

VFW Post 8870
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Events on the Horizon:

Staff Meetings: 0900 First Tuesday of every month at American Legion Hall, 117 6th Ave. S., Edmonds

Post Meetings: Second Tuesday of every month at American Legion Hall; Dinner at 1715 (\$5) Meeting at 1800.

Veterans Day Poppy Distribution: Fri. & Sat Nov. 6 & 7.

Veterans Day Observance at local schools, Mon. Nov 9 and Tues. Nov. 10

Veterans Day, Wednesday Nov. 11



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Join us for this joyful celebration honoring our service men and women.

TUESDAY,
NOV. 10,
10:30 A.M.

FREE. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Black Box Theatre
at Edmonds Community College

20310 68th Ave West, Lynnwood WA 98036 | 425.640.1448



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Edmonds Community College Veterans Day Event.

Several VFW members, including three of our own, will be featured participants in Edmonds Community College's Veterans Day Celebration this year. The event will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 10:30 AM in the college's Black Box Theater.

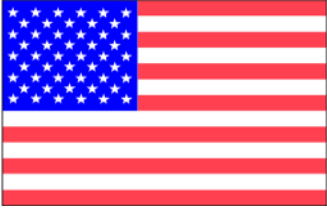
Among those speaking at the event will be our Commander, Jim Blossey, and Ron Clyborne, the chair of the community's Veterans Plaza committee. Post

8870 member Carl Kurfess will lead the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Honor Guard from Lynnwood VFW Post 1040 will present the colors.

The celebration is for the entire community, not just students, and veterans are especially invited to attend. **The college has particularly encouraged VFW members to be there. Please wear your cover.**

The Black Box Theater is located near the south side of the campus; parking is available. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

Other Veterans Day Observances



Some local communities are observing Veterans Day with parades and other activities to honor veterans. Members may wish to attend one or more of these events and if you do, you are encouraged to wear your cover to “show the flag” for Post 8870. In south Snohomish County, the following are scheduled: (further details may be found on the websites of the respective cities involved). Other events are scheduled around the metro area. See your local paper or “Google”.

Lynnwood - Veterans Day Ceremony November 11, 2015 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join VFW Post 1040, Mayor Nicola Smith, and the Northwest Junior Pipe Band in honoring the men and women who have served in our armed forces.

Veterans Park is located at 44th Ave W & Veterans Way (194th St SW)

Mill Creek Veterans Day Parade and Activities November 11, 9:00 AM to 11: AM

The City of Mill Creek will begin the Veterans Day festivities with a gathering at the Veterans Monument at Library Park on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. The event will begin at 9:00 am and will consist of a flag raising ceremony, laying of a wreath at the monument, Chaplain’s prayer and closing with the singing of patriotic songs by the Mill Creek Chorale. (Of which your editor is a member)

I Corps to Salute Korea Vets

U.S. Army I Corps is hosting a Korean War Veterans Salute at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Nov. 13 at 10 am. The event will be open to the public and include interactive displays with service members along with the ceremony.

BYLAWS CHANGE MOTION

It is moved that the Bylaws of Edmonds Post 8870, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, be amended as follows:

Article III, Meetings

Section 1 Place: The regular meeting place of this Post shall be at the Edmonds American Legion Hall Post 66, 117 6th Ave S, Edmonds WA 98020.

Section 2 Time: The stated meetings of the Post shall be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, to be called to order at 6:00 PM.

Article VII, Control of Subsidiary Units

Section. 4 For the purposes of this Article, the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Cooties and its Auxiliary are governed by Articles XI and XII respectively of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

These By-Laws will be adopted subject to the approval of the Commander-In-Chief and the Commander of the Department of Washington, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on this 10th day of November, 2015, at a regular meeting of this Post in the City of Edmonds and County of Snohomish, State of Washington.

Edmonds 9/11 Memorial Park

Edmonds firefighters dedicated the Edmonds 9/11 Memorial Park on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.

