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# **The Veterans' Voice**

**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

### **Next Post Meeting Wednesday February 16, 6:00 PM**

**Speaker:** Jason Bain, Cascadia Art Museum.

"Honor and Remembrance: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection"

## **January Post Meeting**

Membership Chair Jim Traner announced a new potential member, David Wells, a USN veteran of 1968-70, who we hope to be able to induct at the February meeting.

Data from the old Plaza kiosk is in the process of being transferred to the Post Web site.

Poppy Chair Duane Bowman is proposing some changes in our site set-up which will be discussed at the next staff meeting for further announcements at the Post meeting in February.

### **The Post needs some volunteers in leadership & committee roles:**

1. A VFW jacket Committee to help in ordering new Post jackets for members
2. Safety/Law Enforcement Committee to select Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter of the year awardees.
3. Identify and invite potential Post meeting speakers.
4. Reach out to older and ill veterans to check on their status.
5. The Edmonds VA Clinic is now open
6. Veterans pins available at Heroes Cafe
7. Planning is underway for Memorial Day ceremonies at Edmonds Cemetery.

Talk to the commander if you are interested in any of these activities.

## Youth Essays

In place of our usual speaker, Ashton Fairchild, our 2021-22 Patriot's Pen award winner presented his essay:

### “How Can I Be A Good American?”



*Ashton Fairchild*

How can you be a good American, you may ask? Well, there are several ways you can, ranging from simple tasks to complex events. For starters, you can comply with basic laws, regardless of if they are enforced commonly or not. Simple things you can do to be a good American include staying to the speed limit to keep others safe and complying with COPPA and other data laws to keep our children safe. Though it may be hard to follow certain laws sometimes, especially at a young age where many data laws apply, it is wise to comply with as many of those as possible. As well as that, you can comply with more complex laws.

You can also be a good American by respecting our veterans and those who fought for our country in long, tiring wars. They should be remembered for everything they have done to keep America free, for all. Even though we already have days like Veterans Day to honor those who fought, that does not mean we should not respect them on days other than those. They deserve attention for their efforts in battle to keep other countries from colonizing our land.

Yet another way to be a good American is to respect others for who they are. One unique thing about the U.S.A. is the fact that you can be whatever you would like to be in terms of religion, interests, attraction, and hobbies, and nobody is there to prevent you, unless, of course, there are legal concerns involved. Especially since it is perfectly fine for people to be who they want to be, and even though the United States has freedom of speech, you should not abuse them for it. Respect others for who they are, not for who you want them to be. (*Ashton, a 7th grade student at Harbor Point Middle School in Mukilteo, is the grandson of our own Jim Traner*)

## Jax Younger Post 8870 Youth Essay Winner

### “Why do I stand for my country's flag?”

Jax Younger, A Picnic Point Elementary 3rd grade student was our Post Winner in the Youth Essay category and also placed third in the District 1 competition. We will try to have his essay for you at a later date. This category includes grades 3,4 & 5

## The South Snohomish Country VFW Honor Guard



This terrific group does an exemplary job of providing burial honors to our deceased comrades from all over the South County area as well as representing VFW at Memorial Day, Veterans Day and other events in the area. In this recent photo, VFW Post 8870 Chaplain Dan Doyle is present. In addition, to Doyle, other 8870 members include our Post Surgeon, Bryan Rowe, Post Trustee Kerry Watkins, Gerald Burton and Calvin Barnard

The Honor Guard is led by its Captain, Frank Martinez of VFW Post 1040, Lynnwood.

## Post 8870 Member's Service History

Every now and then, we run across some interesting photos and narratives of our members' service history. If you have some pics and narrative of your service you would like to share with our comrades, send it to your editor. We would like to start doing more of this if the membership agrees.

### Destroyer Sailors

Destroyer sailors currently in the Post, include World War II Veteran and the late Amos Chapman, Past Commanders Jim Blossey & Mike Denton. We expect there are others and would like to hear from you.

Blossey served aboard USS Walton, DD362 in the Korean War and Denton as a reservist aboard USS Whitehurst, DE 634, following active duty on USS Castor AKS, a supply ship supporting carriers off Vietnam. Others of our "Tin Can" shipmates (such as Amos Chapman) are no longer with us. Photos of both ships reflect their Vietnam era configuration, though both date to WWII.



