

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2024  
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, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [8]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ron Powers (Clark College), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Launie O’Leary (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV), Pat Spring (CMAC), Bill Hauser (Marine Corps League), Curt Loop (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), Greg Gilbertson (VFW), Jack Rosenthal (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Linda Humason (CMAC), Harry Humason (CMAC), Ron Brandon (Veterans Outreach) Roy Billings (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Keith Hyde (NW Steelheaders), Amanda McCullum (1<sup>st</sup> Choice), Mike Stacey (Pure Kraze), Kathy Endicott (Columbia Ridge), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home), Bill Crist (AUSA), John Toll (U of P), [25]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of Inspiration: Ron Powers/Ron Brandon

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

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

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June 14th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

June 28th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

July 12th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Launie O’Leary recapped Memorial Day Remembrance and thanked all the volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and Marlene Varga and Nelson Collazo for helping coordinate the event. We had about 700-800 people in attendance, 7 Gold Star Families, and 25 sponsors. Launie thanked everyone for being flexible and will be writing an after-action report. If you have any feedback on the event, please let Launie know. CCTV recorded the event, and you can watch it here: [https://www.cvtv.org/vid\\_link/36707](https://www.cvtv.org/vid_link/36707)
- Mike Burton shared about getting a new location for the Gold Star banners to be displayed at Memorial Day. Steven Stanley is looking into getting stands for them.
- Larry Smith shared we will be partnering with the City of Vancouver for a Patriots Day/ 9/11 Ceremony on September 11<sup>th</sup> in front of Vancouver City Hall. Steven Stanley and Mike Goss, CMAC members will work with Sean Douglas with the City of Vancouver and meet with Marlene Varga to start planning the event. They will have more information at our next meeting.

- Larry Smith shared we will be holding our POW/MIA Remembrance on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. CMAC member Richard McHugh will be the Event Manager and work alongside Andrew Plassmeyer with the AFRC to coordinate the event. They will have more details at our next meeting.
- Mike Burton shared the Legacy of War is holding an event for National Children's Day called War and Its Impact on Children Through Their Art that will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm in at the Sokhom Tauch Community Center in Portland, Oregon. This is a Free Event. Food and Drinks will be available. For more information about this event or to pre-register, please visit <https://childrensday2024.funraise.org/>.

### **Guest Speakers**

- Linda Humason introduced Keith Hyde with NW Steelheaders who is an Air Force Veteran. He shared about NW Steelheaders and their organization and how they serve the community. . They have an upcoming fishing event on June 8<sup>th</sup> where they will be taking out veterans on a fishing trip. They currently have 26 boat captains who will be donating boats and need sponsorship for parking for the event. Mike Burton moved to have CMAC donate the \$250.00 for parking. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Smith. Unanimously approved by all in attendance at the meeting on 5-31-24.

### **Events/Announcements**

- Clark County Radio Club will be holding their annual Field Day Event on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00-4:00pm at Field Day at SEH America, 3900 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver. The Clark County Amateur Radio Club, along with other Public Service Agencies will be demonstrating Emergency Communications and Preparedness. For more information please contact: Club Hotline 360-989-9268 Club Web or visit [www.w7aia.org](http://www.w7aia.org).
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (CCVAC) will be holding their Red, White, & Blue Gala, Salute to Our Veterans at Ilani Casino Jr. Ballroom on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 2pm-6pm. The keynote Speaker will be Daniel Sitterly from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Washington D.C. Emcee will be Tim Taylor from KGON Radio. For more information about the event, please visit <https://www.ccvac.net/events-2/gala-fund-raiser>.
- The Senior Heroes Awards will take place on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the Leupke Center. Nominations are open until June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sponsorship Opportunities are available. For more information, please visit [www.seniorawards.org](http://www.seniorawards.org).
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will hold their annual Standdown on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. More information will be available as the date gets closer.

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