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RAY CALORE
EDITOR



THINK MEMBERSHIP!



COMMANDER's COLUMN..... *"Principles Above Personalities"* **...MIKE BRUNNING, Commander**

Comrades... Just in case you were not informed of my current situation, I will be recovering from surgery. It will have started on the 2nd of August. Then I will be in the hospital for 2-4 days then I will be in recovery for a couple of months. I will try and make all meetings but will need the other Officers to cover down in my absence..

There are a things I need to stress concern. The first is participation. We have Members that like to create events to help this Post stay above our expenses. Those Members also work those events but a lot of times they cant do all the work. There for participation is needed from other Post Members and Auxiliary members. The calendar of events are included. Plan accordingly. Second is Communication! The communication between Post Members, Auxiliary and the community are very important to the success of this Post.

Just a reminder we have offered our post to host the District 2 School of Instruction scheduled for 26th of August. I hope you all can make it. This is our Post lets show our support.

We still do PTSD classes every Tuesday for anybody who is interested. Get with Norm Holle or Mike Martin to show you the way to achieve

100% Disability.

Just a reminder, the Planning Committee Meeting will NOW be scheduled for the second Thursdays at 18:00 with the Post Meeting to follow at 19:00.

...Commander MICHAEL

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

VFW AUXILIARY... **...TANYA BRUNNING, President**

Greetings Auxiliary Members, The summer has been quiet at the Post. Before you know it the autumn will be here with lots of activities. On Sept 23, we will have a float with the Post in the Overland Park parade. If you have an idea for the float, come to the meeting and share your ideas.

Mark your calendar for November 4, the Mouse Races will be here! We will need help with food and running the betting windows. Sponsorship forms will be available soon.

I know I said this last month, but it bears repeating. 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. 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**



In last month's Newsletter I reported on the unresolved POW/MIA case of BARON 52, the EC-47Q intelligence aircraft shot down over Laos on 5 Feb 1973, a week after the Vietnam Peace Accords were signed. There were eight crewmen on board; Four of them — Sgt Cressman, Matejov, Melton and Brandenburg — were determined to be missing. The secret intelligence information they would've had made them prime targets for capture by the enemy. From that point, the struggle was on between the families of those men and the US bureaucracy that attempts to misrepresent the truth in the POW/MIA issue.

Fast forward to February 1991. Col. Millard "Mike" Peck, then Chief of DIA's Special Office on POWs, caused an uproar by resigning his position, leaving a 5-page resignation letter tacked to his office door. Amid his charges and allegations was the statement that *"the farce that is being played is no more than political legerdemain done with "smoke and mirrors", to stall the issue until it dies a natural death."*

This brings us to the sad death a few days ago (Aug. 2) of **Steve Cressman**, brother of Sgt. Peter Cressman from Baron 52. Steve had been a leader in the fight to obtain information and truth about our POWs, including his brother Peter. One more leader in the search for answers is gone, just as predicted by Col. Peck. One by one, the wives, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, daughters are passing away, leaving — who? to continue the struggle. Were they the only people who cared?

We of the VFW and veterans organizations have an obligation to carry on that mission for the missing men, for their families, and for the good of the service. Don't let the opportunity "die a natural death."

Next month we will observe National POW/MIA Recognition Day (Recognition WEEK here in Kansas). Please try to attend the Overland Park City Hall ceremony on Sep. 10. Look for details in next month's newsletter, or call the Post. It's one more thing we can do for our "highest national priority."

(for more information, go to nationalalliance.org.)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm \$1 TACOs			Dinner at 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	
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		LIFE WITH PTSD 6pm \$1 TACOs		Planning Meeting 6pm Post & Aux. Meetings 7pm	VFW Mid-Summer Conference Parsons KS — Aug. 11-13	
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What's Happening at the Post?



Starting Sept. 10, our Canteen will be open on Sundays at 11:30. Come on down and watch your team on the Big Screen TV.

