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

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary Members... Get ready for SPRING, it's gonna be a good one!

At the March 9th meeting, nominations will open for all elected positions at Post 846. If you have an interest in running for an office, including commander, please be at this meeting to be nominated. Elections will be held at the April meeting. As usual, we need good comrades to lead Post 846 into the coming VFW year (June 2017 to June 2018). Good leadership and member participation will keep us on the right track into the future. Step up, comrades !

We will have KARAOKE on March 4th and the 18th. Happy St. Patrick's day!! We will have Reubens and CornBeef & Cabbage starting at lunch time and going until we sell out so get here early!! Great turn out for the Comedy Veterans Show!! Thanks for the support! Scott took over the galley for a great spaghetti dinner. If you didn't make it you really missed out! Our annual Pancake Breakfast will be on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Spring is fast approaching and that means BASEBALL! Come on down and watch as the Royals return to the championship! We are in the process of getting the HVAC system replaced, anything you can do to this project is greatly needed and appreciated. Along those lines the Annual KCBS BBQ Challenge is coming up. It is our biggest fundraiser and it is a great time!

... Sincerely, Commander AL

VFW AUXILIARY...

SHERYL GULLEY, President

Greetings brothers and sisters, I hope you are all well. Hopefully March is bringing more good weather. We are having a corned beef and cabbage dinner on the 17th for \$7 a plate. Come on in and celebrate St Patrick's Day. The VA hospital visit will be March 23. Meet at the Post by 5:45 if you would like to carpool to Leavenworth. There is a lot more going on – just check the newsletter or bulletin board at the Post for details.

I would like to send out a "get well soon" to members Dana Pflumm, Niki Severtson and Betty Winters. Hopefully they will be on the mend and able to attend some of the events this month.

Don't forget to 'spring ahead' for Daylight Savings time on March 12. It would be good to see you at our meeting on March 9th.

...Loyally, President SHERYL

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT,..



On Jan. 26, Chris Anderson, Sheryl, Mary Secrest and Jim Robinson traveled to the Leavenworth VA Hospital for the monthly Bingo night. There were 41 Vets in attendance who were treated to 15 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies! Somewhere out there is a wonderfully sensitive, fantastic, amazing and awe-inspiring person who kindly donated the cookies and wishes to remain anonymous. Thank you, whoever you are.

Our next visit will be on Feb. 23. We would love to have you join us. We leave the Post at 5:45. Be careful and be safe!

...Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm

Did you serve at Camp Lejeune, N.C. ?

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.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Come on down — We love to see Your Smiling Face !</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.vfwpost846ks.org</p>			1	<p>2 Planning Meeting 6:30 House Committee 7pm</p> <p>\$1 TACOs</p>	<p>3 <u>Dinner at 7</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</p>	4
5	6	<p>7 \$1 TACOs</p> <p>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</p>	8	<p>9 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7pm</p> <p>\$1 TACOs</p>	10	11
<p>12 Set your clock ahead one hour</p> 	13	<p>14 March Madness Starts</p> <p>\$1 TACOs</p> <p>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</p>	15	<p>16 Open Meeting 7pm</p> <p>\$1 TACOs</p>	<p>17 St. PATRICK'S DAY FOOD and FUN !</p> <p>TEXAS HOLD'EM</p>	<p>18 BREAKFAST 7:30 - 11:30</p> <p>KARAOKE 7 pm</p>
19	<p>20 Welcome SPRING !</p> <p>TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</p>	<p>21 \$1 TACOs</p> <p>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</p>	22	<p>23 V.A. Hospital Visit 5:45 pm</p> <p>\$1 TACOs</p>	24	25
26	<p>27 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</p>	<p>28 \$1 TACOs</p> <p>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</p>	29	30	<p>31 <u>Dinner at 7</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</p>	<p>APRIL 1st</p> 

What's Happening at the Post?

St. PATRICK'S DAY... Friday, March 17th...



Good food by Chef Jerry :
Your Choice:

Reuben Sandwich plate, or
Corned Beef & Cabbage.

