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## JUNE 2017

OFFICERS' REPORTS

JUNE CALENDAR

STATE CONVENTION

KARAOKE NIGHT

"APPLE PIE PAINTING"

CAR SHOW

PROGRAMS

POW/MIA

HALL RENTAL

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

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary members. This is my last column as Post Commander and I want to Thank you for the Honor and Privilege you have bestowed on me for the last two years. Your dedication to moving the Post forward will allow all of us to continue our mission of helping Veterans. 7 out of 8 quarters maintaining the Traveling Trophy means a lot and showed the District and the State that VFW Post 846 is here to stay! Your new officers take over on June 11<sup>th</sup>. I know you will show them the same support as you have given me.

Let's start by helping your new Commander Mike Brunning get that trophy back and keep it here longer! There are a lot of activities going on at the Post. Come on over and enjoy the time with your Comrades. In closing I want to say it has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve as your Commander. I will always remember this time.

**...Respectfully, Commander AL**

**VFW AUXILIARY...**

**SHERYL GULLEY, President**

(Due to the death of President Sheryl's father, this article is being submitted by Secretary Dana Pflumm.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: The VFW year is just about over and a new one is about to begin. We wish incoming president Tanya Brunning and her crew all the luck in the world as they start their term for 2017-18. We work as a team and will be glad to help out in your endeavors for a productive and fun year. On the 17th of June, the Post will host a Car and Bike Show. We need baskets for the silent auction so anyone who wishes to make one, a good variety of themes always makes this program successful and interesting. This is a good way to make money to support the Auxiliary programs that we are always working on. So please, let's get them ready and enjoy the fun of watching people go through the basket filled with goodies and a touch of magic.

Would you like to bring out some of your hidden talent? Try the "**Apple Pie Painting**" event coming up on June 23rd. This is something different that we think you will enjoy.

Bob Chaney Sr., the father of current president Sheryl Gulley and grandfather of our new Jr. Vice Pres., Laura Gulley, passed away last week. Bob and his late wife Ethel were valued assets here at the Post for many years, always with a smile. Bob's family wishes to convey their sincerest thanks for all the help, cards of sympathy kind words and attendance at the services..As an Auxiliary, we send Sheryl and Laura our thoughts and prayers. Bob had a fun, kind and generous heart. He will be missed.

**...DANA PFLUMM, Secretary**

**SENIOR ASSISTANCE...**

Lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary, **Jeanie Adkins-Peine** was recently elected to the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature. This elected committee works for the citizens over 60 yrs. old by research-



Jeanie and her late husband Leon.

ing problems, writing a bill, presenting it to the State Legislators for approval and advocating for it. Jeanie would be happy to assist you by listening to your concerns or suggestions for future issues.

You can call Jeanie at (913) 283-7214 or e-mail her at [jadkinspeine@gmail.com](mailto:jadkinspeine@gmail.com).

The National World War I Museum and Memorial presents the fourth annual Taps at the Tower each evening at sunset (8:45 p.m.)

from Sunday, June 18 – Saturday, June 24, 2017. People are invited to come and use the grounds each evening, have a picnic, play games and enjoy the outdoors. At sunset, people will gather at the Liberty Memorial Tower to experience Taps being played during a brief, moving ceremony.

More info at [theworldwar.org/taps](http://theworldwar.org/taps).



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## VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>House &amp; Planning meetings 6:30pm</b> <b>\$1 TACOs</b>	2 <b>Cruisin'</b> <b>Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	3 <b>KARAOKE NIGHT 7—11 pm</b>
4	5 <u>Limited Menu</u> <b>TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	6 <b>D-DAY 1944</b> <b>\$1 TACOs</b> <b>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</b>	7	8 <b>Post &amp; Aux. Meetings 7pm</b> <b>\$1 TACOs</b>	9 <b>Cruisin'</b> <b>State Convention, June 9-11</b> <b>Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	10
11 <b>State Convention continues, Hutchinson KS</b>	12 <u>Limited Menu</u> <b>TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	13 <b>\$1 TACOs</b> <b>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</b>	14	15 <b>Open Meeting, 7pm</b> <b>\$1 TACOs</b>	16 <b>Cruisin'</b> <b>Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	17 <b>CAR and BIKE SHOW 10-3pm</b>
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY!</b>	19 <u>Limited Menu</u> <b>TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	20 <b>\$1 TACOs</b> <b>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</b>	21	22 <b>V.A. Hospital Visit 5:45 pm</b> <b>\$1 TACOs</b>	23 <b>Cruisin'</b> <b>"BLASERS" music 7-9pm</b> <b>Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM</b>	24 <b>Memorial &amp; Celebration of Life for BOB CHANEY, SR.</b>
25	26 <u>Limited Menu</u> <b>TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	27 <b>\$1 TACOs</b> <b>LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm</b>	28	29 <b>APPLE PIE PAINTING 7—9 pm</b> <b>\$1 TACOs</b>	30 <b>Cruisin'</b> <b>Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm</b>	

