

**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, Treasurer-Bruce Evans, Rod Williams, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [8]

Members at Large present: Patrick Locke (Toastmasters), Richard McHugh (CVI), 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), June Lasch (Red Cross), Amy Almond Schmid (Returning Veterans Project), Myrna Leija (CMAC), Mike Stacey (Pure Kraze Events for Veterans), Buck Marr (MOAA), Annette Allen (40et8) [24]

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

Nov 1st 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM
Nov 15th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- **Veterans Day Parade:** Launie shared an update on the Veterans Day Parade and shared Mindy Wilkins, coordinator of the event, is actively working to secure a reviewing officer and increase participant involvement. For those interested in joining the parade, 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.
- **Veterans Day Open House:** Jay Williams provided an update and shared 18 tables have been filled for the Veterans Day Open House, which will be held on November 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Pearson Hangar, immediately following the parade. The event will feature organizations, veteran-supportive employers, and will offer free hot dogs, coffee, and ice cream. Those interested in reserving a table can contact Jay. There is no cost for a table. Please contact Jay Williams for more information at jay.williams@comcast.net.
- **Never-to-be-Forgotten Ceremonies:** Launie O'Leary expressed gratitude to everyone who attended the recent ceremony honoring SSG Ronald Paulsen and extended special

thanks to Donald Singleton, a CMAC member, for his remarks. The next ceremony will be on October 27th, honoring Private First-Class Christopher Waltz, followed by two additional ceremonies scheduled for November 8th and November 14th. Stephanie will email out information about the upcoming ceremonies and Launie will post information about the two ceremonies on our CMAC Facebook Page.

- Launie announced a brainstorming session to discuss the future direction of the Never to Be Forgotten Ceremonies. This meeting will be held at 40et8 following the regular CMAC meeting. Those interested in joining the committee or contributing ideas are encouraged to reach out to Launie.
- **Korean War 50th Anniversary:** Mike Burton mentioned that next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, and the Korean War Association (KWA) is interested in organizing a commemorative event. KWA is seeking support from CMAC, and Mike will provide further updates at the next meeting.
- **Honor Flight Slideshow:** Linda Humason shared a slide show of her father, Harry Humason's, Honor Flight trip, where he traveled with her and 52 veterans, including only one other WWII veteran, to Washington, D.C., on October 4th via Alaska Airlines. He appreciated the cards for welcoming him home at the train station, and support from CMAC members.
- **CMAC Name Tags:** Mike Burton has CMAC name tags if you are interested in getting one. Please contact Mike at mikelburton@comcast.net.
- **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.
- **Pure Kraze Events for Veterans:** Mike Stacey, founder of Pure Kraze Events for Veterans, shared his appreciation for CMAC's support. Pure Kraze was founded in 2014, focusing on organizing events to fundraise for veterans. Mike announced that his organization recently received an award from the Department of Defense, highlighting the collaborative impact of CMAC's ongoing support.

Events/Announcement

- The VFW Post 7824 is currently accepting applications for its scholarship programs, which include the Patriots Pen Scholarship for students in grades 6–8 and the Voice of Democracy Scholarship for students in grades 9–12. The application deadline for both scholarships is October 31. For more details, please contact Greg Gilbertson at 360-241-0509. Additional information and a flyer are attached to the minutes for those interested.
- CCVAC is hosting a Helping Our Heroes Fundraiser on November 7, 2024, from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM on KATU Channel 2. The event will feature live interviews from 9:00–10:00 AM on AM Northwest and from 2:00–3:00 PM on Afternoon Live. CCVAC staff, volunteers, and veterans will share stories about their impact. Donations are accepted via phone at 252-745-1642, online at CCVAC's website at www.ccvac.net or by check. Matching donations are welcomed for "double" impact.
- 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/>
- The Skyview High School Apple Pie Concert will be held on November 7, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Skyview High School Commons. This annual event honors veterans with live music, coffee, and a slice of apple pie as a heartfelt token of appreciation for their service.
- The Storytelling Workshop with Dead Reckoning Collective will take place on November 19 and 20 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Clark College. Organized by the VCOE, this workshop offers veterans a unique opportunity to share their stories through

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writing, poetry, and journaling. Open to both veterans and the CMAC community, participants can choose to register for one or multiple sessions. Further details on the location will be provided upon registration. For questions or to reserve a spot, please contact veterans@clark.edu.

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