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 EDITOR



THINK MEMBERSHIP!



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

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members. Let's start out with Congratulations to our own Charlie (Brown) Wilson and (Peppermint) Patty Crossly on their wedding! Well Done!

By the time you read this Alex Gordon will be batting leadoff. Come on out and catch the games at the VFW. Great seats, cold drinks, and no line to the restroom! Enjoy some times with your fellow members.

The Heat and (A/C) is ON! Thanks to all of you who stepped up and donated to get the NEW HVAC unit paid for and installed. I must tell you, your generosity truly had me choked up. I am PROUD to be a member of VFW Post 846. Speaking of stepping up, have you seen the grounds lately? Led by Joe Mupo, Mike Brunning, and Ed Macan. They cleared out the brush and trees and really opened the yard up. When you see them give them a big Thank You as they used personal resources to do all the work and help the Post get ready for the Main Event! That's right it is KCBS BBQ time! April 21-22. Led by Tanya Brunning and Nora Mupo (those last names keep on popping up), they have us set for a great event. We can still use volunteers to help out so come on out and support your Post!

District convention is April 8th at DeSoto Post 6654. Let's keep the Traveling Trophy for the 8th time in a row! You all have done a tremendous job of showing up and the District does notice!

Post Elections will be held April 13th at our Post meeting, 7pm.

Thanks to each and every one of you for all you do to support VFW 846 and our mission of supporting Veterans!
...Respectfully, Commander AL

VFW AUXILIARY...

SHERYL GULLEY, President

Greetings brothers and sisters, Spring has arrived and with it lots of activities for the month of April. The Kansas City Royals start their season this month and hope for another run at the post season. The Post is hosting the annual Pancake breakfast on April 9 - \$3 for all you can eat breakfast. Easter is on the 16th then our big Annual Barbeque on the 21-22. This is always a lot of fun so plan on coming to help or just enjoy the music and festivities. Our trip to the VA hospital is on the 27th - we leave from the Post at 5:45pm. The District 2 spring convention is April 8 starting at 10:00 am at the DeSoto Post. I hope several of you can come to this meeting. Our regular meeting is on the 13th at 7:00. Please plan on coming as this is our annual nomination and election of officers. Hope to see you all there.
...Loyally, President SHERYL

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Saturday, April 8th.



District 2 Spring Convention and Conference will be held at the DeSoto Post 6654 on Saturday, April 8. Coffee & donuts at 9am, meeting starts at 10am. District elections will also be held at this meeting. All VFW members in good standing are urged to attend.

ATTN: Post 846 — we can earn our 8th consecutive Traveling Trophy if we show up in force at this event. See you there!

ANNUAL PANCAKE FEED...



Palm Sunday, April 9th.
8:00 am — 12:30 pm
All-you-can-eat ... Only \$3.

Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, milk. Enough for the whole family!

Get your tickets early, or pay at the door.
(WALK-INS WELCOME — still only \$3.)

SEE YOU SUNDAY, APRIL 9th.

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CAN YOU HELP STEFANI?

Our canteen manager, Stefani, would sure like to have a few volunteer bartenders to help her out. Please call her at the Post (913) 648-4991 for details and scheduling opportunities. **THANK YOU.**



2	3 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	4 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	5	6 House & Planning meetings 6:30pm \$1 TACOs	7 Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	8 District 2 Convention DeSoto KS 10am
9 Annual PANCAKE FEED 8am-12:30	10 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	11 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	12	13 Post & Aux. Meetings & ELECTIONS \$1 TACOs	14 Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	15 KARAOKE 7 pm
16 HAPPY EASTER! 	17 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	18 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	19	20 Open Meeting, 7pm \$1 TACOs	21 9th ANNUAL BAR-B-Q CHALLENGE! (No Poker)	
23	24 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	25 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	26	27 V.A. Hospital Visit 5:45 pm	28 Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	29 KARAOKE 7 pm
30	<p><u>THINK MEMBERSHIP.</u> Our members are the life blood and driving force of the VFW. Try to sign up a new member today. Applications are at the Post (or keep some in your wallet.) While you're at it, please renew your own membership or become a Life Member.</p>					

What's Happening

at the Post?

