

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.

December 7th	Pearl Harbor Day
December 7th	Board Meeting—Traner’s office—110 James St., Edmonds, WA (0915 hrs.)
December 10th	Post Meeting—South Snohomish Senior Center—Lunch 11:30; Meeting 12:30 (Post Inspection)
December 19th	Joint VFW/American Legion Post Christmas Dinner —American Legion Hall at IPM. Bring unwrapped toy and canned goods for Food Bank.
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

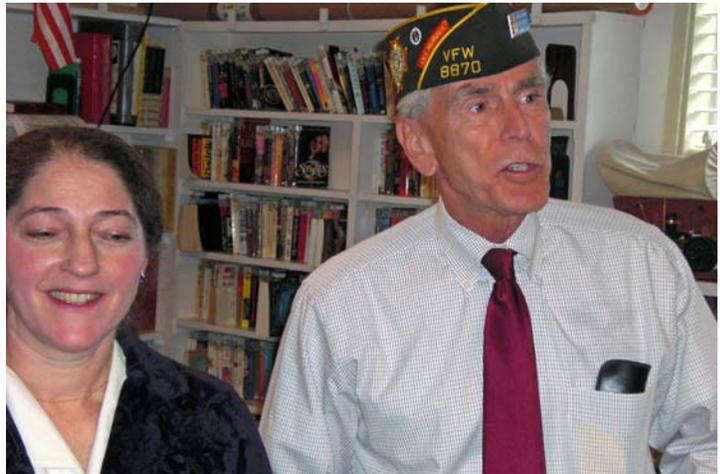
Post Dues Reminder

Time flies when you’re having fun. However, it’s that time again—time to pay your dues. If you haven’t, please do. If you’re having difficulty coming up with the funds, let us know. We will gladly help out in hardship situations.

Up-Coming Meeting

Edmonds-Woodway Choir—Christmas Music

Post’s Elementary Teacher of the Year



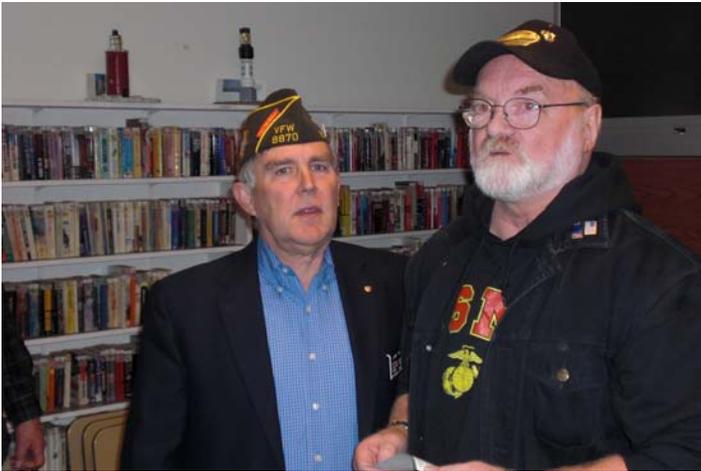
Linda Wooding of Endeavor Elementary School in Mukilteo was chosen as our elementary teacher of the year. A music teacher, she has promoted the Veterans Day assembly in her school. Along with a certificate of appreciation, she was awarded \$100.

Post Members Visit Schools in Support of Veterans Day



A number of us visited local schools at the invitation of the Edmonds School District and the Mukilteo School District. Shown above are a sample of the veterans attending Beverly Elementary School including Jim Adams and Jim Traner. All in all, the Post visited 7 schools and 11 of our members participated both in classrooms and speaking during assemblies. Plus, it was a lot of fun for the folks who did it.

Supporting the Fallen Heroes Project



The Post presented Post 8870 member Mike Reagan with \$1,000 to help support the Fallen Heroes Project. Mike's project was featured the October issue of the VFW magazine for those of you who missed it. We are also working with Jay Inslee's office to get national recognition for the project. Jim Adams has been leading the charge and we will keep you posted as to the results.

Recognizing a Community Supporter



The Post presented Dan Hartman, manager of the Westgate QFC, with a certificate of appreciation for the support he has given the Post over the years. Phil Sacks introduced Dan to the Post as Phil has been in contact with Dan over the years, first as Poppy chairman, and then as the Smokey Point "procurement" expert. Dan has always enthusiastically assisted us in both of these projects. As an aside, Dan's mom worked in a VFW Post while he was growing up so he is well acquainted with VFW. Again, if you go into QFC and see him, thank him again for being there when we needed help.

