



The Veterans' Voice

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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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 online via "Zoom")**

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

Masks are optional for vaccinated members for in-person attendance, Light snacks will be provided

Oct. meeting speaker: Mark Emiley, Project Healing Waters

Veterans Day is Coming It's Buddy Poppy Time!

We have gained permission from the stores to distribute Buddy Poppies for Veterans Day at four locations in our area, including QFC at Westgate in Edmonds, QFC at 196th & 76th in Lynnwood, QFC Speedway in Mukilteo and Town & Country Market (formerly Central Market) in Mill Creek. (Please note that the Fred Meyer location we used to use is not available this year)



Past Commanders Apgar and Crabree at Central Market (now Town & country) in pre-COVID times.

Now we need YOUR help to staff those locations on **Nov 5 & 6** with shifts from 10:00 to 14:00 and 14:00 to 17:00 at each location. Pick your store and times & sign up at the Post meeting on Oct.20 (The store schedules were emailed to the membership and a sample appears on the following page) or email to Sr. Vice Commander Duane Bowman (dvbow@comcast.net).

Some of us like to do one shift each day and there are always a few who choose to spend one or both days all day. We only ask that everyone do what they can. Family and friends are welcome to help as well. Please have your face mask with you.

Be advised that we may need to move you to locations other than your first choice to even out staffing.

Buddy Poppy Sign-UPs

All of our members should have received an email with sign-up sheets like this one attached, from which to select your location and schedule for Buddy Poppy distribution. Again, you will have an opportunity to sign up at the Post meeting, or you can select your time and location and email to Vice Commander Duane Bowman (dvb@comcast.net).

The sign up sheets for the other three locations, QFC Westgate, QFC 196th & 76th and Town & Country Market (formerly Central Market) Mill Creek have exactly the same schedules, so pick your time and location and be ready to join us!

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"Buddy Poppy time", continued

In two early Poppy efforts at the Edmonds Summer Market, we collected \$459.50 in donations on September 25 and approximately \$ 1,000 on July 17.



Among VFW members helping out those events were: Carl Kurfess, Duane Bowman, Rob Low, Phil Sacks, Dan Doyle, Mike Denton, Cal Barnard, Paul Russo. Les Abel let us into the hall to pick up the VFW canopy, poppies, tables, and chairs.

It turns out we did not need the canopy, tables and chairs. The Market folks set them up for us free of charge. In September, we also handed out at least 3 VFW applications and 3 American Legion plus meeting information to veterans who are prospective



members.

Veterans Day Observance Planned



Our Veterans Day observance will take place at the Edmonds Veterans Plaza at 11:00 AM on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11.

There will be short remarks from Post officers and recognition pins distributed, including the Vietnam Veteran pin and a new lapel pin that recognizes the widows of veterans, which observes the 50th anniversary

of that conflict. It is The Deceased Vietnam Veteran's Surviving Spouse pin, for the surviving spouse at the time of death of a veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service. The pin is displayed here, both front and back.

The Post intends this to be a fairly low key event, recognizing the continuing hazard of the COVID pandemic and urges everyone participating to come with their mask and take appropriate social distancing precautions.

In Memoriam



Richard 'Dick' Cassutt

We have learned of the recent loss of one of our members, Richard "Dick" Cassutt, a very active Life Member of the post, including as a regular participant in our bi-annual "Buddy Poppy" events and school visits. Dick was usually present at Post meetings until recently, when health issues began to catch up with him. Dick's widow Virginia tells us he passed away on October 7. May he rest in peace.

News from VFW 88870

Flag Donated to Edmonds Waterfront Center



You may recall that last year VFW Post 8870 and American Legion Post 66 joined to make a substantial contribution to provide a new flag pole in front of the Edmonds Waterfront Center. The flag pole, which is well built, includes a full lighting feature to allow 24 hour display of the national ensign, has sat empty since the building opened. Now, thanks to our Auxiliary, a flag, large enough to

be appropriate to the facility can be displayed. In the photo above are shown, (L to R) Mary Davenport of VFW Auxiliary District 1, 8870 Auxiliary President Joe Boyett and Patsy Etheridge-Neal 8870 Sec. Treas., displaying the flag to Daneil Johnson, CEO of Edmonds Waterfront Center (not shown).



