

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of June 14, 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 (Excused), Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley (Excused) [6]

Members at Large present: Darrel Leblance (Friends of PIR), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Launie O’Leary (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV), Pat Spring (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Greg Gilbertson (VFW), Richard McHugh (CVI), Mike Goss (CMAC), David Perez (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Bernadine Lee (Blue Star Mothers) Bill Crist (AUSA), Michael Langsdorff (Clark County Advisory Board), Jay Williams (CMAC), Terry Brown (CMAC), Buck Marr (MOAA), June Lasch (Red Cross) [21]

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

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 40 et 8 and ZOOM

July 12th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
July 26th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Aug 9th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Aug 23rd 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- Mike Burton shared facts about Flag Day.
- Launie O’Leary shared she is working on completing the After Action report for Memorial Day and is working on starting to plan 2025. She will be meeting with CMAC member, Mike Goss to work on creating a system and template for all our events. She shared 35 different support agencies helped put together Memorial Day this year.
- 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 11th 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 19th 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.

- Dan Sockle shared updates on the CMAC history project.

Guest Speakers

- Darrel LeBlanc, President of the Friends of PIR, a non-profit organization that is committed to the sustainability of the Portland International Raceway (PIR). He shared PIR is a City Park and they are finalizing building a pavilion for the track. They are working to find ways to work with veteran organizations to get more veterans out to the track. Their organization also helps put on the races at PIR through volunteers. On July 13th and 14th, they will be holding the Rose Cup Races and they are looking to get more veterans to this race and will have some free tickets available for veterans to attend the race. The ticket holder must be a veteran or a family member of a veteran. For more information, please contact Darrell at darrell@fopir.com.
- Michael Langsdorf with the Clark County Advisory Board shared he has been asked to investigate how much money is going to veterans in the county from the funding from property taxes. He shared some statistics and information that he has gathered. He will keep us updated as he continues to work on this project.

Events/Announcements

- Clark County Radio Club will be holding their annual Field Day Event on Saturday, June 22nd 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.
- 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 16th, 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 18th at 11:00am at the Leupke Center. Nominations are open until June 1st. Sponsorship Opportunities are available. For more information, please visit www.seniorawards.org.
- Clark County Veterans Assistance Center will hold their annual Standdown on September 27th 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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