Poppy Fund Raiser a Huge Success

The recent Veterans Day effort to raise funds by giving away Buddy Poppies was extremely successful. The final count was just a tad over \$9,000. There are still a few dollars being turned in. This amount compares to the approximately \$6,500 collected last Veterans Day and just shy of the \$9,300 raised last Memorial Day. Considering the weather wasn't that great on Saturday, this was an extremely good showing and will allow us to increase the amount of money currently scheduled to be disbursed this year. We had a lot of folks who volunteered their time and a big round of thanks to each and everyone of you. Bob Crawford was in charge and did a heck of a good job in organizing the schedule and keeping track of all the details. When I first joined the VFW, I looked at the Buddy Poppy shifts as a chore. I was totally mistaken. You get to meet a lot of interesting and grateful people during the course of a shift. So if you haven't signed up in the past, consider it. I think you would find it to be a rewarding experience.

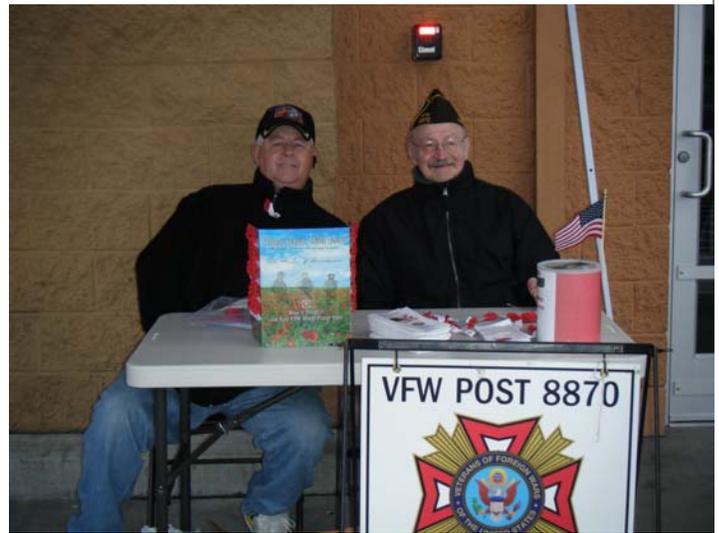
Quartermaster Elizabeth Mather Out of Hospital

As many of you know, Elizabeth had a stint in the hospital but is now at home and recovering. She will be on the DL (disabled list for you non-sport fans) for several weeks but is continuing to help out on Post matters. Fred Apgar has jumped in as have several other members to assist Elizabeth. We wish her well.

American Legion Hosting Joint Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendars for December 19th when the American Legion Post 66 hosts a Christmas dinner for our Post and theirs. Social hour is at 1PM and dinner is at 2PM. Admission is an unwrapped toy for a child in need and canned food for the food bank. If you plan on attending the dinner and can't make it to the next meeting, please let the Quartermaster know as we need to provide the Legion with a head count. Last year was a huge success and I'm sure you will enjoy yourself this year. And, of course, your entire family is invited.

Random Pictures Courtesy of Bob Crawford, Poppy Chairman



This is just a sample of the volunteers that helped. I didn't have room for all the pictures Bob took so if you don't see yourself, my apologies.

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The Last Word

I don't have the room in the newsletter to write an article about every one who volunteers to help the Post. I even hate to start naming people as I'll miss a lot of folks. Bob Crawford and Morgan Dotson went to Edmonds Community College to participate in a student veterans workshop. Liz missed the meeting due to illness and Fred Apgar volunteered to do the minutes, a job no one wants. And Fred, who just got a new laptop, found out that it's probably wise to save your work after a few hours of slaving away, because if you don't, you might lose your work and have to start all over. Elizabeth and Tom Hallums counted all the Poppy money. Al Boyett diligently prepares Hospital and Community Service reports which are submitted to Department. There are only a handful of Posts in the state that have a perfect record in this regard and thanks to Al, we are one of them. The volunteers who went to the schools on Veterans Day left a lasting impression on a lot of students—and vice versa. Rock Roth and Fred Apgar arranged these visits and both have taken on the VOD and Patriot's Pen task not to mention the teacher of the year awards. The Buddy Poppy volunteers set a record. And finally, to all the folks I didn't mentioned, the reason this Post is successful is due in large part to your efforts. Thank you and Merry Christmas.