



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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Events on the Horizon:

Staff Meetings: 9:00 AM, First Tues., American Legion Hall, 117 6th Ave. S., Edmonds
Post Meetings: Third Wed., American Legion Hall; Dinner at 5:00 PM (\$5) Meeting at 6:00 PM

VFW/Legion Christmas Party, Sat. Dec. 9
Start at noon, dinner at 1300

Regular December Post Meeting Cancelled

First Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Edmonds Veterans Plaza



The on-again-off-again rain did little to dampen the spirits of the estimated 125 veterans, families, dignitaries and citizens who showed up for the first of what will be many Veterans Day observances at the new Edmonds Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Speaking from under an umbrella, VFW Post 8870 Post Commander Mike Denton welcomed the audience, reminding them of the significance of what we now call Veterans Day.

“It was at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month that the guns of World War I fell silent in accord with the terms of the armistice signed by all parties to the conflict,” he said. “Originally called Armistice Day, the name was subsequently changed and the significance of the day expanded to honor all U.S. veterans who have fought for our country.”



State Rep. Strom Peterson spoke next. “Today, Veterans Day goes beyond honoring those who’ve served,” he said. “It is also a call to action to take care of our veterans from all conflicts, past, present and future. Today we not only honor their service, but commit to protecting and caring for them.”



Mayor Dave Earling reminded the audience of the significance of the new Veterans Plaza. “This amazing new space is many things for our community,” he said. “First and foremost, it honors those who have served. But beyond that it is a gathering place where the community comes together and connects with one another, allowing us to collectively remember and share.”

At right, Past Post & District Commander Jim Traner, and Sr Vice Commander Carl Kurfess present Vietnam Commemorative pins to Vietnam Vets.

— Story and photos by Larry Vogel, MyEdmondsNews.com





Veterans Day In the Schools

A baker's dozen of our members visited local schools during the week prior to Veterans Day, speaking to the students, answering their questions and just being there to provide the young people with an opportunity to actually meet veterans and understand them and Veterans Day a bit better.

At left, Post Chaplain Dan Doyle speaks to students at Holy Rosary School. Photo courtesy Holy Rosary School.



Post Christmas Party Slated

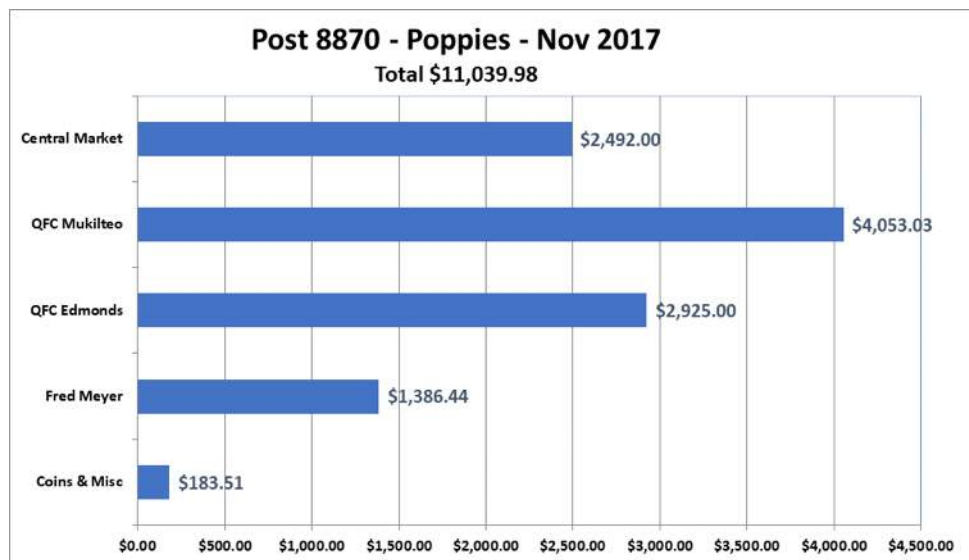
The VFW/Legion joint Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 12:00 Noon, and lunch will be served at 1:00 PM. The annual pot-luck event will be held at the American Legion Hall in Edmonds. The American Legion and VFW Posts will supply turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, wine, beer, soft drinks, 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.

RSVP Please: Members who plan on attending the party are asked to sign up on the Post web site <http://vfw8870.org/volunteers-needed/>, (under Holiday Party) indicating the number of guests and the class of food item you will bring. Family members and friends are invited to attend the party. We all look forward to the fellowship.

Please note that the Christmas Party is being held in place of our monthly Post meeting, which would ordinarily take place on the third Wednesday.



Veterans Day Poppy Drive



While we had a successful poppy drive, with 33 members participating, 16 of whom pulled multiple shifts, revenues were down \$ 4,400 from Veterans Day 2016. No doubt the cold weather hurt us, but the largest decline was suffered at the Central Market location, where we usually staff three doors, but had only enough volunteers to cover two. Edmonds QFC and Fred Meyer also produced significantly less. We have some work to do come Memorial Day.