

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)
Meeting Minutes of November 1, 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), Tom Barton (Radio Club), Ralph Walker (CMAC), Ralph Harris (DAV), Linda Humason (CMAC), Harry Humason (CMAC), Jay Williams (CMAC), 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), Myrna Leija (CMAC), Buck Marr (MOAA), Flynn Phillips (Legion), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Amanda McCullum (1st Choice Advisory Services), David Moeglein (CMAC), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home), John Kaiser (Tenacity Outdoors), Curt Loops (CMAC), Minh Pham (Vietnamese of Oregon), Les Lomax (CMAC), Jesse York (Veterans Club Clark College), Demi Wilkwire (Veterans Club Clark College), Jessie Hope (Veterans Club Clark College), Tysson Dykes (Veterans Club Clark College), Don Patton (AFROTC UofP) [32]

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-3pm, Pearson Hangar

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates

Nov 15th 40et8 and Zoom 8:30 AM

CMAC Summary

- **Passing of CMAC Member Mike Stacey:** Ron Powers shared a beloved CMAC member, Mike Stacey who founded Pure Kraze Events for Veterans passed away on October 31st. Mike recently spoke at our October 18th CMAC meeting to share in the honor of receiving an award from the Department of Defense for his work in honoring Veterans through his non-profit Pure Kraze Events for Veterans. Ron shared it was an honor for Mike Stacey to share the award with CMAC for all their work and Ron acknowledged that Mike Stacey’s wife had mentioned just how much that day meant to Mike, and he came home with a smile on his face after the meeting. Ron shared Mike worked for years helping veterans and will be missed in the community.
- **Veterans Day Parade:** Launie O’Leary shared the reviewing officer for the 36th Annual Lough Legacy Veterans Day Parade put on by the Historic Trust will be Colonel Scott. The Honorary Reviewing Officer will be our own member and WWII Veteran Harry Humason. The Parade will take place on Monday, November 11th starting at 11am at Fort

Vancouver. Contact Mindy Wilkins with any questions at mindy.wilkins@thehistorictrust.org.

- **Veterans Day Open House:** Jay Williams provided an update and shared 20 tables have been filled for the Veterans Day Open House, which will be held on November 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pearson Hangar, immediately following the parade. The event will feature organizations, veteran-supportive employers. This is a family-friendly event and Pacific Perks will be there with free coffee, cocoa, and ice cream sundaes. We will also have free hot dogs and chips. There will be kids' activities, door prizes and giveaways. Set up starts at 9am. We are still looking for people to help clean up. If you are available to help tear down and clean up, please contact Jay at jay.williams@comcast.net.

Launie O'Leary shared there will be a Proclamation from the City of Vancouver on November 4th at 4pm. Larry Smith, Mike Burton, Rod Williams, Jay Williams, Ron Powers, and Launie will be there to accept the Proclamation.

- **Never-to-be-Forgotten Ceremonies:** Launie O'Leary shared the next two Never to Be Forgotten (NTBF) Ceremonies will take place on November 8th honoring S/SGT David George Ries and on November 14th honoring U.S. Marine Corps L/CPT Michael David Scholl. Both ceremonies will take place at the War Memorial at Fort Vancouver starting at 12pm. Stephanie will send out more information about both these events.

Launie O'Leary shared the NTBF committee is meeting every Monday at 11am to discuss how to continue honoring the fallen soldiers going forward. The committee plans to have ideas together to bring to the CMAC Board by January. If you have any ideas on how best to honor these fallen soldiers, please contact Launie at launie.oleary@gmail.com.

- **Veterans Day Assemblies** Stephanie has created a Google spreadsheet listing Veterans Day assemblies being held at schools in the area. Members are encouraged to let Stephanie know of any assemblies or indicate if they plan to speak or attend one, so they can be added to the spreadsheet. Mike Burton reminded members of the importance of reaching out to schools, emphasizing the significance of fostering connections with the younger generation and the community to honor veterans during these events. [Here is a link to the spreadsheet.](#)
- **Veterans Fishing Events** John Kaiser, a veteran and founder of Tenacity Outdoors, has done fishing events for years for veterans through his previous non-profit. He also started a for-profit venture that continues to host these trips, including sponsored positions that allow veterans to participate free of charge. John is currently seeking a \$2,500 sponsorship from CMAC to help fund a fishing trip for 14 veterans and to cover the costs associated with his Oregon fishing license. This request will be brought to the CMAC membership for discussion.
- **CMAC Holiday Party** Larry Smith posed the question of whether CMAC would like to hold the annual holiday party again this year. Traditionally, this event has been a celebration of the members' hard work throughout the year. Larry invited anyone interested in organizing the holiday party to reach out to him.

Events/Announcement

- The Clark College Veterans Center of Excellence will be holding a Career and Resource Fair on November 13, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Gaiser Student Center, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA. This fair offer military-connected students

and community members the chance to explore job opportunities, internships, and various resources tailored to veterans, military spouses, and military dependents.

- Clark College, in collaboration with the Red Cross, is set to host a blood drive on November 14, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Gaiser Hall. Community members are encouraged to participate and donate blood to support those in need.
- The Military Academy & ROTC Information Night will take place on November 19, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St, Vancouver, WA 98685. This event is open to high school students and their families who are interested in learning about military academies, ROTC programs, scholarship opportunities, and the application process, including nomination procedures. Key speakers include Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle, Admiral Mark Sucato (US Naval Academy), Admiral Nick Tillbrook (Navy ROTC), and CPT Joseph Miller (West Point), among others.
- 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 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.
- The Blue Star Mothers of Oregon, in partnership with the Jr. ROTC, will be organizing a care package packing event on November 20, 2024, at 4:00 PM at Battle Ground High School, located at 300 W Main St, Battle Ground, WA 98604. This event aims to prepare 25 care packages for service members. Assistance with assembling the packages or contributing to shipping costs would be appreciated. For more information, visit bluestarmothersoforegon.org.

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