

**Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC)  
Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2024  
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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, Dan Sockle, and Samantha Whitley [8]

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), Anne McEnerny-Ogle (City of Vancouver), Terry Ogle (CMAC), Geri Stuart (Blue Star Mothers), Robert Stuart (CMAC). Bill Hauser (Marine Corps League), June Lasch (Red Cross), Buck Marr (MOAA), Steven Stanley (Young Marines), Anne Phillips (CLT at Home), Curt Loop (CMAC), Minh Pham (Vietnamese of Oregon), 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), Judith Johnson (CCVAC), Judy Russell (CCVAC), Megan Anderson (Clark College), Teresa Wheeler (CMAC), Mike Langsdorff (CCVAB), Phil Bisila (Young Marines), Skyler Rider (Young Marines), Charlotte Bisila (Young Marines), Amanda Basila (Young Marines), Roy Day (DAV), Sithien Day (CMAC), Shawn Ferguson (EXP Realty), Jack Rosenthal (CMAC), Mike Reidy (CMAC), [40]

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

CMAC Upcoming Scheduled Events:

- **Holiday Potluck Party-Saturday, December 14, 2024, 6:00pm- CDM McKibbin Center, 2300 NE Andresen Rd, Vancouver, WA.**

CMAC 2024 Regular Meeting Dates:

**2025 Regular Meeting Dates will be announced in December.**

CMAC Summary

- **Keller Foundation:** Richard Keller from the Keller Foundation thanked CMAC for their work in the community and presented a \$5,000 donation on behalf of the foundation. He also shared updates about his family and mentioned the help CMAC gave his sons with their Eagle Scout projects in the past. Larry Smith thanked Richard and the Keller Foundation for their ongoing support of CMAC over the years.
- **Special Award:** Larry Smith and Mike Burton presented a plaque to longtime CMAC member Teresa Wheeler, recognizing her contributions to the organization, and for her service as a Board member and CCU representative. Teresa shared that she has started a new career but assured everyone that she plans to attend more CMAC meetings in the future.
- **Veterans Day Parade:** Larry Smith reported that the Veterans Day Parade went well and was well attended. He noted that the reviewing officer, General Colonel Scott, and the

honorary reviewing officer, CMAC member Harry Humason, both did a fantastic job. Launie O'Leary mentioned that for next year, better coordination will be needed, as this year the flyover did not take place, and the 204th band was unable to attend.

- **Veterans Day Open House:** Jay Williams provided an after-action report for the Veterans Day Open House, noting that the event went very well. He thanked everyone for their contributions, emphasizing that it was a team effort. Jay extended special thanks to CCU for sponsoring the event, Frito Lay for donating chips, and Home Depot for providing kids' activities. He also shared that a new sponsor will be needed for the Open House in 2025. The event had 27 participants, and each table had their own giveaways. The food was a success, and leftover food was donated to CCVAC. Jay encouraged anyone with suggestions on how to improve next year's event to reach out to him directly.
- **Never-to-be-Forgotten Ceremonies:** Launie O'Leary announced that the next *Never to Be Forgotten* ceremony, honoring SGT. Jason Peto, will take place on Saturday, December 7th, starting at 12:30 PM at the War Memorial. Launie will create an event on the CMAC Facebook page, and Stephanie will send out an email with the details next week.
- **2025 CMAC Events:** Mike Burton announced that CMAC will be organizing 2025 events in the same format as last year. He encouraged anyone interested in helping with the planning to reach out to Launie O'Leary. Launie added that as planning begins for next year's events, she has created a directory of event contacts. Anyone new to the planning team will be added to the directory.
- **CMAC Holiday Party:** Linda Humason announced that the CMAC Holiday Potluck Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th, starting at 6:00 PM at the CDM McKibbin Center, located at 2300 NE Andresen Rd, Vancouver, WA. Linda and Ron Powers will be coordinating the event. Linda thanked CDM for generously donating the space for the party. This event is a way to thank our members for all their hard work throughout the year and to show our appreciation. More details, including a potluck sign-up, will be shared via email in the coming weeks.
- **Clark College:** Tysson Dykes from the Veterans Club at Clark College shared that they recently held a Resource Fair and partnered with the Red Cross to host a Blood Drive, which resulted in donations that saved 66 lives. He also provided updates on the Veterans Center of Excellence.
- **104<sup>th</sup> Division Reunion:** Launie O'Leary shared that she is assisting in coordinating a reunion for the 104th Division and has asked CMAC to partner by utilizing its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for the event. CMAC will not be involved in the planning of the reunion but will serve in a supporting role as the nonprofit partner.
- **Document Relocation and Historian Project Update:** Dan Sockle shared that he has relocated documents previously stored in a garage storage unit, where they were at risk of damage, to a filing cabinet at the Veterans Center of Excellence at Clark College. He also noted that there is a meeting space available at the center for the historian project.
- **Wreaths Across America:** Steven Stanley from the Young Marines introduced two Young Marines who shared information about their upcoming *National Wreaths Across America Day*. The event, which places wreaths on the graves of fallen soldiers at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, will take place on December 14th at 10:00 AM. To sponsor a wreath or volunteer to help lay wreaths at the event, please visit [www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/20351](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/20351).

Mike Burton noted that CMAC has previously sponsored 50 wreaths. With approval from the membership during the meeting, Bruce Evans will write a check to sponsor 50 wreaths for this year's event.

**Events/Announcement**

- 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 McEnerny-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](mailto: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](http://bluestarmothersoforegon.org).
- Walk and Knock will take place on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit <https://walkandknock.org/>.

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