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NEWSLETTER — VFW POST 846
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FEBRUARY 2017

OFFICERS' REPORTS
FEBRUARY CALENDAR
SUPER BOWL
COMEDY SHOW
DINNER & DANCE
PROGRAMS
CAMP LEJEUNE SERVICE
POW/MIA
HALL RENTAL
COMRADESHIP

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MEMBERSHIP!**

COMMANDER's COLUMN.... "Principles Above Personalities" ...AL St.PIERRE, Commander

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary Members. Can you believe January is already gone! A big THANK YOU to PRESTIGE POKER for hosting our Poker tournament! We raised over \$2,000.00 in cash donations alone. Games are played Mondays and Fridays. Come on out and enjoy the game and have some fun!

February will have us keeping busy! We have the Super Bowl Ribs Fund Raiser get your orders in quickly! Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 5th) will be a Pot Luck. Come out and watch the game with friends and enjoy great food. There will be ribs, and you can bring an extra dish to share!

February 18th is our Valentines Dinner and Dance! Featuring Melissa and Company. Dinner will be your choice of Pork Loin or Chicken.

The Comedy Vets are coming to the Post February 25th. This is real "fun" entertainment, along with a great spaghetti dinner! Sign up at the Canteen or visit our website and use the PayPal application.

The Annual KCBS BBQ is fast approaching. The date is April 21 and 22. Lots of teams and lots of activities are planned. This is a big fundraiser for YOUR Post! Please come out and support it! Big THANK YOU to the BBQ Team!

As you know the Heating Systems are in need of replacement. If you can donate anything towards the replacement it is greatly appreciated. We are working with a local contractor and need to come up with \$5000.00 to get this process started, so every dollar counts! Thank You in advance.

Last, but not least — the District Mid-Winter conference was held last weekend, and our Post 846 once again earned the Traveling Trophy for the most members attending. This is the **SEVENTH consecutive time** we have won this quarterly trophy. Good job, Team !

2017 will be a busy year but a FUN year! Come on out and enjoy!

...Sincerely, Commander AL

VFW AUXILIARY...

SHERYL GULLEY, President

Hello ladies and gentlemen, I hope all is well with each of you. Come and watch the Super Bowl at the Post and bring a dish for the Post luck dinner. We will be going to the VA Hospital on February 23. This is a fun night of BINGO with the vets and they really enjoy it. Come to the post for breakfast on the 18th and then bring your sweetie back that evening for a Valentines dinner with a dance to follow. (or just come by yourself for the food and fun).

On Feb. 25 the Post is hosting a dinner and comedy show. Dinner at 6 pm and the show at 7 pm. Price is \$14 for show only and \$20 for dinner and the show.

It is never too early to mark your calendars for the annual BBQ contest, this year on April 21-22. Our meeting is February 9 and it would be great to see more of you there. We have lots of ideas but need your input and assistance to carry them out. We all need to work together for the good of our Veterans and Post.

...Loyally, President SHERYL

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY on the BIG SCREEN



New England PATRIOTS
vs Atlanta FALCONS

Feb. 5th, game time at 5:30pm

Come early for POT LUCK —

**The Post will supply the ribs, and you all can bring
any covered dish to share.**

LIFE WITH P.T.S.D. discussion with Norm Holle every Tuesday at 6pm at the Post. Remember, it's not about what's Wrong with you, it's about what Happened to you. Norm and his wife Carolyn have 15 years experience in this field of helping Veterans. Norm's phone is (913) 856-4310.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Planning Meeting 6:30 House Committee 7pm	3 <u>Dinner at 7</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	4 Pick up Rib Slabs
5 SUPER BOWL 5:30 pm with Pot Luck	6 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	7 \$1 TACO Night LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	8	9 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm	10 <u>Dinner at 7</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	11 KARAOKE 7 pm
12	13 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	14  \$1 TACOS LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	15	16 Open Meeting 7pm	17 <u>Dinner at 7</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	18 BREAKFAST 7:30 - 11:30 DINNER & DANCE 6pm
19	20 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	21 \$1 TACO Night LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	22	23 V.A. Hospital Visit 5:45 pm	24 <u>Dinner at 7</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	25 VETERANS COMEDY SHOW and DINNER 6pm
26	27 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	28 \$1 TACO Night LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm				

What's Happening at the Post?

TEXAS HOLD'EM NOW ON FRIDAYS and MONDAYS, TOO...

Every Monday and Friday
evening in the Canteen, 7pm
and 10pm (with Prestige Poker.)

Only \$5 buy-in donation.
Dinner is available at 7pm.

GOOD LUCK!



SATURDAY BREAKFAST — Feb. 18...



Join us for a Family Breakfast on
February 18, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.
NEW ADDITIONS are Belgian Waf-
fls and biscuits & gravy, along with
eggs to order, bacon, ham, sau-
sage, hash browns, juice, coffee.

All you can eat, only \$7.

KARAOKE on FEBRUARY 11th...

Please join us and your friends
for some good-time Karaoke on
Saturday Feb. 11 starting at 7pm.
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V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT....



