

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2024
40et8 Boxcar and VIA ZOOM

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton;
Treasurer -Bruce Evans, Board Members: Theresa Wheeler, Rod Williams, [5]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), Curt Loop (CMAC), Ron Brandon (COTR), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Launie O’Leary (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV), Pat Spring (CMAC), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Robert and Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Linda Humason (CMAC), Bernadine Lee (Blue Star Mothers) Bill Crist (AUSA), Jay Williams (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), John J. Guest (CMAC), Jack Rosenthal (CMAC), Lucile Worthington (CMAC), Paulette Fryar (Military Spouse Advocate), Michael Langsdorf (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Megan Haun (Red Cross), Mike Eschete (CMAC), Sarah Fox (VFW), Greg Gilbertson (VFW) [27]

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

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- Patriots Day, September 11th, 9am, Outside Vancouver City Hall.
CMAC Event Manager: Steven Stanley (and Sean Douglas)
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.
Guest Speakers will be the mayor, and Chief of Police. Possibly Congresswoman Marie Gluezenkamp Perez (if she is available)
- POW/MIA Remembrance, September 19th, 11am, Armed Forces Reserve Center
CMAC Event Manager: Richard McHugh (with Andrew Plassmeyer)
We will be holding our POW/MIA Remembrance on Friday, September 19th at the Armed Forces Reserve Center.
- Veterans Day Open House, November 11th, 11am, Pearson Hangar
CMAC Event Manager: Jay Williams
The Veterans Day Parade route (sponsored by the Historic Trust) will terminate at Pierson Air Museum. (It’s been reported that the Trust anticipated to have over 100 units participating in this year’s parade.) The CMAC Open House will be set up like last year with participating organizations setting up tables. In addition to sponsored tables, there will be events for children; Hot dogs, beverages, and ice cream will be available.

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule

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

- Linda Humason. Harry Humason has been accepted for the next Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. to visit the Veteran's Memorials October 5 – 7 October 2024. Linda provided information about the "Mail Call" program where family members, friends, and others can write letters of appreciation and thanks to the veterans for their service to our country. (See .pdf copy attached.)
- Paulette Fryar shared her various activities in Washington D.C. working on the Executive Board for the Military Spouse program. Paulette invited anyone visiting the D.C. area to let her know: paulettefryar@icloud.com (360)281-6179.
- Larry shared the progress being made on the refurbishment of the building on Vancouver Barracks. Every building has been updated with the exception of the Hospital. The goal is to move government agencies out of contracted facilities into vacant space on the Barracks. Cost for the renovations was \$23M.
- Mike Eschite commended CMAC on the model we have established, particularly the fact that we are partnering with local government and politicians. He says CMAC is a positive influence in Washington County.
- Larry shared that Megan Anderson reports that the number of veterans attending Clark College is going up. There are now an estimated 175 veterans attending Clark College.
- Ron Brandon shared that their organization is currently on summer break, so they won't be meeting again until the first Friday in September. He just returned from a visit at Pelican Bay prison (tending to those on death row and life without parole.) They have a big need for volunteers.
- Mike Langsdorf put out another call for volunteers to join the Clark County Veterans Advisory Board (see attached .pdf). Mike states that there will be no meeting in July; they will start up again in August.

Events/Announcements

- 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. CMAC will be awarded \$1000 this year. For more information, please visit www.seniorawards.org.
- 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. 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: Stephanie Collazo, at CMAC11.Secretary@gmail.com

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