USS Walton



USS Whitehurst

## New Department of Washington "VFW 101" Brochure

On the following page, we have reproduced a new brochure that our Department of Washington leadership has recently published, intended as a quick reference guide to our new members. It might also serve to remind the rest of us of the proper order of our business meeting and how they are to be conducted, as well as our duties as members of our VFW Post. (Some sections do not appear in the same order as in the printed brochure, having been repositioned for space considerations.)

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF  
WASHINGTON



# VFW 101

## A QUICK GUIDE OF FOR NEW MEMBERS IN OUR ORGANIZATION

I HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND  
RECEIVED MY OBLIGATION



I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD  
STANDING OF THE VETERANS OF  
FOREIGN WARS

### NOW WHAT ??? ORGANIZATION OF VFW

#### The National Organization

There are 4 Conferences  
We have 52 Departments  
Currently has 5933 Posts

#### Department of Washington

In Western Conference  
Has 13 Districts  
Made up of 106 Posts

#### Membership Types

Post Member  
Member at Large

Annual Member  
Life Member  
Legacy Life Member

### SPEAKING

#### Addressing Members

Members holding office shall be addressed as "Comrade" followed by the title of officer they hold. All other members shall be addressed as "Comrade"

### Our Mission

Veteran Support  
Veteran Advocacy

### Our Responsibility

Take to heart the words spoken  
in the obligation of induction

Learn the work of our order

Do the work of our order

Teach the work of our order

Mentor the future leaders of our organization so we can continue the legacy, traditions, and history of our Organization into the future to ensure every generation of veterans before us, now, and in the future are supported and continue advocating for all the benefits they earned

### MOTIONS

#### Making a Motion during a meeting

Any Post member in good standing may make a motion

Only after being recognized by the Commander,

address the Commander

Comrade Commander and who you are

I make a motion and what it is

Another member must 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion or it fails due to lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>

Once motion is made and proper 2<sup>nd</sup> it is open for discussion by all

After discussion, Commander calls for a vote

Commander gives results of vote (pass or fail) and raps gavel 1 time

### Order of Business

Opening in Due Form

Reciting of purpose of the VFW

Roll Call of Officers

Read and Ballot membership

Muster in recruits for initiation ritual

Read and approve previous minutes

Quartermaster reports and approval

Report of Service Officer

Comrades or families in Distress

Report of all Committees

Remember our National Home

Unfinished business

New Business

Good of the Order

Nominations, elections, installation

Closing in Due Form

### GAVEL RAPS

#### Several Raps of Gavel

Used to get attention of the membership

#### 2 Raps of Gavel

Used to get all membership to stand

#### 1 Rap of Gavel

Used to get all membership to sit or maintain order

#### 1 Rap of Gavel

Used to call to order, declare meeting open, declare recess, declare adjourned, declare meeting closed

#### 1 Rap of Gavel

Used after completion of a business item

## Post Awards

We don't usually have space in our newsletter for all the awards that the Post receives recognizing our many activities, but this particular one has a title that we always get a kick out of and once again we have received it, thanks to the ongoing efforts of our Post officers who submit Surgeon, Chaplain etc. reports monthly to Department. It is the Departmental J.A.S.O.N Award. It simply acknowledges that we have submitted all of those required reports in a timely manner for the first four months of the VFW Year: July, August, September, October, & November. Enjoy.



### Morning or Afternoon ZOOM

### COFFEE WITH THE COMMANDER

### JOIN MEETING

Meeting ID: 830 9932 2478

Pass Code: 123456

Jan 19, 2022 10:00 AM	Feb 16, 2022 10:00 AM
Mar 16, 2022 10:00 AM	Apr 20, 2022 10:00 AM
May 18, 2022 10:00 AM	Jun 15, 2022 10:00 AM

Jan 19, 2022 7:00 PM	Feb 16, 2022 7:00 PM
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3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH



Department of Washington Commander Chad Hassebroek is holding morning and evening "Coffee with the Commander" over Zoom between now and mid June. All VFW members are invited. (Bring your own coffee. Maybe decaf in the evening?)