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JASON Award



District One Commander Ron Haley presents Surgeon Al Boyett the JASON award with Commander Pounds ready to assist in the process should anything go astray. I have to admit, being relatively new to the day to day workings of VFW, I had no idea of what the JASON award was. I went on-line to run down this guy named Jason figuring he probably died at his post while performing his Surgeon duties. Once I had the skinny on the guy, I'd figured it would be a great background piece for the presentation. Nada. I mean not one thing about this guy existed on the internet. I finally broke down and asked Al about it. It ends up the JASON award is given for detailed reporting of member services and hospital services during the period of July through November and for having the reports into the various offices on time. The name is actually an acronym from the letter of each month in that period. Next time I'll skip the research and give you guys a really good story about the DJFMAMJ award (if it exists) that Al will get in June.

Poppy Sign-ups

Rumor has it that Bob Crawford will be assisting Phil Sacks in getting you folks to sign up for the Memorial Day fund raiser. I know, it seems like we just got done freezing our butts off in November but Spring is in the air and so Memorial Day is (almost) just round the corner. Remember, we sure like giving money to causes and vets who need a helping hand, and this is really the only source for those funds. I know that Phil is tweaking the schedules and locations so hopefully we will be a bit more successful than we were in November. So younger guys (that would be anyone under the age of 80), sign up for double shifts.

Quartermaster Liz



Quartermaster Mather reads a letter from Mr. Andy Subcleff which accompanied a \$75 check to our post in memoriam of John Broderick. Mr. Subcleff explained his involvement with John and finished the letter by saying "I certainly wish John good sailing and fair winds on his last voyage." Well said Mr. Subcleff and Post 8870 wishes the same.

We also received a thank you note from Cheryl Reagan, wife of our newest member, Michael Reagan. The Post donated \$500 to his foundation, the Michael G. Reagan Portrait Foundation. As you recall, Michael is providing portraits he draws of fallen service members, primarily KIA's of Iraq and Afghanistan although he does portraits of service members who died in any war. His website, www.fallenheroesproject.org is quite interesting. I encourage you to stop by and visit it.

Tax Season Version of Newsletter

As most of you know, I'm a CPA. So for the next couple of months, this newsletter may shrink in size as my work load increases in size. Therefore, any of you with a hankering to become a famous reporter, please feel free to contribute to the newsletter. I would like to make sure we get a written report of any meetings that any of you attend (i.e. midwinter meetings) so we can pass them on to the membership. Even more beneficial would be pictures taken at these events. Most of us have never attended anything other than a Post meeting so these would be very informative. And I'm still waiting to get my first bio from one of you guys.



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MEETING DATES

VFW Post 8870 meets the second Friday of each month (except November which is the third Friday) at the Senior Center located at 220 Railroad Ave. Edmonds, WA 98020. We welcome all veterans of foreign wars to attend our meetings. If you need any additional information, please contact our Quartermaster.

The Last Say

I just dropped my ballot in the office mailbox, and I noticed most of my staff had theirs in there also. Just another load of mail to be dropped off at the post office. Something we take for granted. I, for one, say thank you to my fellow vets for the privilege to vote as you were the guys that preserved that right. Hopefully, you voted, too.

One other item needs mentioning. Every month I whip this newsletter out, proof it, and then send it to Quartermaster Liz for her final approval. Every month she finds my grammatical errors and typos. For saving me the embarrassment of revealing my deplor-



VFW POST 8870 MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2008

The meeting began in proper order at 1240 with Buck Weaver leading the post in the singing of "America the Beautiful," the pledge of allegiance and a flag salute. There were 19 members in attendance. Guests were District One Commander Ron Haley, and Bill Morse, Commander Post 1561 Arlington. Commander Haley presented Al Boyett with the Jason Award for his consistently complete and prompt Community Service and Hospital reports. He also complimented Commander Duane Pounds for once again achieving 100% in membership.

The roll call of officers found the Senior Vice Commander, Service Officer, Chaplain and Officer of the Day absent. The minutes of the January meeting and the Quartermaster's report were read and approved.

Membership Review Committeeman Rock Roth read the application of active duty Marine Jonathan Coffey who served in Kuwait and was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The Membership Committee had reviewed Jon's application, and the members voted him into the post.

Voice of Democracy Essay assistant Rock Roth read the post first place winning essay submitted by Stefan Marmion entitled "An Indirect Respect." Stefan had placed third in the District competition.

Commander Duane Pounds submitted receipts totaling \$370 for expenses at the mid-winter conference, and urged members to attend in the future, especially as much information is gotten informally in the hospitality rooms.

Al Boyett submitted the Hospital and Community Service reports for the month of December. Newsletter editor Jim Traner reported that the post website has been updated, and past newsletters are now available for viewing. Also, the national website, www.vfw.org now has linkage to Post 8870's website. Jim is also working with the Assistant Dean at Edmonds Community College and the student veterans organization on campus to assist them with applying for any eligible VA benefits.

A thank you note was read from Cheryl Reagan for the \$500 contribution the post made to the Michael G. Reagan Portrait Foundation. A note was read from Andy Subcleff enclosing a donation of \$75 in memory of John Broderick.

John Nutting volunteered to act as coordinator for a color guard at memorial services and funerals in order to pay respects to departed comrades should the family request that ceremony be performed.

A motion was made that because of the low balance in the operating budget, purchase of awards in appreciation of the work performed by officers of the post in the form of plaques be substituted with award certificates. The motion was seconded and carried. Commander Pounds feels strongly that awards to post officers are important, not only in appreciation of the work of the officers, but also because their families will then have a permanent record of the officers' achievements.

Dexter Miller delivered the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned with a flag salute.