

VFW *The Veterans' Voice*

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Edmonds VFW Post 8870

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Post Calendar

Staff Meeting: First Wed., **4:30 PM American Legion Hall (or online via Zoom)**

Post Meetings: Third Wed., **6:00 PM American Legion Hall (or online via Zoom)**

Post Auxiliary Meeting: (Questions: call or email Jo Boyett, 206-818-4212, joaboyett@cs.com)

**Post meetings are again being held in person at the
Edmonds American Legion Hall or join online in the "Zoom" format.**

(Look for invitations with the link from which to join the meeting in your email.)

Masks for vaccinated members optional for in person attendance, meals will not be served.

July 4th Parade?



The Edmonds Chamber of Commerce announced that it will attempt to return the Edmonds Kind of 4th parade on Independence Day, based on sufficient participants and volunteers stepping up, as well as the necessary parade permit from the City of Edmonds. Start time is expected to be 12:00 noon. The Post is planning to participate as usual and we will assemble on 6th Avenue in front of the Legion Hall. Stay tuned for confirming emails with additional details.



*2018 Parade photos courtesy
Edmond Beacon.*

June Post Meeting

On the usual third Wednesday evening, approximately ten of our members, plus distinguished guests, Past



District 1 Commander Otis Wolfe and Elmer Johnson of Everett Post 2100, gathered at the Legion Hall for our monthly post meeting. Another half dozen members joined us in the Zoom format. We sincerely hope that more of our members will feel comfortable with returning soon, as we all get vaccinated.

The main event of the evening was the installation of our new officers for VFW year 2021-22, who officially take office at the Department convention in late June. Past Commander Wolfe performed the installation.

Your new officers :

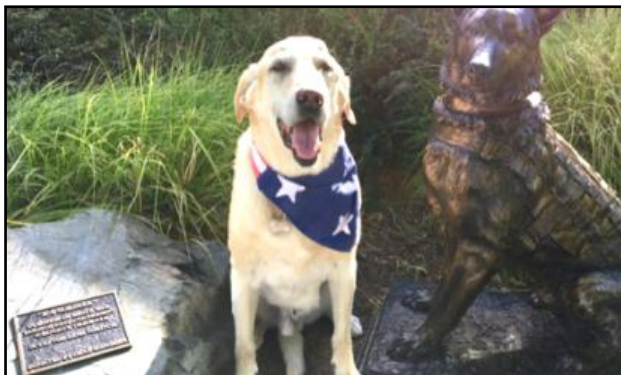
Commander:	Carl Kurfess
Sr. Vice :	Duane Bowman
Jr. Vice:	Rose Gilliland
Quartermaster:	Dennis Peterson
Chaplain:	Dan Doyle
1st Year Trustee:	Kerry Watkins
2nd Year Trustee:	Donald Stapleton
3rd Year Trustee:	Mike Denton
Adjutant:	Nathan Wortinger
Service Officer:	Alden Gilliland
Surgeon:	(open)
Judge Advocate:	Jim Traner
Guard:	John Shelton



New members joining

Membership Chair Jim Traner announced four new members joining the Post , who we hope to have present for installation and introductions at the June and July meetings. They are John Nederlee, P. Philips (transferred from another post), Navy Korean War vet Richard Warbrouck and Retired Army Major Kacey Tourine.

Memorial Day 2021



At left is “Jake” who stopped by to pay his respects to our K-9 veteran statue at the plaza on Memorial Day

(Photo courtesy My Edmonds News)

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Abbreviated Poppy Drive - Dedication at The Plaza



Once again Memorial Day was not quite our expected event. The Edmonds Cemetery Board conducted a drive through event and handed out poppies to those in attendance, during which they collected \$ 140 for our Relief Fund. Many thanks to our friends on the Cemetery Board.

In the afternoon of Memorial Day, the post held a brief ceremony at the Edmonds Veterans Plaza, attended mostly by members and their families. The primary purpose was to dedicate a new group of memorial pavers to be installed near the information Kiosk at the southeast corner of the Plaza. (The City has yet to actually install these pavers due to COVID staffing issues)

Colors were held, of course, and Chaplain Dan Doyle, after an introduction by Jim Traner, delivered a brief speech honoring our fallen comrades.

Many thanks to Buglers Chris Edwards and Debbie Dawson for once again providing their excellent “echo” rendition of *Taps*, always a moving experience.



Edmonds Veterans Plaza Kiosk

Posting Details for Your Memorial Items

Reminder



You are reminded that The Edmonds Veterans Plaza kiosk is now loaded with the veterans' basic information excerpted from the memorialized pavers and benches. Some of the veterans dedicated also have provided additional information and photos. You can go to the plaza and check to see if you, your friend or family member is showing up. The Memorial ID and the map on the screen can help users to locate their pavers, etc.

The team will continue the effort to add more information and edit if needed. Please see the online version of the kiosk here (In other words, you can do the checking from your home remotely, too!): <http://tribute-kiosk-software.com/edmonds/>

You are welcome to fill out one of the forms below. Or send the veterans' information and photos to evpkiosk@gmail.com. Also use the same email to correct the existing information on the kiosk. See the form below for what types of information we can use. Although ideal, it doesn't have to be complete.

Please select one of the Forms below and use its link.

- Form A: For those who have a Google account**. Only Google account holder *can upload photos* directly from the form. Prepare the photos (Read Photo Specification*) and start the form below.
---> <https://forms.gle/HXNLN8AoGuJWtW4G7>
- **Form B:** For those who do not or wish to have a Google account. We will send a separate email requesting photos later. Please go ahead and fill the form below.
---> <https://forms.gle/1iqMkSoaPUHfzo8H9>

Either way, you will be requested (but not required) to provide up to 2 photos.

***Photo specification:** Ideally optimized for 400w X 500h in pixels at 72 DPI and JPG (.jpg) format is preferred (up to 10 MB per photo in size allowed). You may want to start preparing them before you start filling the form. If you do not know how to do these, do not worry but go ahead and upload photos as they are.

**** To create free Google account:** (If you use Gmail or Google Calendar, you already have a Google account.) You can create it by visiting: <https://support.google.com/mail/answer/56256?hl=en>

Poppies

Jr. Vice Commander Duane Bowman, our poppy chair, arranged for a booth at the Edmonds Saturday Market on May 29 and with the assistance of Phil Sacks, Mike Denton, Dan Doyle, Carl Kurfess and Les Abel, collected \$1395 while distributing poppies. Another \$275 came in through our online donation page to ad a total of over \$1600 to our to the Relief Fund for the five hour effort.

Bowman has already been in touch with our usual grocery store locations for Veterans Day Poppy distribution, so we have high hopes of returning to our usual major fund raising effort in the fall of this year. Put it on your calendar.

In Flanders Fields John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Military Trivia

(in this case, Naval)

by Carl Kurfess

Make a pass

Flirtatious advance.

When naval ships-of-the-line were sizing each other up they would quite often make a side-on pass, each wishing to size up the opposition. When the expression came ashore, it was used as a tentative approach to a member of the opposite sex to gauge the likely outcome of closer engagement.

(For you detail sensitive types, the two ships at left would actually appear to be Frigates, smaller than Ships of the line. *Your friendly sailor editor*)



Steer Clear of VA 'Claim Sharks'

(from VFW Membership Dispatch)

As the presence of unaccredited VA disability claim representatives continues to rise, the VFW wants to make sure veterans and dependents know their options when it comes to applying for earned VA benefits and disability compensation. Follow this link: to [Find out how to protect yourself and veterans you know during the claims process.](#)