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**RAY CALORE**  
 EDITOR



**THINK MEMBERSHIP!**



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

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members. What a month we had in April! Let me start by thanking Tanya Brunning, Nora Mupo, and Tom Garvey for all of their hard work to put together the 9th annual KCBS BBQ fundraiser. I know they have plans for the 10<sup>th</sup> already!! I also thank all of the volunteers who came through and helped out. ( I just don't have room to write out over 100 names!)

May 6<sup>th</sup> is our Veterans Support Day. If you have questions or issues or know someone who does this is the day to get action taken.

Moving forward, your incoming Officers will be: Commander, Mike Brunning; Sr Vice, Joe Arnold; Jr Vice, Luke Compton; and Quartermaster, Joe Mupo. They will assume their positions on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Let's all give them our 100% support!

Don't forget our Texas Hold 'em fundraiser on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It starts at High Noon! This is a great chance to have some fun and support the Post.

I also want to mention Scott and Molly for their support.

As I look at who will be on the leadership team come June 11<sup>th</sup> I know that VFW Post 846 will be in great hands! Let's keep the momentum going and continue to build.

**...Respectfully, Commander AL**

**VFW AUXILIARY...**

**SHERYL GULLEY, President**

Greetings brothers and sisters, We had a great time at the annual BBQ last month. Thanks to those who helped with the auction, baked goods and setting up the booth. On May 6 the Post is sponsoring a Veterans Support Day from 12:00-4:00. If you or anyone you know needs assistance with the VA, PTSD, or getting a job, come to the Post to get connected.

Try to attend the flag retirement on May 21 at 2:00 and bring your kids or grandkids so they can learn the proper way to dispose of our American Flag. May 27 and 29 will be our Buddy Poppy drive so please plan on helping out for a few hours. Also on May 29 – Memorial Day – we will host a program at Johnson County Memorial Gardens at 11:00, then anyone is welcome back at the Post for a light lunch.

Last month we held our elections and I am proud to announce our new line officers: President, Tanya Brunning; Sr. Vice, Mary Secrest; Jr. Vice, Laura Gulley; Treasurer, Chris Anderson; Chaplain, Mavourneen Todd; Conductress, Betty Winters; Guard, Joy Roth; 3 year trustee, Sheryl Gulley. This month we will conduct our installation of officers.

Best wishes to Dana Pflumm after her knee replacement surgery. Speedy recovery, Dana ! Watch your newsletters or the bulletin board at the Post for lots of activities coming up and I hope to see you at our next meeting on May 11.

**...Loyally, President SHERYL**

**BUDDY POPPY DRIVE...**

Please help distribute VFW Buddy Poppies at various stores on Memorial Day weekend. Volunteers should be at the Post at 0830 on May 27, and/or May 29 for coffee, donuts, and assignments. Proceeds will help replenish our Relief Fund for veterans. Lunch will be served at the Post afterwards, around 2:30 pm.

**MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES...**



VFW Post 846 will host the annual **Memorial Day Service** at Johnson County Gardens, 112th & Metcalf, on Monday, May 29th at 11 a.m. This is a joint service with American Legion 370. A light lunch will be served at our Post after the ceremony.

Please be there to remember those who have passed before us.

# MAY 2017



## VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	2 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	3	4 House & Planning meetings 6:30pm \$1 TACOs	CINCO DE MAYO CAR Cruisin' TEXAS HOLD'EM	6
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14 MOTHER'S DAY Breakfast 8 to Noon	15 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	16 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	17	18 Open Meeting, 7pm \$1 TACOs	19 CAR Cruisin' Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	20
21 Flag Retirement ceremony, 2pm	22 <u>Limited Menu</u> TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	23 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	24	25 V.A. Hospital Visit 5:45 pm \$1 TACOs	26 CAR Cruisin' Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	27 BUDDY POPPY DRIVE 0830 at the Post
28	29 Memorial Day. 11am. JoCo Gardens <u>Limited Menu</u> HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	30 \$1 TACOs LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm	31			

# What's Happening at the Post?

## VETERAN SUPPORT DAY

8804 Grant Ave.  
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Saturday, May 6th — 12—4 p.m.

If you are a US military veteran or a veteran family member and you need help, have questions, looking for work, or any other unmet need, please come to our event to get help and answers. This event is all about reaching out and offering help and information to our local veterans and their families. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information, please go to our website [www.vfwpost846ks.org](http://www.vfwpost846ks.org) or call us at (913) 648-4991. E-mail [vsd@vfwpost846ks.org](mailto:vsd@vfwpost846ks.org).

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



It's Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14. We're having a special breakfast at the Post for the special lady in your life. Mom's eat FREE (all others only \$7). All-you-can-eat, bring the family!

Serving times, 8 am to Noon.

## ONE-DOLLAR \$1 TACO NIGHTS



Every Tuesday & Thursday  
(except April 27)

Starting at 6:30. Take a  
break and come on down!

## 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!



## KARAOKE on Saturday, MAY 13th...

Please join us and your friends  
for some good-time Karaoke start-  
ing at 7pm. It's always fun to sing along, or just  
sit back with a cool drink and enjoy the "talent."



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## CHANGE OF COMMAND AT THE POST...



Newly-elected Post Commander Mike Brunning (left) accepts the gavel from current commander Al St. Pierre. Installation of officers was conducted by past commander Ray Calore on April 13th. The new slate of officers will take charge after the State Convention on June 11th. Good Luck to all.



