

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of September 20, 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), 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), Jay Williams (CMAC), Judith Johnson (CCVAC). Donal Singleton (Buffalo Soldiers), Ron Powers (Clark College), Bill Crist (AUSA), Ron Brandon (COTR), Anne McEnery-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Bill Hauser (Marine Corps League), Monica Patton (Clark College Vets Center), June Lasch (Red Cross), Curt Loop (CMAC), Megan Anderson (Clark College Vets Center), Minh Pham (Vietnamese Community of Oregon), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home), Scott Seal (CMAC), Richard McHugh (CVI) [28]

Meeting called to order by Larry Smith

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Burton

Words of Inspiration: Ron Powers/Ron Brandon

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

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

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

**Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

**CMAC Summary**

- **9/11 Patriots Day Salute Recap:** Steven Stanley provided a recap of the 9/11 Patriots Day Salute event, thanking all participants and speakers. He thanked Launie O’Leary and also Sean Douglas from the City of Vancouver, and the attendees.
- **POW/MIA Ceremony:** The POW/MIA event will take place later today (September 20th) at 11 a.m. at the Armed Forces Reserve Center (AFRC). The significance of the event was shared, reminding attendees of the importance of remembering those missing in action or who are prisoners of war.
- **Veterans Day Parade:** Larry Smith shared the Veterans Day Parade will take place on Veterans Day, November 11th, at Fort Vancouver. The event will be organized by the Historic Trust, and the theme for this year is centered on "coming together." The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at Fort Vancouver. Mindy Wilkins is the main contact for the event. Judy Russell, one of the founders of the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center

(CCVAC), will serve as the Grand Marshal. Harry Humason will act as the Honorary Reviewing Officer.

- **Veterans Day Open House:** Jay Williams shared updates regarding the Veterans Day Open House. He shared Ron Powers is working on sending letters to last year's participants. The Open House is capped at 30 vendors and will be held on November 11th at 11 a.m. at Pearson Hangar, Fort Vancouver. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested organizations that honor and serve veterans should contact Jay for participation detail at [jay.williams@comcast.net](mailto:jay.williams@comcast.net). There will be a fillable PDF application for those interested in having a table at the event.
- Mike Burton has CMAC name tags if you are interested in getting one. Please contact Mike at [mikelburton@comcast.net](mailto:mikelburton@comcast.net).
- Larry Smith shared Teresa Wheeler has left her position at Columbia Credit Union to pursue other endeavors and will no longer serve on the CMAC board. Larry expressed our gratitude for Teresa's years of service. Teresa will be honored at an upcoming meeting,
- **Clark County Veterans Center of Excellence:** Monica Patton, from the Clark College Veterans Center of Excellence, shared updates about their work. The center has 250 students returning and is focused on community building. They have a packed fall schedule, including a peer resource fair and a two-day creative writing workshop. More details to follow on those events. The center is currently operating under a grant that ends in December, and they will seek additional funding to continue their services.
- **Membership Update:** Larry emphasized the importance of growing the membership of CMAC and encouraged attendees to bring new people to meetings and events to raise awareness.
- Linda Humiston expressed her thanks to CMAC for helping cover the parking costs for the Steelheaders event held last month.
- **Clark County Veterans Stand Down:** Judy Russell shared details about the Clark County Veterans Stand Down, which will take place on September 27th at the Armed Forces Reserve Center. The event will offer services from 68 different providers in various areas, providing a one-stop shop for veterans.
- Linda Humason shared her father, Harry Humason who is on the honor flight, is in need of a ride to the CMAC regular meeting on October 4th, and afterward, to Amtrak to catch his train for the honor flight on that day.

### Events/Announcement

- Clark County Prayer Breakfast will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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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