



VFW Post 8870

Edmonds, WA
 www.vfw8870.org
 Jim Traner, Editor

July 1, 2009
 Volume 3
 Issue 7

July 4th—Parade & Picnic

Make sure you mark your calendars to be at the parade—we need to be in position no later than 11:30 hours. You can park at the American Legion Hall if you get there early enough. The parade will start at 6th Avenue between Bell & Main. For those who can't walk the route, vehicles will be provided. After the parade is over, we will meet over at the American Legion Hall for hotdogs. Be sure to bring your spouses, kids, or grandkids along. If you have any questions, Rock Roth is in charge of this so give him a call at 206-356-8869.

Commander Duane Pounds Recognized



Outgoing Commander Duane Pounds was recognized for his dedication to the Post after serving 5 years as commander of the Post. In addition, Duane has contributed numerous hours to the Post and his service to VFW was recognized by a standing ovation by the membership. Duane will now be serving as an officer at the District level and, of course, will serve as a Post officer as 3rd Trustee for 2009-10. Thanks, Duane, from all of us.

Calendar 2009-2010

July 4th	Parade—Edmonds followed with Social function at American Legion—11:30AM
July 9	Board Meeting 9AM—Jim Traner's conference room
July 17th	Aquasox Baseball—7PM
July 18th	School of Instruction—Fife
August 14th-16th	Traveling Wall—Acacia Cemetery
August 17th-20th	National Convention— Phoenix
August 28th-31st	Smokey Point Fundraiser
September 12th	District I Conference—Noon - Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
November 1st	Patriots Pen & Voice of Democracy Essays Deadline Teacher of the Year Deadline
November 6th-7th	Veteran's Day Poppy Fundraiser
November 7th	District I Conference—Noon Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
November 20th	Post Meeting on 3rd Friday—Not 2nd Friday
March 1st	Scout of the Year Scholarship Application
March 6, 2010	District I Conference—Noon- Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
May 1st, 2010	District I Convention—Noon- Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
June 24th-25th	State Convention—Yakima

Everett Aquasox Game

A number of us are attending the Aquasox game on July 17 at 7 PM. The Sox are having Military Appreciation night and tickets are \$7. We have reserved a block of tickets together. If you are interested in joining us, give Jim Traner a call at 425-640-8650.

Upcoming Speakers

July 10, 2009	Glenn Holloway, WWII POW
August 14, 2009	Sgt. Major Jesse Mafnas, USMC
September 11, 2009	Mr. John Lee, WA State Department of Veterans Affairs
October 9, 2009	TBA
November 20, 2009	Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy Winners
December 11, 2009	Holiday musical entertainment

Change to Board Meeting Date

The July Board Meeting is rescheduled from Tuesday, July 7th, to Thursday, July 9th at Jim Traner's office at 110 James St., Suite 106, Edmonds at 9AM. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have a specific issue you would like raised and can't make the meeting, contact our Quartermaster@vfw8870.org.



Budgets for 2009-2010 Approved at Meeting

The budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 were approved at the June meeting. For those who could not attend, they are posted below. We will strive to keep a balance budget for operations. The relief fund budget shows an excess of \$2,500. However, we anticipate as projects for veterans arise, we will put this surplus to good use.

Post Operations	Budget	Post Relief Fund	Budget
Income:		Income:	
Annual Dues	\$500	Buddy Poppies	\$13,000
Donations	250	Total Income 13,000	
Lunches	720	Uses of funds:	
National Dues	60	Purchase poppies	700
Newspaper Ads	240	College Vet's Club Memorial	750
Raffle	400	Eagle Scout Awards	200
Smokey Point	680	Fallen Heroes Foundation (Mike Reagan)	1,000
Total Income	2,850	Memberships—Due Assistance	300
Expenses:		Miscellaneous Requests	1,000
American Legion—Socials	120	National Home (Orphanage for children)	200
Caps	100	Operation Uplink (phone cards for troops)	400
Convention Registration	20	Orting & Retsil (gifts for residents)	1,500
Delegate fees	36	Service Officer Funds (direct assistance to vets)	3,000
District Per Capita Tax	30	Sew Much Comfort (Underwear for wounded vets)	100
July 4th Car Expense	100	Speaker Memoriam (\$25 per speaker to USO)	250
Lunches	720	Supplies	100
Name Tags	110	Teacher of the Year Award	100
P.O. Box Rental	72	USO	400
Postage	100	Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen Awards	500
State—Officer Bond	65	Total Use of Funds 10,500	
State Sec.—Annual Report	10	Surplus \$2,500	
Supplies—Local	250		
Supplies—National	1,100		
Supplies—State	15		
Total Expenses	2,848		
Surplus	\$2		

Need A Lift?

If you need a lift to the meeting, just give Liz Mather, the quartermaster, a call or drop her an email. We can't promise we can get everyone, but we sure will give it a good try. A lot of guys are getting grounded, so to speak, but that isn't a good reason to miss a meeting. On the other hand, if you are interested in providing transportation to a fellow member, let Liz know and she can match riders with drivers.



And Now a Word from Our Advertisers

Phone 425-670-8912

STEPHEN C. JOHNSON, R. Rh

J & J PHARMACY

LOCATED AT EDMONDS PROFESSIONAL CENTER

7315 - 212TH S.W., EDMONDS, WA 98026

Traner James M. Traner CPA, Partner
Smith 110 James Street, Suite 106
& Edmonds, WA 98020-8430
Company Telephone 425-640-8650 Fax 425-640-8655
jtraner @tranersmith.com
P.S. **Certified Public Accountants**

**Ameriprise
Financial**

Robert J. Smith, CFP®, ChFC®
Senior Financial Advisor
Business Financial Advisor

RJ Smith & Associates
A private wealth advisory practice of
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

110 James St., Suite 105
Edmonds, WA 98020

Tele: 425-640-8650 Toll Free 1-800-444-9115
robert.j.smith@ampf.com
www.rjsmithandassociates.com
CA Insurance #0835016

Connie Kopp, Realtor®

425-408-3028

ConnieK@windermere.com



Single Family Home
Sales are My Specialty!

Call me for a free consultation.

425-408-3028



Windermere



Cory Graff—June Speaker



Cory, aviation historian and curator at Paul Allen's Flying Heritage Collection, was the guest speaker at the June meeting. Cory was a wealth of information on vintage (at least to me they are vintage) aircraft from WWII although the collection also has a Curtis JN-4 "Jenny" of WWI vintage. For those of you who haven't made the visit to the hanger at the south end of Paine Field, I highly encourage you to do so. The FHC's website www.flyingheritage.com also hosts Cory's Blog which is highly entertaining. For you of those who don't know what a Blog is, check it out. For instance, one piece relates to a British surgeon who often had to remove plexiglas from pilots eyes. He noted that eyes tolerated the inert material surprisingly well. He went on to invent the artificial eye lens after the war.

The Last Word

Happy birthday country. With the 4th just around the corner, I think we should give a bit of pause this year to the folks who gave us our democracy to begin with. Like every holiday, from Memorial Day to Veterans Day (Armistice Day to Phil), the average Joe just figures it's a day off. I suspect being a veteran gives most of us a different perspective. The Revolutionary War was a brutal event. It was long, costly in lives, and the conditions were harsh beyond imagination. The soldiers were outnumbered at every turn but good leadership, a touch of luck, and perseverance won the war. So here we are a few hundred years later, kicking back and enjoying the day off. My recommendation - let average Joe mow his yard but we veterans should tip a cold one to some long forgotten soldiers and sailors who got us to where we are. They deserve a toast of gratitude.