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

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Every Tuesday & Thursday
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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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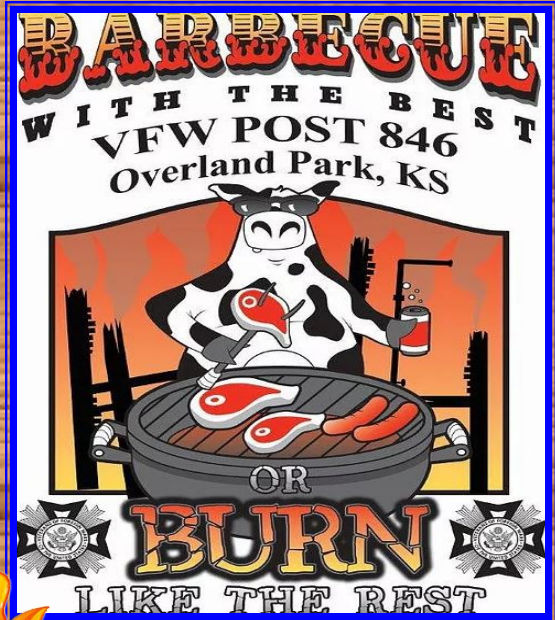
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APRIL 21—22.

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KARAOKE on APRIL 15th and 29th

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...



I didn't receive any reports of members deceased or in need this month, so that is GOOD NEWS. Remember to let me know if something like that occurs, or if you know of anyone who would like the assistance of your chaplain for any reason.

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter Season!

...Chaplain LANE SMITH

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ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The Soviet/Afghan War, which began in December 1979, lasted more than 9 years.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

As a young Naval officer in WWII, what famous American set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific?

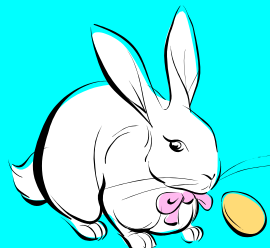


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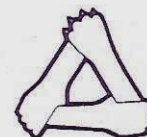
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AND BRAVE WOMEN, TOO... In all, roughly 265,000

women volunteered to serve in Vietnam. Nearly eleven thousand of those women served within active combat zones. There were nurses, but also doctors, CIA officers, and air traffic controllers. There were an unknown number of civilian women who belonged to the Red Cross, the USO, and other humanitarian organizations. There were also female journalists reporting from Vietnam. Our women served and died along with men during the war; 67 died – eight military, 59 civilian.

To this day, Dr. Eleanor “Ardel” Vietti is the only American woman, civilian or military, still considered missing from the Vietnam War. She served as director of a leprosarium hospital at Ban Me Thuot, South Vietnam. On 30 May 1962, a dozen armed Viet Cong entered and ransacked the hospital, taking sheets, medicine, implements, anything of value. When they left, they also took Dr. Vietti, Rev. Archie Mitchell and Mr. Dan Gerber. Medical personnel were especially valuable to the enemy. U.S. and South Vietnamese military authorities spotted the three prisoners the next day but a rescue attempt was deemed inadvisable.

During the years following their capture, fierce battles were fought in the area. Still, Montagnard tribesmen coming in from the jungle brought encouraging stories about three white captives. One Montagnard said he had seen the three captives alive in a mobile Viet Cong prison camp. The Americans immediately went out and found the hospital complex where it was reported to be located, but it had already been evacuated. A woman told of seeing two white men and a white woman with a group of Viet Cong; the white woman had asked for a Bible. In 1967, Allied soldiers over-ran a Viet Cong jungle hospital and found prescriptions which they claimed only an American doctor could have written. This year marks the 55 year anniversary of being prisoners of war. (Source: *National Alliance of POW/MIA Families*.)

At Operation Homecoming in 1973, Ardel Vietta was classified as “Prisoner of War, Category 1.”

Please don't let that be the end of the story.

(for more information: Search: [Eleanor Ardel Vietti.](#))



Dr. Eleanor “Ardel” Vietti

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...

I love it when a good plan comes together. On March 23, Chris Anderson, Mary Secrest, Jim Robinson and Dana Pflumm went to the Leavenworth VA Hospital for their monthly bingo visit. We played 3 games of bingo, Mary doing the calling. Chris made the cupcakes that were not only a work of art but delicious as well. They got high raves from the 44 veterans in attendance. Everyone there had a great time with a host of one-liners and lots of laughs. Our next visit will be on April 27. We meet at the Post at 5:30. Hope to see you there.

...Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm

VFW's TRANSITION & EMPLOYMENT SERVICES...

When you leave military service behind, the transition to civilian life can often be turbulent. From understanding how your military skills translate to the civilian world, to facing the world of resumes and stressful interviews, the VFW's Transition and Employment services are committed to providing all service members and veterans with the resources and assistance they need to find a job befitting of their skills and military service.

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