

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of August 23, 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, Teresa Wheeler, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [9]

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), 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). Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Amanda McCullum (1<sup>st</sup> Choice Advisory Services), Ron Powers (Clark College), Bill Hauser (Marine Corp League), Annette Allen (40et8), June Lasch (Red Cross), Les Lomax(40et8), Ron Brandon (COTR), Dan Tarbell (40et8), Dave Moeglein (CMAC), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home) [27]

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

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

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

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM  
**Sept 20<sup>th</sup>** 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM  
**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM  
**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 set to go. Members are encouraged to share details of the event with their organizations, family, and friends and invite them 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. 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>.

- **POW/MIA Ceremony:** Richard McHugh shared updates on our POW/MIA ceremony that will take place on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the memorial bench at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. 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://cmacl1.com/event/pow-mia-remembrance-3/>
- **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. There will be free hot dogs and ice cream at the event, and more information will be provided at the next meeting.
- **Never To Be Forgotten:** Larry Smith reminded members that Lynn Vaughn created the event three years ago to honor those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan on the anniversary of their passing at the War Memorial. CMAC has been asked to consider taking over this event, as Lynn is stepping back from his role. Discussions are ongoing between Larry, Launie, and Mike on how CMAC can take this on moving forward. Launie O'Leary added that they are considering potential changes to how these events are organized and recognized to be more inclusive, with further discussions and updates to follow in future meetings.
- **Membership Plan Update:** Larry Smith shared that Josh Jones and Megan Anderson are working on developing a membership plan. The goal is to ensure event managers have adequate backups and that volunteers feel appreciated for their contributions.

### 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.

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