

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of September 29, 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, Rod Williams (Excused), Dan Sockle, Samantha Whitley [7]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (40et8). Curt Loop (CMAC), Ron Powers (Clark College), Les Lomax (40et8), Josh Jones (PIC), James Walls (CMAC), Mindy Wilkins (The Historic Trust), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Pat Spring (CMAC), Jay Williams (CMAC), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Michael Eschete (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), [15]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
Words of Inspiration: Steven Stanley

CMAC Scheduled Events:

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

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and Zoom.

Oct 13th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Oct 27th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Nov 10th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- 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. 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.
- 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 Fort of Vancouver and National Park Service will have exhibits open for free for Veterans Day.
- Dan Sockle shared we will have CMAC brochures and contact cards available at our meetings and events for you to share.
- Mike Burton shared about a sponsor opportunity through Home Depot's foundation that supports veterans. Home Depot is looking for a non-profit that could sponsor a veteran

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that was injured who needs assistance. There would be no cost to CMAC as Home Depot would cover the costs through gift cards and provide the volunteers to complete the project. Mike will reach out to Home Depot to see if they need additional volunteers to help with the project and update us at our next meeting.

- We are looking to compile a list of local schools that are holding Veteran Day activities. Please reach out to Stephanie at cmac11.secretary@gmail.com if you know of a local school that is putting on an event for Veterans Day.
- Mindy Wilkins with the Historic Trust shared details about the Veterans Day Parade that will take place on Veterans Day this year. The parade will start at 11am and will be the same route as last year. If you are interested in participating, you can find more information on their website at <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/calendar/35th-annual-lough-legacy-veterans-parade/>

Events/Announcements

- Warfighter Outfitters is looking for veterans for their upcoming fishing trip, specifically vets that have never been fishing. First time Veterans Salmon fishing in the Columbia River gorge out of Hood River Oregon for Veterans.
<https://www.facebook.com/warfighteroutfitters> [https://warfighteroutfitters.org/ c
ontact@warfighteroutfitters.org](https://warfighteroutfitters.org/contact@warfighteroutfitters.org)
- 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/> .
- Clark College is hosting a Veterans Career and Resource Fair on Tuesday, November 7th from 10am-2pm at Gaiser Hall. The goal is to showcase veteran-friendly businesses, businesses who are looking to hire veterans and resources available to veterans and their families. If you have any questions or know of a business who would be interested in joining, please contact Megan Anderson at MMAnderson@clark.edu.
- 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.
- A Free Veterans Day Breakfast is being held at Westview High School in Portland on Saturday, November 11th starting at 9am for veterans and their families in appreciation for their service to this country. The address is 4200 NW 185th, 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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