

EDMONDS VFW PARTNERS WITH THE CITY OF EDMONDS IN A CALL FOR DESIGNS FOR THE FUTURE EDMONDS VETERANS PLAZA

THE VFW INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DESIGN OF THE FUTURE EDMONDS VETERANS PLAZA IN DOWNTOWN EDMONDS, WASHINGTON.



Edmonds, WA – July 22, 2014 – Edmonds Post 8870 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of America is partnering with the City of Edmonds to hold an open design competition for the future Edmonds Veterans Plaza in downtown Edmonds.

The VFW Plaza Committee chose to pursue an open design competition in order to promote local participation and pride in this very special tribute to the patriotic and courageous men and women who served this nation.

“Edmonds is one of the few cities of its size without a tribute or memorial to veterans,” said Ron Clyborne, VFW member and Plaza committee member. “The plaza is meant to reflect the bravery, sacrifice and strength of the service members who will be recognized and remembered in this special spot in Edmonds.”

The City of Edmonds dedicated the future Edmonds Veterans Plaza on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014. Edmonds City Council Member, Strom Peterson, a member of the volunteer committee, spoke at the dedication and worked with the committee to establish the open design process.

"The citizens of Edmonds are grateful for all who have served our country,' said Peterson. "A great way for our local community to feel a part of this special tribute is to create an open and collaborative process with the public in the design of the Edmonds Veterans Plaza."

The design competition will be open to individuals and groups, students and professionals—anyone who wants to show their pride of country and be a part of how the Edmonds community says thank you to those who have served. Please request a copy of the Design Competition Guidelines by sending an email to edmondsveteransplaza@gmail.com. Preliminary designs will be reviewed and selected by the VFW committee and then go through a formal design and approval process with the City of Edmonds.

Committee members include: Ron Clyborne (VFW), Jim Traner (VFW, Past Post and District Commander), James Blossey (VFW Commander), Jim Collins (VFW & Legion), Jack Hall (Edmonds Museum), Strom Peterson (Edmonds City Council), and Maria Montalvo (Corvias Foundation). Please note Mr. Peterson will not participate in the design evaluation and selection process. The committee will collaborate closely with Ms. Carrie Hite, City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Director.

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