Our January visit to the Leavenworth V.A. MedCenter went really well. We had four volunteers there — Sheryl Gulley, Chris Anderson, Jim Robinson, and Mary Secrest who brought cupcakes decorated for Valentine's Day. There were 56 veterans in attendance, that's a record, so we can always use more volunteers. We meet at the Post on the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:45 and will be back by 9pm. Our next visit will be on Feb. 26th, hope you can help us visit our hospitalized Veterans.

...Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm



Nick McKee-Rist, member of Scout Troop 257, displays a portion of his work with *Project re-Start* for homeless veterans. Inside the van is a portion of the 210 medium duffel bags of toiletries and personal items that he distributed since Christmas. Nick was also involved in distributing hat and coats over the holiday season.

Pictured with Nick is Post commander Al St.Pierre. Ray Calore was kind enough to hold the door open.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

...Lane Smith



We are sad to report the passing of Allen Broadbent on Jan. 21st. Allen was a Life Member of Post 846. Our condolences go out to his wife Carol and family.

Jerry Severtson is in K.U. Med.Center. His wife Nikki is also undergoing some medical procedures. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

There is a Korean War veteran who would like some company or phone calls. His name is Martin Carpenter, and he has an apartment in South Overland Park. His phone number is (913) 638-3933. Martin's daughter Pam asked that we try to give her father some company.

If you are aware of a member of the Post who is sick, hospitalized or has passed away, or in need of help, please contact the Post at 913-648-4991.



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Post 846 was awarded the District Traveling Trophy for the seventh consecutive quarter!
Presented at the District Mid-Winter conference at Lenexa on January 28th.
GOOD JOB, TEAM !



ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

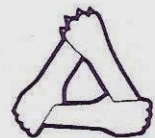
The Japanese company that made the famous **A6M Zero** fighter plane during WWII is Mitsubishi.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

"Operation Homecoming", the return of U.S. POWs from Vietnam, began on Feb. 12, 1973. What was the nickname of the Air Force C-141 transport that carried the first group of U.S. POWs home from North Vietnam?

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From: Stars & Stripes, 13 Jan 2017:

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs is preparing to give out an estimated \$2.2 billion during the next five years to thousands of veterans suffering from serious illnesses caused by contaminated water at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

A new VA rule published Friday will automatically grant disability compensation to Camp Lejeune veterans with adult leukemia, anemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease and bladder, kidney or liver cancer. To be eligible, veterans had to have served at the Marine Corps base a cumulative 30 days from Aug. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1987.

For further information, contact your service officer or Veterans Administration Medical Center.

POW/MIA REPORT... RAY CALORE, Chairman

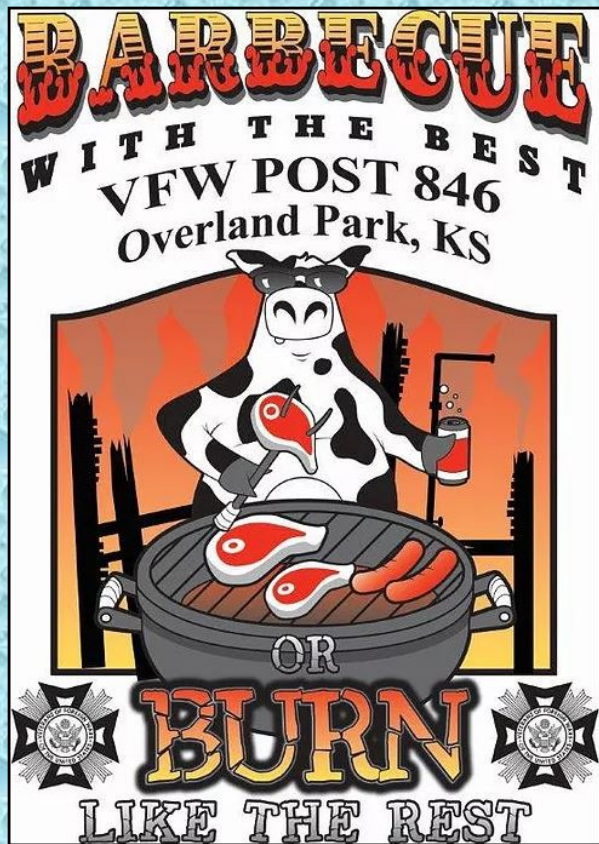


Operation Homecoming, the return of American POWs from Southeast Asia, began in February 1973. The first USAF transport, a C-141A, left Hanoi on February 12th bound for Clark Air Base in the Philippines, and then on to military hospitals in the States. Between then and April 4th a total of 591 POWs were returned home, although many more were expected.

After Operation Homecoming, the U.S. still listed about 1,350 Americans as prisoners of war or missing in action and sought the return of roughly 1,200 Americans reported killed in action and body not recovered. These missing personnel would become the subject of the Vietnam War POW/MIA issue for years to come.

Getting answers to the many questions raised after Operation Homecoming has been a slow, painful and frustrating process. But we will continue because, as Americans, we will not settle for less than knowing the truth about our abandoned comrades.

Coming Up — the 9th Annual BBQ Challenge
April 21 & 22. Get your entry in early !
Sanctioned by KCBS.

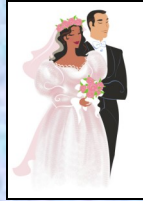


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