The centerpiece of the memorial, located at 275 6th Ave. N. (Next to the fire station) is a one-ton steel I-beam recovered from the World Trade Center in New York City — Ground Zero for the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Also included in the structure are new stainless steel and glass structures to honor the nearly 3,000 people killed during the terrorist attack, including 434 firefighters and 60 police officers. The memorial retains the existing Fallen Firefighter Sculpture, honoring local firefighters that have died in the line of duty as well as the Fallen Firefighter Flagpole which flies at half-staff for three days for each firefighter killed in the line of duty across America. Stop by and spend a few minutes.



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VFW Post 8870 Annual Christmas Party



The Post's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 12:00 Noon, and lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. The annual pot-luck event will be held at the American Legion Hall in Edmonds. The American Legion and VFW Posts will supply turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, wine, beer, soft drinks, and coffee/tea. Families attending are asked to bring a dish that will be shared with others. We need side dishes, salads, rolls/bread, and desserts. Additionally, the "cost of admission" will be non-perishable food item(s) and/or unwrapped toys or new clothing items suitable for teenagers. Food donations will be given to the Edmonds Food Bank and the toys/clothes will be donated to Holly House. Members who plan on attending the party are asked to RSVP with Fred Apgar, providing him with your total number of guests and the pot-luck dish you will provide. You can contact Fred by e-mail (udorn7@gmail.com) or by phone (206-940-7502). Family



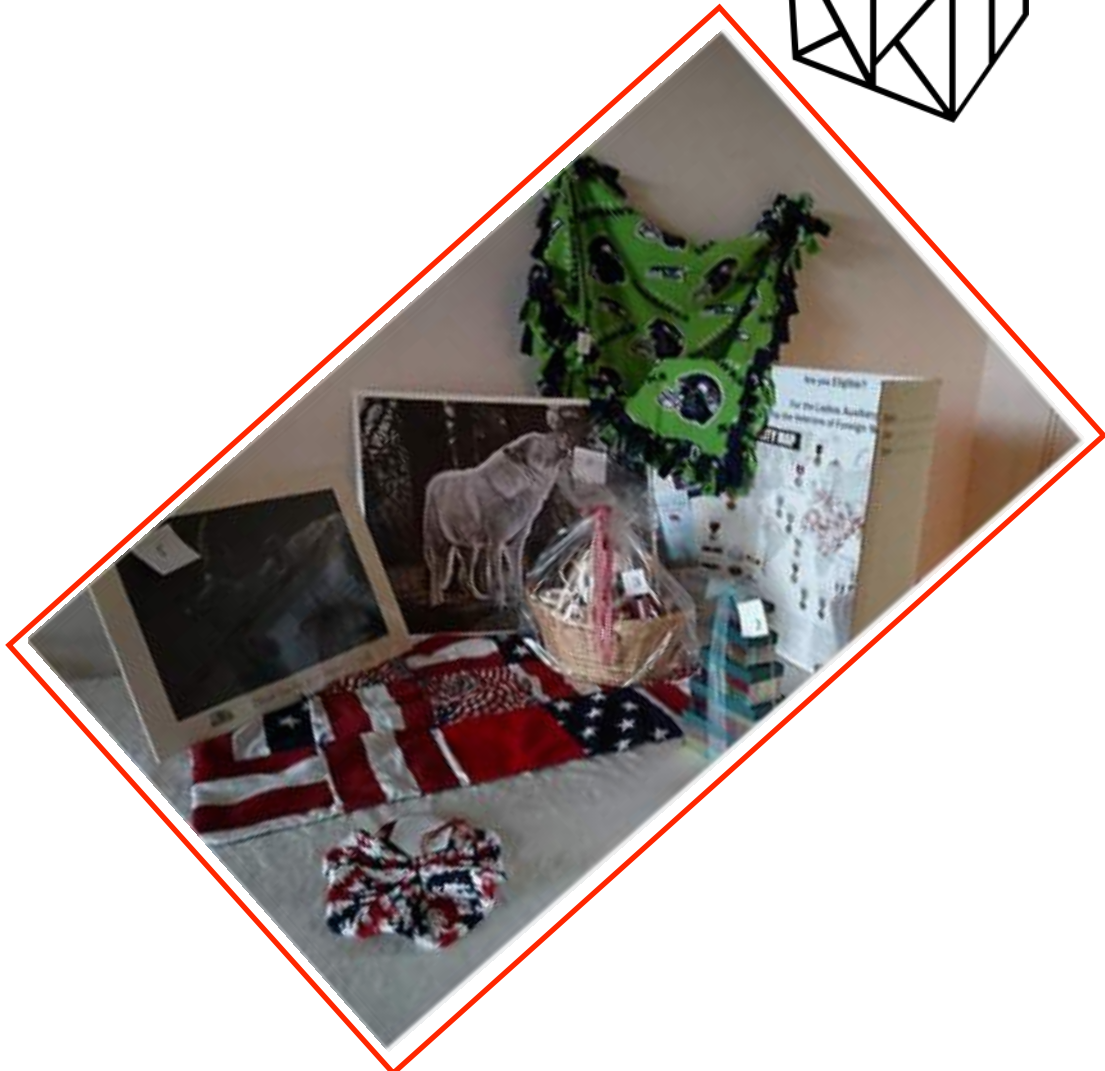
The ever popular Christmas Party Raffle!