September Post Meeting

We are having excellent participation in our monthly post meetings of late. In September, sixteen members attended in person plus another six via zoom.

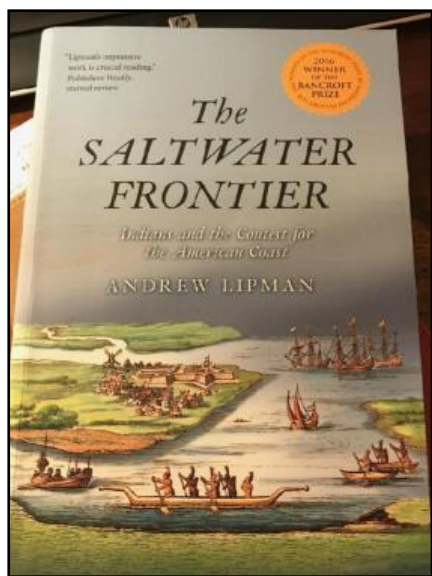


In the photo at left Post Chaplain Dan Doyle is pictured with our speaker, Matthew Durkee, Interim Director, Veteran Resource Ctr, Edmonds College, who gave us an update on the college programs in support of student veterans.

The Legion Hall is rated for considerably more participants (50) than we are seeing, so members can feel comfortable attending in person. Again, masks are optional for vaccinated members.

From the Bookshelf

by Fred Appar



The Saltwater Frontier

*By
Andrew Lipman*

Andrew Lipman's well researched book, The Saltwater Frontier, provides readers with a new and interesting way of thinking about what he refers to as America's first frontier, the waterways and land between the Hudson River and Cape Cod. Ultimately, the Native Americans who called the area their homeland, became victims of the competition between the Dutch and English to establish its colonies.

Lipman's historical perspective focuses on 17th century America and the depth and breadth of his research is impressive, drawing upon archeological and historical records, as well as verbal accounts of Native American traditions, readers are introduced to the Saltwater Frontier with a discussion regarding the customs, cultures, and lifestyles of the various

Native American communities that lived and thrived along its numerous waterways.

Upon their arrival to the northeast coastline, the Dutch and English discovered a seafaring people who traversed the shorelines in their unique style of boats, harvesting the food resources provided by the ocean and river waters. It was the native "watermen" who provided valuable and much needed assistance to the newly established European communities of New Amsterdam and New England.

Lipman concludes his discussion regarding the Saltwater Frontier with a cautionary tale about the rise and fall of the whaling industry. Benefitted by the involvement of some Native Americans, the success of the whaling industry proved to be its downfall. Overfishing led to the decline of the industry however, whaling led to the creation of other maritime jobs and, ultimately, to the survival of some Native American communities on the Saltwater Frontier and the establishment of the coastal waters of the northeast as the first settled frontier in the New World.

Military Trivia

by Carl Kurfess

Can you identify this USAF Aircraft?



- The Sikorsky MH-60G/HH-60G Pave Hawk is a twin-turboshaft engine helicopter in service with the United States Air Force. It is a derivative of the UH-60 Black Hawk and entered service in 1982.
- The MH-60G Pave Hawk's primary mission is insertion and recovery of special operations personnel, while the HH-60G Pave Hawk's core mission is recovery of personnel under hostile conditions, including combat search and rescue. Both versions conduct day or night operations into hostile environments.
- Because of its versatility, the HH-60G may also perform peacetime operations such as civil search and rescue, emergency aeromedical evacuation (MEDEVAC), disaster relief, international aid and counter-drug activities.
- Cost is approximately \$30 million each.

