

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2024
40et8 Boxcar and VIA ZOOM**

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton (Excused); Director of Operations -Marlene Varga (Excused), Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Treasurer -Bruce Evans, Board Members- Teresa Wheeler, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle (Excused), Samantha Whitley (Excused) [6]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (40et8), Curt Loop (CMAC), Ron Powers (Clark College), Pat Spring (CMAC), Ralph Walker (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Ralph Harris (Red Cross), Larry Clifton (40et8), Brian Andrus (Legion Services), Myrna Leija (Veterans 1st Responders), Ron Brandon (Pointman), Donal Singelton (Buffalo Soldiers), Bill Crist (AUSA), Richard McHugh (CVI), Jay Williams (CMAC), Megan Anderson (Clark College), John Toll (University of Portland), Tom Cates (PT Boat), Lance Turner (Army Recruiting), Amanda McCullum (1st Choice Advisory Services), Bill Hauser (CMAC) Frank Falbee (40et8), Patrick Vernier (Lewis and Clark Young Marines), Flynn Phillips (American Legion, Post 74), Launie O'Leary (CMAC), Tonya Wark (Do Good Multnomah), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Michael Eschete (CMAC), Buck Marr (MOAA), Nick Choi (US Army Recruiting), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Dawn Choi (CMAC) [33]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Clifton

Words of Inspiration: Ron Powers/Ron Brandon

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- Our Community Salutes, May 8th, Skyview High School, 6:30pm
- Memorial Day Ceremony, May 27th, Fort Vancouver, 11:00am

CMAC 2023 40 et 8 and ZOOM

Feb 9th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Feb 23rd 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Mar 8th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

Mar 22nd 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Buck Marr shared the 2024 Our Community Salutes will be on May 8th starting at 6:30pm at Skyview High School. Both him and Rod Williams will be setting up a meeting with Skyview soon to start planning the event. They will be reaching out to members that help coordinate the event and update us at our next meeting.
- Larry Clifton shared that our Memorial Day Ceremony will be on May 27th at Fort Vancouver. Launie O'Leary along with Aaron Ochoa will be co-event managers and will

be helping plan the event. They will begin reaching out to the sub-committee members and have an update at our next regular meeting.

- Frank Falbee with the 40et8 shared they are holding their Student Nurses Appreciation Dinner on February 21st at the 40et8. CMAC members are invited to attend and support the nursing candidates. More information about the event can be found here <https://cmac11.com/event/40-et-8-student-nurses-appreciation-dinner/>
- Rod Williams thanked the Clark County Young Marines on behalf of MOAA for their work in the community.

Events/Announcements

- The Blue Star Mothers of Oregon have been serving the military since 2008, recently helped the 142nd Airborne Div. at PANG with sixty-four 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 County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC) had a couple of pallets of Earth Animal no animal hides dog chews donated by the company. They have extra left over and would like to donate them to someone in need. Please contact Judith Johnson at CCVAC at ccvacmedia@ccvac.net if you know of someone that can use them. Here is information about the products <https://earthanimal.com/>.

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