

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2024
40et8 Boxcar and VIA ZOOM**

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton; Director of Operations -Launie O’Leary, Treasurer-Bruce Evans, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [8]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), Curt Loop (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), Megan Anderson (Clark College), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV), Pat Spring (CMAC), Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Linda Humason (CMAC), Harry Humason (CMAC), Bill Crist (AUSA), Jay Williams (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC). Roy Billings (VFW), Jack Rosenthal (CMAC), Ron Powers (Clark College), Bill Hauser (Marine Corp League), Annette Allen (40et8), Dave Casteel (MOAA), June Lasch (Red Cross), Terry Brown (CMAC), Les Lomax(40et8) [25]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith
Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton
Words of Inspiration: Ron Powers

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day, September 11th, 9am, Outside Vancouver City Hall
- POW/MIA Remembrance, September 19th, 11am, Armed Forces Reserve Center
- Veterans Day Open House, November 11th, 11am, Pearson Hangar

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

Aug 23 rd	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 6 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Sept 20 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 4 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM
Oct 18 th	40et8 and Zoom	8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Launie O’Leary updated us on Patriots Day. Launie shared they are working on the media plans with the City of Vancouver including the press release. She shared the flyers have been created and are available for you to share with your family, friends, and organizations. The flyer has been also been posted to our CMAC Facebook Page here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=558547793171467&set=a.250388587320724> = and our website here: <https://cmac11.com/event/patriots-day-ceremony-3/> You can find the Facebook Event Invite here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/826426502933338?ref=newsfeed>. They are working on the programs and will have them soon. There is a walkthrough for the event that will take place in front of City Hall on September 9th at 11:00am for anyone that is involved in the event.

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- Richard McHugh shared updates on our POW/MIA ceremony that will take place on Friday, September 20th at the memorial bench at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. He shared we are looking for a speaker for the event. He met with Andrew Plassmeyer, and they will have the chairs set up at the event site. The flyers have been created for the event and you can also find them posted on our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=558549279837985&set=a.250388587320724>. And on our website here: <https://cmac11.com/event/pow-mia-remembrance-3/>
- Jay Williams shared the Veterans Day Open House that will take place on November 11th at the Pearson Hangar and is an event to help celebrate veterans and share with the community about organizations and businesses that support veterans in the area.
- Larry Smith brought to the membership's attention The Never To Be Forgotten events that was initiated three years ago by Lynn Vaughn. The purpose of this event is to honor individuals on the veteran wall who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, by gathering at the war memorial on the anniversary of their death to recognize them and their families. Lynn Vaughn, who has been actively involved in organizing these events, is no longer able to continue his role to the same extent and has requested that CMAC consider taking over these responsibilities. Larry emphasized the importance of discussing this opportunity further at future meetings and our next Board meeting in September. He also noted that there are a couple of events scheduled in August, but it is uncertain whether Lynn will be able to continue organizing these after that.
- Linda Humason shared the NW Steelheaders will be taking 60 veterans out fishing on September 7th on the Columbia River. They will have a catered BBQ lunch and games after.

Events/Announcements

- 40et8 Car Show on Labor Day at the 40et8 parking lot. More details will be shared soon.
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will hold their annual Standdown on September 27th at the Armed Forces Reserve Center located at 15005 NE 65th Street, Vancouver, WA 98682 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Services will include health and dental information, haircuts, pet services, VA Claims, and much more. Lunch will be provided at 11:00am. The event is open to all veterans and their families.

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