

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2024
40et8 Boxcar and VIA ZOOM**

Board of Directors present: Chairperson – Larry Smith, Vice Chairperson– Mike Burton, Director of Operations-Launie O’Leary, Secretary – Stephanie Collazo-Serrano, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [7]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), 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), Jay Williams (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC). Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Ron Powers (Clark College), Bill Crist (AUSA), Ron Brandon (COTR), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Bill Hauser (Marine Corps League), Donald Patton (CMAC), June Lasch (Red Cross), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Dennis Klein (CMAC), CPT Paul Burger (US Army), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home), Tysson Dykes (Clark College), Amanda McCullum (1st Choice Advisory Services), Anne Beaton (40et8), John Toll (UofP), CPT Hyo Huang (US Army) [30]

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

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- **Veterans Day Open House** – November 11th, 11am, Pearson Hangar

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

Oct 4th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Oct 18th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Nov 1st 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- **Veterans Day Parade:** Mindy Wilkins with the Historic Trust shared details about the Veterans Day Parade that will take place on November 11th starting at 11am at Fort Vancouver. Registration is now open. For more details about registering, please visit <https://www.thehistorictrust.org/lough-legacy-veterans-parade/>. Spectators are welcome and flyers are attached for distribution. Contact Mindy Wilkins with any questions at mindy.wilkins@thehistorictrust.org.
- Larry Smith shared that organizations are encouraged to march together, with this being the 36th Annual Veterans Day Parade. Judy Russell from the Clark County Veterans Resource Center will serve as Grand Marshal. CMAC member and WWII Veteran Harry Humason will be an honorary reviewing officer, while the official reviewing officer will be announced at the next meeting.
- **Veterans Day Open House:** Jay Williams shared the Veterans Day Open House, promoting the theme "Veterans are Value Added to the Community," will be held at the Pearson Air Museum on November 11th from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is a family-friendly

event located at the end of the parade route. Organizations supporting or honoring veterans can apply for a table at the event. Space is limited to 30 tables, with about half still available. Please contact Jay Williams for more information at jay.williams@comcast.net. Attendees will enjoy free hot dogs, coffee, ice cream, and a kids' activity area. Larry also noted that the museum and fort will be open to the public free of charge on this day.

- Mike Burton has CMAC name tags if you are interested in getting one. Please contact Mike at mikelburton@comcast.net.
- **Clark County Veterans Center of Excellence:** Donald Patton shared Clark College is facing funding challenges as grants are set to expire, affecting certain positions. The Board of Trustees is hosting a meeting on October 16th. Donald invited members to voice their support of the Veterans Center of Excellence.
- **Never To Be Forgotten Ceremonies:** Two Never Forgotten Ceremonies are planned for October 17th and October 27th at the Vancouver Veterans Memorial at Fort Vancouver. Information about the events can be found on our CMAC website and Facebook pages and in the flyers attached to the minutes.
- Launie O'Leary shared that the final Never to Be Forgotten Ceremony will take place on May 31st. CMAC is considering a project to develop ongoing recognition for those who died in all conflicts. A brainstorming committee has been formed, including Dan, Rod, Larry, and Mike. Contact Launie if you would like to join this effort, please contact Launie at launieoleary@gmail.com.
- **CMAC Apparel and Caps:** Dan Sockle has CMAC polo shirts and ball caps available for order. Please contact Dan at dsocket@gmail.com if you would like to place an order.

Events/Announcement

- Clark County Prayer Breakfast will be held on November 7th, 2024, from 7am-9am at the Vancouver Hilton. For more information, please visit <https://www.clarkcountyprayerbreakfast.com/>

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