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Beginning at 11:30
until it's gone!

Celebrate with your good friends at Post 846.

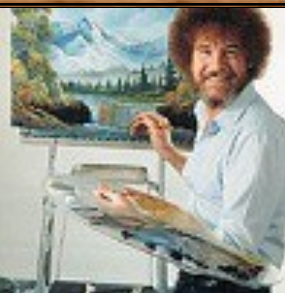
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Take a break
and come on down!

Bob Ross was a Master Sergeant in the US Air Force. He was required to be "mean and tough," to be "the guy who screams at you for being late to work." After 20 years he left the military and decided "he would never scream again." Three years later he started "The Joy of Painting" on television.



SATURDAY BREAKFAST — March 18...



Join us for a Family Breakfast on March 18, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. **NEW ADDITIONS** are Belgian Waffles and biscuits & gravy, along with eggs to order, bacon, ham, sausage, hash browns, juice, coffee. All you can eat, only \$7.

KARAOKE on MARCH 4th and 18th

Please join us and your friends for some good-time Karaoke on Saturday Feb. 11 starting at 7pm. It's always fun to sing along, or just sit back and enjoy the "talent."



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!



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.

ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The Air Force C-141 transport that carried the first group of U.S. POWs home from North Vietnam was nick-named "The Hanoi Taxi."

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

How long was the Soviet/Afghan war, which began in December 1979?

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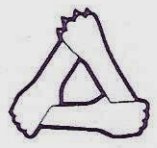


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POW/MIA REPORT...

RAY CALORE, Chairman



Remember when Carol Hrdlicka was our Guest Speaker at the Overland Park POW/MIA ceremony a few years ago? These are photos of Carol and her husband David. David's picture was printed in the Soviet *Pravda* newspaper after his shoot-down and capture in Laos. Is it any wonder that Carol continues to fight for his return from Communist captivity? Their story is one of many in the POW/MIA issue. Please don't forget them.



Carol testifying at Congressional hearings.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...



We are sad to report the passing of Harvey Nicholson in Ottawa KS. Harvey and Diane are good friends and strong supporters of the POW/MIA issue. Our prayers are with them.

Best wishes to Dana Pflumm who was hospitalized after an accident. She is home now and doing much better. Also, please keep Bud Starling in your good thoughts.

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 know of anyone who would like the assistance of a chaplain, please let me know.

...Chaplain LANE SMITH

MARCH MADNESS STARTS ON THE 14th...

Madness is the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments. It starts on March 14 and goes through the first week of April. Who's your favorite? Jayhawks? Wildcats? Mizzou? Shockers? Come check the brackets on our **BIG SCREEN** at the Post.



SPRING-TIME NEWS...

March 12, Set your clocks ahead
1 hour.

March 20, First day of **SPRING !**

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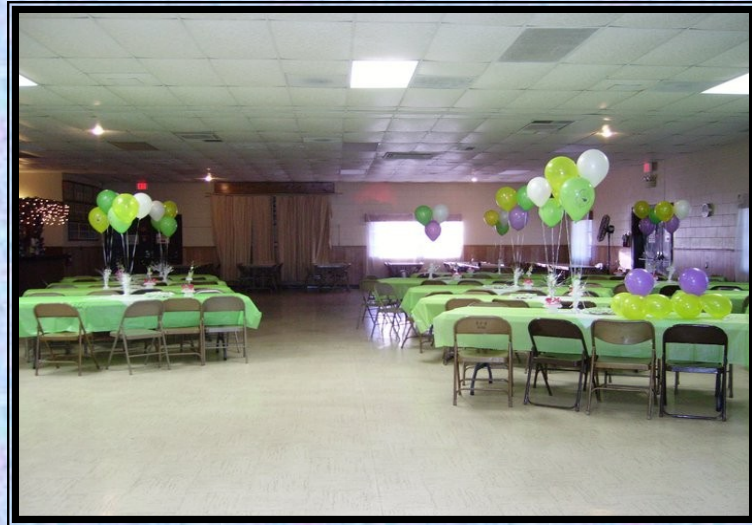


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