

Veterans Honored at Aberdeen Flag Ceremony in Zelasko Park

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The city of Aberdeen honored its fallen service members Sunday in Zelasko Park. Mayor Bill Simpson said just after the ceremony on Veteran's Day "I was very impressed with the amount of people attending. Those people there, were there for a reason and they appreciated what was being done. This is just the first time, and it's going to go on and on forever as far as I'm concerned." Aberdeen Police Chief Bob Torgerson also attended the ceremony Sunday "Very moving, and very touching, and it was nice to see all the people come out. For our veterans: thank you very much for your service, and I appreciate all your time and efforts [spent] to keep us all safe." Local chapters of the VFW and American Legion flew the flags, with the names of the first three fallen heroes submitted to the city Master Sgt. Victor Nieznalski, Staff Sgt. Timothy Davis, and Private First Class Aaron E. Fairbairn. Sally Sheldon-Davis, was moved by the ceremony for her son "I think we should honor all of our veterans, especially those who gave their lives for our country. If you're an American and you live here, they gave their lives for you. It was a very meaningful service, it was kind of rainy and cold - but they fight in that kind of weather too." Master Sgt. Victor Nieznalski died in 1946, Timothy Davis was killed in the Oruzgan province of Afghanistan as the result of injuries received from an improvised explosive device, in 2009. Fairbairn died in a suicide truck bombing on the Fourth of July 2009 at Combat Outpost Zerok in Afghanistan. Flags will be flown on Flag day, the 4th of July, Veteran's day and Memorial day, anyone with information on an eligible soldier, can call the mayor at 537-3227, the American Legion Post #5 at 532-9898, or the VFW Post 224 at 532-8454.