

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2024
40et8 Boxcar and VIA ZOOM**

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton, Treasurer- Bruce Evans, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [7]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), Curt Loop (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV), Pat Spring (CMAC), Linda Humason (CMAC), Harry Humason (CMAC), Greg Gilbertson (VFW 7824), Jay Williams (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC). Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Amanda McCullum (1st Choice Advisory Services), Ron Powers (Clark College), Annette Allen (40et8), June Lasch (Red Cross), Les Lomax(40et8), Lynn Vaughn (PGR), Buck Marr (MOAA), John Toll (Uof P ROTC), Megan Anderson (Clark College), Joe Augustine (UofP), Lori Long (CMAC), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Alan Martinez (VA), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home) [28]

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

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- **Patriots Day Salute** – September 11th, 9am, Outside Vancouver City Hall
- **POW/MIA Recognition Day** – September 20th, 11am, Armed Forces Reserve Center
- **Veterans Day Open House** – November 11th, 11am, Pearson Hangar

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

Sept 20th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Oct 4th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Oct 18th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- **Patriots Day Salute:** Stephen Stanley shared that everything is looking good for Patriot's Day and the speakers are all lined up. He thanked Launie O'Leary and Samantha Whitley for their help and to Sean Douglas with the City of Vancouver for his work in helping put this together. He encouraged members to invite their family and friends to attend. Patriot's Day will take place on Wednesday, September 11th at 9 a.m. in front of City Hall. There will be a walkthrough at City Hall on Monday, September 9th at 9 a.m. for anyone involved.
- **POW/MIA Ceremony:** Richard McHugh shared updates on our POW/MIA ceremony that will take place on Friday, September 20th at 11am at the memorial bench at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. He shared there will be three speakers at the event, and the event will include bagpipes, and taps. Programs have been created and there will be a

walkthrough on September 18th at 9am at the Armed Forces Reserve Center Memorial Bench.

- **Veterans Day Open House:** Jay Williams shared that the Veterans Day Open House will take place on November 11th at 11 a.m. at the Pearson Hangar. The event will allow organizations and businesses to highlight how they support veterans within the community. Rod Williams is currently reaching out to past participants. If you know of an organization that would like to participate, please contact Jay Williams at jay.williams@comcast.net.
- Mike Burton has CMAC name tags if you are interested in getting one. Please contact Mike at mikelburton@comcast.net.
- Dan Sockle shared that CMAC has purchased 15 red vests in a variety of sizes which will be stored at our storage facility for use at upcoming events. The event manager for each occasion will decide when the vests are needed. These vests were originally ordered to help event participants easily identify someone in charge during our events.
- Dan Sockle shared he has some CMAC hats available for purchase and will be putting in another order for CMAC polos. If you are interested in ordering either, please contact Dan at dsockle@gmail.com.
- Mike Burton shared both him and Larry Smith met with Katherine Otto regarding a new location for CCVAC. This will allow them to have more space for veterans. The new location will be on the VA Campus near Clark College.
- Megan Anderson from the Veterans Center of Excellence at Clark College shared information about the support they provide to military and veteran students. Their services include food assistance, tutoring, books, emergency grants, success workshops, dental care, and technology resources. Over 1,000 students have benefited from their programs, and they are currently fundraising to continue providing these essential services. For more information on how you can help or to learn more about the center, here is a link to a video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4NKI24pakw> and their current fundraiser. <https://give.clarkcollegefoundation.org/veterans-center-of-excellence>
- Greg Gilbertson with the VFW Post 7824 shared their 2024-2025 Youth Essay Program is now taking applications. This program is for youth in grades, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. For more information on the Youth Essay Program, please contact Greg Gilbertson at 360-241-0509. The application deadline is October 31, 2024. The Essay application and guidelines will be attached to these meeting minutes.
- Greg Gilbertson shared about the VFW Post 7824 Patriots Pen Scholarship that is open to grades 6th-8th and their Voice of Democracy Scholarship that is open to grades 9th-12th that they are now accepting applications for. The deadline to apply is October 31st. For more information on these two scholarships, please see the flyer attached to these minutes or contact Greg Gilbertson at 360-241-0509.

Events/Announcements

- **Clark County Veterans Assistance Center Standdown:** The event will be held on September 27th at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. Services and will include health and dental information, haircuts, pet services, VA Claims, and more. Lunch will be provided at 11:00am, and the event is open to all veterans and their families. 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.

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