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**RAY
CALORE
EDITOR**



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MEMBERSHIP!**



Comrades... I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Commander. As you may have noticed there have been some changes going on for the advancement of the Post that we call home. I believe we have a great team here at Post 846 and can accomplish many great things for the Veterans and their families. I would like to personally thank all volunteers that have donated their time to help with our Banquet Hall like Joe Mupo and 846 sponsored soft ball team for removing the old ceiling tiles, Tom Garvey for painting, Kousay Al-Ani for correcting some of the wiring and installing the chandeliers, Kyle Dolinski for installing a majority of the ceiling tiles and all others for their time. I would also like to thank Al St. Pierre for his thousands of hours continued service.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events like The Flag Retirement, Buddy Poppy Drive, Dinner and Dancing Night featuring Melissa and Company and Friday Nite Poker. A lot of you have great ideas also and we can make them happen. The only way those ideas will succeed is if we all pull together and work as a team so we will be needing lots of volunteers.

"Before you complain, have YOU volunteered yet???? "

... Commander MICHAEL

VFW AUXILIARY...

...TANYA BRUNNING, President

Greetings Auxiliary Members, First, I want to thank past-president Sheryl Gulley and her team for all the hard work they have done over the last three years.

For the first time in years, a husband and wife team is leading the Post and Auxiliary. Commander Mike and I want everyone to come together as a team to support the Post and Auxiliary, as one unit, allowing us all to help our local veterans and the community. In order to complete our goal of helping as many veterans and families as possible, we need to start thinking of some fundraising ideas. Judy Sipes got the ball rolling with a Goonie Golf idea; please keep the ideas coming.

If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please join us. We need everyone's involvement to succeed. Reminder the meeting night is the 2nd Thursday of every Month, at 7pm.

There will be new e-mails for the Auxiliary officers coming soon. Please make sure your contact information is up to date, we don't want you to miss out on anything.

Looking forward to a productive year!

...TANYA BRUNNING, President

Volunteers Do Not necessarily have the time; they have the heart. — Elizabeth Andrew

POW/MIA REPORT

... RAY CALORE, Chairman



Baron 52 was the call sign of a U.S. Air Force EC-47 carrying eight crew members that was shot down over Laos during the predawn hours of 5 February 1973, a week **after** the Paris Peace Accords officially ended the United State's involvement in the Vietnam War. The remains of four crewmen were recovered from the crash site, but those of the remaining four — Cressman, Matejov, Melton, Brandenburg — have never been found. Although the U.S. government considers them to have been killed in action and as late as 1996 listed them as "accounted for", family members believe the four survived the crash and were taken captive and possibly sent to the USSR. The intelligence gatherers and their equipment would have been highly valued by the Soviets who maintained a presence both in Laos and North Vietnam.

The incident has been featured on several nationwide news programs and a 1991 episode of *Unsolved Mysteries*. More recent research by the *National Alliance of Families for the Return of America's Servicemen* presented to Congress has prompted a status review of the incident scheduled to take place in 2016.

The families of the missing crew members believe there is evidence they bailed out and were taken captive by the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). They point to information in official reports, such as the fact that their safety belts were unbuckled and their remains were not at the crash site, to support their beliefs that the rear crew had time to bail out. In addition, at approximately 8:00 AM on 5 February, U.S. Intelligence listening post at Phu Bai Combat Base in South Vietnam intercepted NVA communications from the area indicating they were transporting four captured Airmen. Such communications continued to be intercepted for the next three months. Also on record is a Pathet Lao radio intercept regarding four "air pirates" captured the day Baron 52 was shot down; no other U.S. aircraft was downed that day. A Laotian operative secretly working for the U.S. reported observing the transport of four prisoners along the road near the crash site. All of these records remained classified by the U.S. government. This evidence was first presented to the American public by columnist Jack Anderson on the U.S. news program Good Morning America in 1978. During Anderson's report, he stated a "Pentagon spokesman now agrees there's a good chance these four men were survivors of the crash. Yet, the Pentagon deliberately gave the families misinformation". (Source: Wikipedia)

— Any questions?


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ROYALS on the BIG SCREEN!						1 KARAOKE 7 to 11 pm
2 CLOSED	3 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	JULY 4th POST IS CLOSED TODAY	5	6 House & Planning meetings 6:30pm \$1 TACOs	7 Cruisin' Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	8 DINNER & DANCING Melissa & Co.
9 CLOSED	10 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	11 ALL STAR GAME LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm \$1 TACOs	12	13 Post & Aux. Meetings 7pm \$1 TACOs	14 Cruisin' Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	15 KARAOKE 7 to 11 pm
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30 CLOSED	31 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN NEW ORLEANS ON JULY 22-26.				

What's Happening at the Post?

CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATION...

Beginning in July, the Post 846 Canteen will be closed on Sundays. We will also be closed on the 4th of July. Enjoy your time off!

KARAOKE on Saturday, July 1 and 15...

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."



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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...



On Sunday, July 2, the Post conducted a Flag Retirement ceremony for unserviceable U.S. Flags. Attendance and the weather were both great.

Glad to say that we have received no reports of needy or deceased members this month. Please let me know of anyone else who may need our assistance.

...Chaplain LANE SMITH

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 researching



Jeanie and her late husband Leon.

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.

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



Greetings to All: On June 22, Sheryl and Laura Guley and Chris Anderson went to the Leavenworth VA Hospital for our monthly Bingo visit. We had 38 Vets in attendance and of course, all of us had a great time. It's always good to see people enjoying themselves and laughing. This was Laura's second trip up there, the first one being quite a while ago and we are tickled that she joined us again. We missed Mary Secrest, Jean Hanley and Jim Robinson last month, but we know that as soon as you can you'll be with us smiling all the way. Chris made beautiful cupcakes again, someday I'll have her teach me how to do that. The next visit is on July 27. We will leave the Post at 5:45. Remember, this is a great way to show the Veterans how much we appreciate their service and sacrifice to everyone in our nation. Come join us in this worthy endeavor. Have a Safe and Happy Independence Day!

...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.

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ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The *Star Spangled Banner* officially became the U.S. national anthem in 1931.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

What was the nickname of the World War Two B-17 long-range bomber?



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THIS WAS EXCITING — WE WITNESSED THE START OF MANY MASTERPIECES !
WE HOPE TO DO IT AGAIN SOON — SEE YOU NEXT TIME !



VFW NATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 22-26 in NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

STATE VFW MID-SUMMER CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 11-13 IN PARSONS, KANSAS.

Members in good standing are encouraged to attend.



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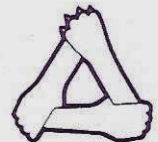


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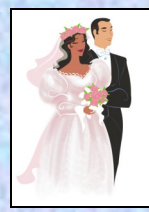
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