



VFW Post 8870

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Duane Pounds,
Commander

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Fourth of July Parade



Gary Haakenson, mayor of Edmonds, joined VFW Post 8870 for a picture prior to the parade. Phil Sacks, Les Abel, Commander Duane Pounds, Buck Weaver, Rock Roth, and Jim Traner rounded out the contingent. The Post had 3 vehicles carrying members and another 9 members marched in the parade. OK—maybe not marched, but walked the parade route of nearly a mile including Buck Weaver, immediate past commander of the Post. The crowd lining the streets gave the Post a great reception—lots of cheers and clapping. For those of you who haven't participated in the parade, it's a great experience and a lot of fun, too. We are hoping to get even a larger turnout next year. You can mark your calendars now. By the way, since we were the fourth group from the lead, so after we finished I was able to watch the rest of the parade with my daughters, son in law, and possible future son in law. If you haven't experienced the parade in Edmonds, you don't know what you are missing. A tip of the hat goes to Rock Roth for heading up the parade committee of one.

Orting Outing

Re-mark your calendars for the bus ride down to Orting. The new date for the trip to Orting is Saturday, September 15, 2007, departing the Senior Center at 9:00AM (or 0900 for you retired military guys). The trip will cost approximately \$20 a head depending on the number of participants. The trip will also incorporate a stop at the Tahoma National Veterans' Cemetery located in Kent. Spouses are welcome. If you have anyone in another Post who may wish to join us, please let Jim Harness or Buck Weaver know as soon as possible.

Flag Day



Thanks to Marilyn Roth, Rock's wife, I have included a couple of pictures of Flag Day at the Edmonds City Park. Just as a reminder, anyone with a camera that wants to forward pictures to me at jtraner@tranersmith.com is certainly welcomed to do so. Make sure they are digital.

MEETING DATES

VFW Post 8870 meets the second Friday of each month 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.



**Minutes From the July 13, 2007 Meeting
(unapproved) from Quartermaster Liz Mathers**

Prior to the meeting, Julie Pounds, President of Post 8870 Ladies Auxiliary, demonstrated the many certificates the auxiliary was awarded at the State Convention in Yakima and urged members' wives and daughters to join the auxiliary, as there is urgent need for new members to attend the meetings and help in the work the auxiliary is doing. Julie also reported that the garage sale was a disappointment because of the competition of other garage sales and activities being held in Edmonds that day. The general funds in the auxiliary are very low and there is a need to find a way to generate new income. Julie was given a round of applause for the outstanding work she and fellow members of the auxiliary have accomplished in the past year.

The meeting then opened in proper order with a prayer by Chaplain Ed Gray, the pledge of allegiance and flag salute. There were 21 in attendance, including John Casapiedra, a transfer to the post, and Dick Miller, a new applicant. The roll call of officers found the Service Officer, and 1st and 2nd Year Trustees absent.

The minutes of the June 10th 2007 meeting and the Quartermaster's report of receipts and disbursements for the month of June were accepted as read. Jim Traner is working with the quartermaster in making up a budget for the post.

Buck Weaver circulated a poster picture display of John Broderick's latest ventures which shows very plainly how his post is with him during his troubles, and how much the Broderick family is appreciative of the post's support.

Rock Roth, chairman for the 4th of July parade in Edmonds, delivered a comprehensive report of the parade and Post 8870's participation in it and made recommendations for preparation in next year's parade. Duane Pounds congratulated Rock Roth on his excellent work as chairman for the parade.

Commander Pounds announced that Post 8870 received a national recognition award for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essays. Phil Sacks was presented with an award for outstanding performance as poppy chairman. Buck Weaver was presented with a plaque from the members of the post for his many years of service. The quartermaster was presented with a white hat for 2006 – 07 together with a citation for reaching a membership goal of over 100%.

Final recruitment and acceptance of various committee program chairmen resulted in the following:

Buck Weaver	Americanism Public Relations	Phil Sacks Bob Crawford	Buddy Poppy Assistant
Al Boyett	Hospital Community Services	Dexter Miller Jim Collins	Essay and Youth Activities Voice of Democracy Assistant
Bob Pounds	Officer of the Day Guard	Rock Roth	Legislative Loyalty Day Grant Applications
Duane Pounds	Membership Ways and Means		



**VFW Essay Themes for
2007-2008**

Grades 9 through 12 "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans"
Grades 6 through 8 "Why I'm and American Patriot"
Grades 3 through 5 "Who is my Hero and Why"

Essay Themes Gets a Chair

Dexter Miller has "volunteered" to head the Essay committee. This involves not only getting the themes to the appropriate teachers, but grading them as well. Jim Collins who has chaired this committee in the past, will assist Dexter in this daunting task. I'm sure Dexter will take any other volunteers who would like to help him out.

Minutes (continued)

		Jim Harkness	POW/MIA
Jim Traner	Newsletter		Safety and Law and Order
	Budget		Newsletter
Bob Crawford	Welcoming Committee		

A sign up sheet was passed around for the trip to Retsil Soldiers' Home and Tahoma Cemetery potentially scheduled for Saturday, September 15th leaving at 9 a.m. from the Senior Center and returning about 4:30 p.m. Members of Kiwanis and the American Legion will also be invited to make up the 40 required ridership necessary for the cost of the trip feasible at \$20 per person. A definite date will be announced at the next post meeting.

Irv Schmidt gave out copies of pictures that had been taken at the 4th of July parade, specifically for John Steed, a World War II veteran whose daughter said she was so proud to see her father sitting in the back of a convertible in the parade, but had forgotten to bring along her camera.

A motion was made to purchase 9,000 poppies for the Veterans' Day Buddy Poppy program, 2,000 of which will go to the Ladies Auxiliary, and the purchase of 2,000 copies of the pamphlet, "The Story of the Poppy". The motion was passed, with one dissension for the purchase and distribution of the pamphlets.

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary School of Instruction is scheduled for July 27th and 28th at VFW Post 2100 in Everett with registration open from 2 to 6 p.m. on the 27th and again at 7:30 a.m. on the 28th with classes to begin at 9 a.m. on the 28th. Committee chairs are urged to attend.

The Last Say

My favorite holiday is the Fourth of July. I've never been into fireworks. Heck, after the army, all of the civilian stuff is boring anyway. But the Fourth is the most special holiday in our country—the birthday of an experiment in democracy that is still in the development period after 232 years. A bunch of bad guys have tried to disrupt this experiment over the years; they include the British (a couple of times), Germans (ditto), the Japanese, Russians, assorted conflicts (called wars if you were in) and now Al Queda. The line between the bad guys and our country has always been the soldier, sailor, marine, merchant mariner, or airman. But on July 4th, the tip of the hat goes to the colonial soldiers, marines, and sailors who paved the way for the rest of us and the young men and women who are the line today.