# What's Happening at the Post?

## KARAOKE on Saturday, June 3rd...

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



## "The BLASERS" country music duo

Playing in the 846 canteen on Friday, June 23rd from 7 to 9 pm. Come on down and enjoy the music!



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We are very sad to report the passing of Bob Chaney, Sr. on May 20th. Our condolences go out to his daughter Sheryl, sons Don and Bob Jr. and family. There will be a memorial celebration of Bob's life on June 24th at the Post (check for time).

Please let me know of anyone else who may need our assistance.

**...Chaplain LANE SMITH**

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



Sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men do not materialize. Due to unfortunate events, our trip to the Leavenworth V.A. MedCenter in May had to be called off. Our next visit will be on June 22. We meet at the Post at 5:45. Please try to join us — you'll be grateful that you did.

Our hearts go out to our Auxiliary president Sheryl Gulle, and Aux. Guard Laura Gulle on the death of their beloved father & grandfather Bob Chaney, Sr.

**CHRIS ANDERSON and DANA PFLUMM**

**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 U.S. military exercise which sent troops to Grenada in 1983 was Operation Urgent Fury.

### TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

When did the *Star Spangled Banner* officially become the U.S. national anthem — 1889, 1916, 1931, or 1945?

### POW/MIA REPORT... the WALKING "K"



During the Vietnam War, pilots were issued special codes to use in case of shoot-down and capture. One of these was the letter K with appendages added to the feet, making it a "walking K." Captive pilots were to use the signal any way they could, hopefully so it would be seen from the air.

In January 1988, Central Intelligence Agency surveillance picked up a "USA" dug into a rice field near Sam Neua (Laos) along with what was possibly a "K" made of rice stalks. Other figures, along with initials, were taken by aerial photography in 1973 and further afterwards in the Plain of Jars and areas around the Pathet Lao caves at Sam Neua.

It's disturbing, the excuses proffered by U.S. officials to debunk the evidence. They would have us believe that the "USA", "Walking K" and other signs were the result of natural formations in tall grass, or children playing in the fields. These rescue signals were never properly investigated.



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# VFW Post 846 & Apple Pie Paintings

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- \* An evening of fun with family and friends on June 29th from 7pm—9pm. Relax and show off some of the Picasso in you.
- \* Everything is provided, including dinner (all-you-can-eat Taco Bar). Sangria and Margaritas will be available at the bar.
- \* Cost is \$35 for this great experience, and \$10 will be given back to the Post. When you're finished, you get to take home your masterpiece!
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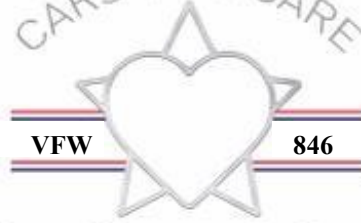


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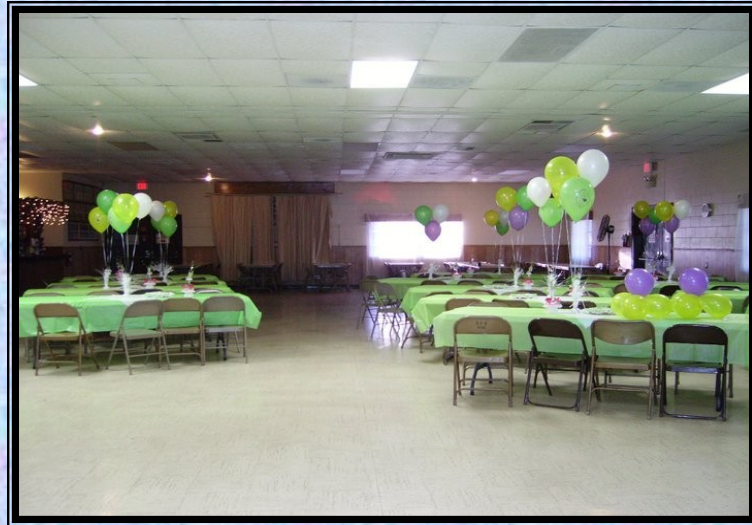
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