

Upcoming Events Calendar 2010-11

Please take time to review the calendar and if there are additions that are necessary, please contact the Quartermaster at quartermaster@vfw8870.org or call Elizabeth Mather at 425-672-0279.

Sept. 7th	Board Meeting—Traner’s office—110 James St., Edmonds, WA (0915 hrs.)
Sept. 10th	Post Meeting—South Snohomish Senior Center—Lunch 11:30; Meeting 12:30
Sept. 11th	District I meeting at 12:00PM—Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
September 17th-September 20th	Fund Raiser—Smokey Point Rest Area Coffee stop. Contact Jim Adams for details
October 8th	Post Inspection
October 9th	Post visit to the Nisei Veterans Committee Memorial Hall—Seattle—Time to be announced
November 1st	Teacher of the Year Nominations, Voice of Democracy, & Patriot’s Pen entries due to Post
November 5th-6th	Veterans Day Buddy Poppy Fund Raiser—See Bob Crawford for details
November 13th	District I meeting at 12:00PM—Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
January 1st	Public Servant Nominations Due—Police, Fire, and EMT personnel
January 8th	District I meeting at 12:00PM—Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
January 21st-22nd	Mid-Winter Convention—Yakima
March 1st	Scout of the Year entries due to Post
March 12th	District I meeting at 12:00PM—Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
May 14th	District I meeting at 12:00PM—Alderwood Boys & Girls Club
May 27th-28th	Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Fund Raiser—See Bob Crawford for details
May 31st	Memorial Day Ceremonies—Edmonds Cemetery
June 22nd - 25th	State Convention—Yakima

Timm Lovitt—August Speaker



Timm, a member of our Post, gave a very informative presentation of his tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq as a member of the 10th Mountain Division. As you know, what you get in the press and on TV isn’t necessarily what is happening on the ground. Timm contrasted the differences between serving in the two countries and the variations in the rules of engagement. Timm is currently a student at Seattle University and also is working with other young veterans in the state on TBI (traumatic brain injury). Timm suffers from the consequences of TBI after a suicide bomber blew up a car next to Timm’s vehicle. It was good to hear from one of our younger members and we look forward to having more of them tell their stories.

Important Dates to Remember

September 2—VJ Day: Japan Surrendered, 1945, ending WWII fighting.
 September 17— POW/MIA Recognition Day (the third Friday of each September)

Post Approves Budgets for 2010-11

The Post approved its operating budget for year ending June 30, 2011. We will closely monitor both budgets as the economy is tight and both budgets are dependent on donations—Smokey Point Rest Area for the Post Operations Budget and Buddy Poppies for the Relief Fund Budget. If it becomes necessary to cut funding due to a decrease in revenue, revised budgets will be presented to the membership for approval. We continue to get more requests for assistance than we can meet and it is difficult to say no to anyone. However, all requests are reviewed by our Relief Fund Committee consisting of Phil Apgar, Leroy Middleton, and Jim Adams so if you do have a request, please submit it to one of those members.

Post Operations Budget	2010-2011
Income:	
Annual Dues	\$315
Donations	150
Life Membership Payout	255
Lunches	650
Miscellaneous	22
National Dues	50
Raffle	400
Smokey Point	1,100
Total Income	2,942
Expenses:	
Convention Registration	40
Delegate fees	50
District Per Capita Tax	40
Insurance—Liability	460
Lunches	750
P.O. Box Rental	72
Postage	160
Socials—VFW & A.L.	100
State—Officer Bond	75
State Sec.—Annual Report	10
Supplies—Local	70
Supplies—National	1,000
Supplies—State	25
Travel	25
Total Expenses	2,877
Surplus	\$65

Post Relief Fund Budget	2010-2011
Income:	
Buddy Poppies	\$15,500
Total Income	15,500
Uses of funds:	
Youth Programs	1,000
Purchase poppies	2,000
Fallen Heroes Foundation (Mike Reagan)	1,000
Memberships—Due Assistance	500
Miscellaneous Requests	3,150
National Home (Orphanage for children)	500
Orting & Retsil (gifts for residents)	1,600
National Military Service	500
Service Officer Funds (direct assistance to vets)	2,000
Speaker Memoriam (\$25 per speaker to USO)	250
Supplies	200
Teacher of the Year Award	300
USO	400
Voice of Democracy & Patriot Pen Awards	525
Total Use of Funds	13,925
Surplus	\$1,575

**Dedicated to all of our brothers and sisters
who did not come home:**

**"War drew us from our homeland in the
sunlit springtime of our youth.
Those who did not come back alive
remain in perpetual springtime -- forever
young --
and a part of us is with them always."**

Author Unknown

**From the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's
website**

Upcoming Program

Mas Odoi—Nisei Veteran—442nd Regimental Combat Team

Ron Clyborne Presents 4th of July Grand Marshal Award to Post



Commander Jim Traner is holding a plaque presented to the Post by Ron Clyborne who was in charge of organizing the parade this year. Ron is also a new member to the Post. Grand Marshal(s) this year were representatives from each war the US has been engaged in starting with WWII. Members from our Post as well as the American Legion Post 66 and the Vietnam Veterans of America were selected to ride in grand marshals' vehicles and be recognized by the approximately 8-9,000 folks lining the streets. Once again, this award represents the excellent community activities in which our Post participates. Now we have to find a wall to hang it on.

New Member Gene Tollie



Gene is a transfer from a VFW Post in California where he was a chef and taught that skill at the college level. At his former Post, he held the position of Junior Vice Commander. Gene is also a Vietnam Veteran and a served there as a Marine. Its always nice to have another fellow Nam vet join the Post. I was sitting with Gene at lunch and he had some very good ideas about fund raising and we welcome his input. We are always investigating various methods to raise funds for Post activities and having an asset like Gene will certainly help us in those endeavors. Again, make sure you say hi to Gene and to all the newer members who attend the meetings.

National Military Services

A line item on our budget is National Military Services. Some of you may not be familiar with this program administered by the national organization of VFW unless you have attended one or more of the Department meetings lately. The VFW provides numerous services to military service members and their families. The three main efforts of the VFW Military Services department are (1) the Military Assistance Program (MAP), (2) Operation Uplink, and (3) Unmet Needs. Each program has a focus of support. MAP has helped Farewell and Welcome Home gatherings for military units worldwide. Operation Uplink provides free, prepaid phone cards to service members while Unmet Needs can give a one-time grant up to \$2,500 for qualifying service members and their families experiencing hardship. So by contributing to this program, we are directly benefitting active duty personnel. Hopefully, we can expand our support for this important project in the future.

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The Last Word

I just returned from Indianapolis where I attended the National VFW Convention. Martin Spani, Commander of Post 1040, and I were at dinner one night at a restaurant in downtown Indianapolis. Martin was wearing his Marine garb (a ball cap that said "Marine") while I was incognito when a young couple approached us and asked if we were Vietnam vets. We said yes and the young man went on to say that he, too, was a Marine veteran and had served in the Gulf War. Upon returning from the war many of the folks who were on hand to greet him were Vietnam veterans. He went on to say that the country learned an important lesson following the Vietnam war; if you disagree with the country's political decision, blame the politicians, not the military. But that lesson was learned on the backs of the Vietnam veterans. It was the result of the country reflecting on its treatment of those earlier veterans that his generation of veterans was treated with respect. We thanked him for his gratitude and his service, but both of us were taken aback as nothing like that had happened in the 40 plus years following our service there. The young couple left and, later, as we were leaving and asking for our check, the waitress told us it was covered by the young veteran and his wife.