Once again, a feature of the Christmas party will be our big raffle, so bring plenty of cash for raffle tickets.

This year Post 8870's Auxiliary is supplying some special items for the raffle, (shown at right) including a Seahawks blanket, "A Tower of Goodies", Tea Basket, and two posters donated by Mike Reagan.

There will be much more for members and guests to try for. Always a fun part of the event!



EDMONDS VETERANS PLAZA

For some, a place to heal.

For all, a lasting legacy of personal sacrifice

The Edmonds Veterans Plaza is a place where veterans can connect with their thoughts, their past and one another. For some it will offer an opportunity to find healing, strength and comfort.



This lovely plaza also serves as a natural spot where veterans and others can engage in friendly conversation and access information about veterans' resources. It is a place where all members of the community can come to listen, share their feelings and walk away better informed and with a greater understanding of each other.

The Edmonds Veterans Plaza is a cooperative venture between the City of Edmonds, Edmonds Post 8870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Edmonds Post 66 of the American Legion and numerous community organizations. It will stand as a lasting tribute to the patriotic and courageous men and women who served this nation.

How you can participate

This Plaza is a way for Edmonds residents to say thank you to our veterans in a tangible—and tax deductible—way. You can be a founding contributor with an outright donation, or through your credit card, or by donating negotiable securities. You can even arrange to spread your contribution over time if that is more convenient.

If you wish, you may remain anonymous or you can recognize a family member who served or one who died in action. A limited number of these personalization opportunities are available.

Edmonds Veterans Plaza Leadership

Ron Clyborne
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Edmonds Veterans Plaza Campaign Gift

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Pledge Information (Your Gift is Tax Deductible)

I (We) wish to donate cash/assets to the Edmonds Veterans Plaza totaling \$ _____
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Please bill me for the pledged amount monthly quarterly annually beginning _____

I (We) wish to have this donation spread over 1 year 2 years

My gift will be matched by _____ company/foundation/family.

A gift matching form is enclosed will be forwarded has been completed on line.

Contribution Information

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Please make checks, corporate matches and stock transfers payable to Edmonds VFW Post 8870.

Please charge my credit card VISA MC AMEX

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Donors will be recognized in campaign materials unless an anonymous gift is requested.

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Please send information about including the Edmonds Veterans Plaza in my (our) will/estate planning..

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Return completed form to: **Edmonds Veterans Plaza, c/o Edmonds VFW Post 8870, P.O. Box 701, Edmonds WA 98020**

For more information contact Ron Clyborne, Chairman, Edmonds Veterans Plaza Project

Phone 425 218-9993 | ronclyborne@comcast.net | <http://edmondsveteransplaza.com>

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EDCC Veterans Forum

Post 8870 member Carl Kurfess (left below) sat on a panel at Edmonds Community College November 4 as part of a Veterans Forum. Carl is an ECC student. The panel of veteran students discussed issues important to them. Pete Farmer was in the audience and found the discussion enlightening.

