

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2024
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). Curt Loop (CMAC), Ron Powers (Clark College), 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), Bill Hauser (Marine Corps League) Launie O’Leary (CMAC), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Les Lomax (40et8), Bill Tatum (VFW), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Mike Goss (CMAC), Ray Heller (Ret. Navy), Laura Lea (CMAC), Buck Marr (MOAA), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Dawn Choy (Scouts) [30]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
Pledge of Allegiance: Larry Clifton
Words of Inspiration: Rod Williams

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

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

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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 went over the Our Community Salutes draft agenda. Keynote speaker will be Sargeant Vanessa Munson. The event will take place at Skyview High School on May 8th starting at 6:30pm with a reception to follow. The event is to recognize the high school students that are entering the military and to let them and their families know that the community is here to support them. Molecular Testing Labs will be this year’s sponsor.
- Larry Clifton went over the draft agenda for this year’s Memorial Day Ceremony that will take place on May 27th. Launie O’Leary and Aaron Ochoa will be co-event managers along with Larry Clifton. They will be reaching out to sub-committee members in the coming weeks to work together to plan the event.

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) will be holding their Red, White, & Blue Gala at Ilani Casino on Tuesday, July 16th, 2024. More details of the event will be announced as the date gets closer.

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

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