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## Friday Night Cruisin'

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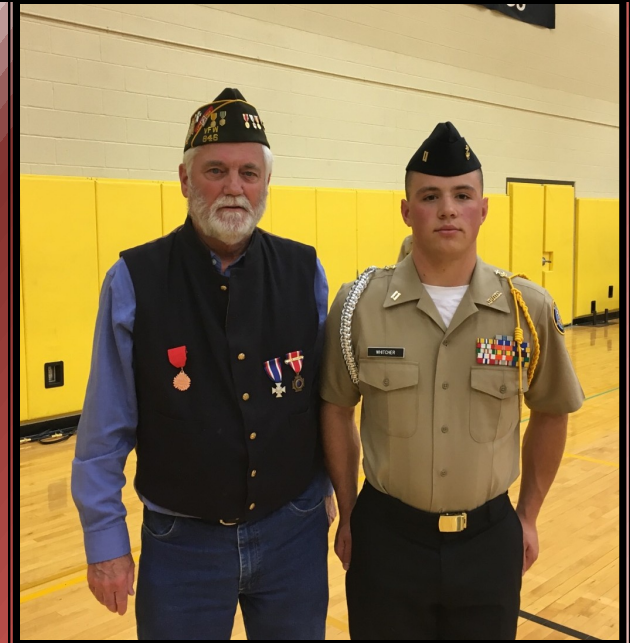


5 to 8 pm

Every Friday night starting Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> Let's Make us the next Longbranch



## VFW Post 846 presents Junior ROTC awards



The VFW JROTC citations and medals were awarded to:  
Cadet Brock Crigger, Washington High School, Kansas City, KS  
Presented by Ray Calore on April 20, 2017.

Cadet Samuel Witcher, Shawnee Mission West High School, Overland Park, KS  
Presented by Lane Smith on April 26, 2017.

**CONGRATULATIONS, CADETS BROCK and SAMUEL !**

### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...



The GOOD NEWS is that Ken & Marcia Sands have become grandparents to a beautiful baby girl on April 25th. Best wishes to baby Ellis and her parents

Kendra & Rustin Bolejack.

Speedy recovery to Dana Pflumm after her knee replacement surgery on May 3rd. Come back soon, Dana !

Please keep me informed if you are in need of your Chaplain's services.

**...Chaplain LANE SMITH**

### V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



On April 27th, Mary Secrest, Jim Robinson, Sheryl Gulley and Chris Anderson made the short trip to the Leavenworth V.A. Med.Center. Mary expertly called the numbers for Bingo and kept the 38 Vets who attended on their toes. Chris made 80 cupcakes and they went fast. The hospitalized veterans really appreciate it.

Our next visit will be on May 25th. You will enjoy yourself — We meet at the Post at 5:45pm. Come on along!

**CHRIS ANDERSON and DANA PFLUMM**

### ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

As a Naval lieutenant in WWII, Richard Nixon set up the only hamburger stand in the South Pacific. At Nixon's Snack Shack, he distributed free burgers and Australian beer to flight crews.

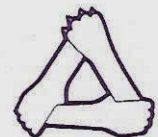
### TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

What was the name of the military operation which sent U.S. troops to Grenada in 1983?

**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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## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY...



A few times a year our Post conducts a "Flag Retirement service" to honorably dispose of the tattered and un-serviceable U.S. Flags that have accumulated from our members and neighbors. Please join us on **Sunday, May 21st at 2pm**, and bring the kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, to educate them on the proper way of disposing Old Glory when it is no longer serviceable. Youngsters and Scout Troops are encouraged to participate. And bring your worn U.S. Flag, too.

## POW/MIA REPORT...



At the end of this month we celebrate **MEMORIAL DAY**, a holiday which means different things to different people. Yes, it's a day off to begin the summer season — vacations, fishing, cook-outs, etc. However, we're sure most of us see Memorial Day as much more than that. "Memorial" means "to remember." That's why we gather every year at this time. We remember and honor fallen soldiers and family members. We salute their lives and shed a tear in their honor.

In doing so, please don't overlook those whose fate has been uncertain for many years. They are referred to as POW/MIA. We call them Brothers and Sisters. The Memorial Day weekend is a prime opportunity to re-dedicate ourselves to finding the truth about our missing comrades. Lest We Forget.



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## IN FLANDERS FIELDS

by John McCrae,  
May 1915



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

## UPCOMING EVENTS —

JUNE 2 — OPERATION STAND-  
DOWN for HOMELESS VETERANS

JUNE 9-11 — VFW STATE CONVEN-  
TION, HUTCHINSON KS

JUNE 17 — CAR SHOW at POST 846

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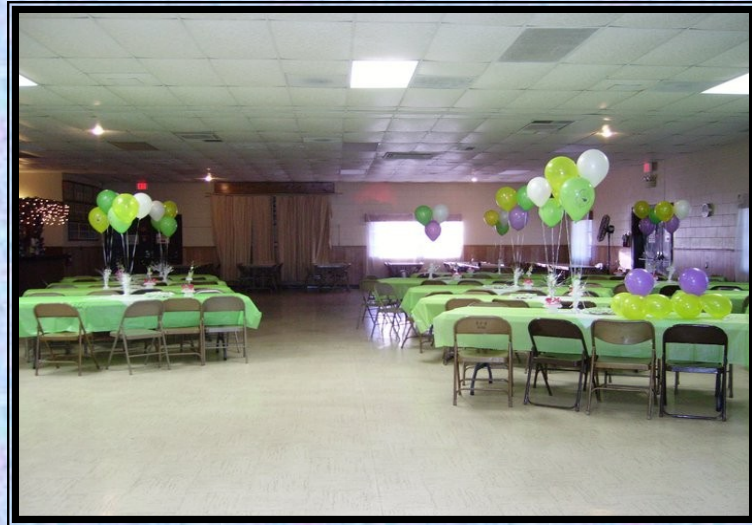
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