreciation for their service to this country. The address is 4200 NW 185<sup>th</sup>, Portland, Oregon 97229.

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