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By Scott Neal



This is a photo of Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens that I snapped on Saturday at the City's first official Veterans Day memorial ceremony. The Mayor presided at a ceremony that included the presentation of colors by a Color Guard from the Chanhassen VFW and local Boy Scouts; a presentation by the group leading the drive to build a memorial for Eden Prairie veterans; and a keynote talk given by Vietnam-era Swift Boat captain and Eden Prairie businessman Lee Ellingson. The day was crisp and cool. The turnout was very good. I would estimate 100+ for our initial Veterans Day event. Not bad. We held the event at Purgatory Creek Recreation Area Park - the future

site of the City's Veterans Memorial. The citizen's committee raising money for the memorial is doing great work. They will meet their \$300,000 goal. When they meet the goal and build the memorial, there will be a dedication ceremony not to be missed.

Chief of Police Dan Carlson gave his final address to his collected