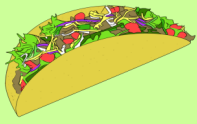


KARAOKE on Saturday, August 19th...

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."



ONE-DOLLAR \$1 TACO TUESDAY



Every Tuesday starting at 6:30. Take a break and come on down!

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.

"KEATON CONRAD and the Late Nite Cavalry"

Playing in the 846 canteen on Saturday, August 12th from 6 to 9 pm. Come on down and enjoy the music!



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!**



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Jeff Wagner

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KANSAS VFW MEETINGS...

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

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DISTRICT 2 MID-SUMMER SCHOOL of INSTRUCTION WILL BE HELD HERE AT POST 846 on SATURDAY, AUG. 26. MEETING STARTS AT 10am.

You are strongly encouraged to attend one or both of the above VFW functions. They are open to all members in good standing. The "School of Instruction" will be of particular use to newly-elected officers and members who would like to know more about the workings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



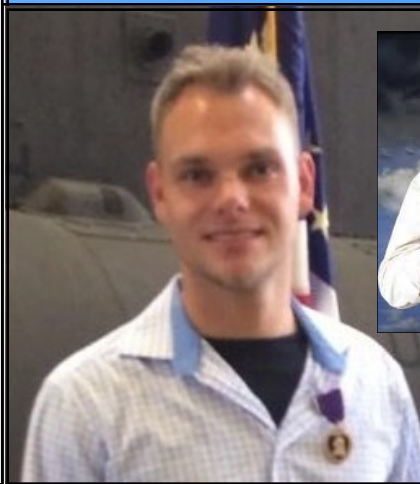
August 7, 2017, is National Purple Heart Day. On this day in 1782, in Newburgh, NY, General George Washington created the "Badge for Military Merit", now known as the *PURPLE HEART*.

Post 846 member Zeke Crozier gets a home makeover...

The Ezekiel "Zeke" Crozier family of Overland Park got a makeover of a lifetime! This includes everything from bathroom renovations, new windows and doors, cell phones and even tips and expert advice from the pros at the Air Force Academy and Nat'l Bank of Kansas City.

The TV show *Military Makeover* on Lifetime filmed the project, which aired in June. The show's co-host is "Gunny" R. Lee Ermey.

Zeke is a disabled Army veteran of Afghanistan, recovering from traumatic brain injury. He is a Life Member of VFW Post 846, Overland Park, KS.



UPCOMING EVENTS for SEPTEMBER...

- Sep. 2 — Buddy Poppy Drive
- Sep. 10 — POW/MIA ceremony, City Hall
- Sep. 22 — Meet at Post to decorate the float
- Sep. 23 — Overland Park Day Parade
- Sep. 23 — Knock Knead Sally Band

Keep reading your Newsletter for more exciting events! Call the Post to volunteer.



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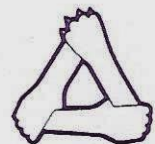


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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...



Commander **Mike Brunning** is recuperating from surgery, done on August 2nd. **Ray Calore** is scheduled to have abdominal aorta surgery in a few weeks. Also, **Dana Pflumm** will have her other knee replaced on August 16th. That will give her a complete new set!

We wish them all a speedy and complete recovery. Hurry back!
...Chaplain LANE

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...



Chris Anderson, Sheryl Gulley, Mary Secrest and Jim Robinson again made the small trip to the Leavenworth VA Hospital on July 27. We had 45 Vets in attendance and all of us had a great time. The Vets were served cookies and milk which went over really well. We brought up a bag of small toiletries which again were well received. Sheryl Gulley donated 9 pairs of blue jeans and all of them were taken within minutes. So if any of you have any extra toiletries, shampoo, toothpaste, conditioner, etc., and men's or women's jeans in good condition and clean, please bring them to the Post so we can bring them to the VA.

Our next visit will be on Aug. 24. This time we will be serving watermelon so we will have to leave earlier than normal, at 5:00. If any of you would like to donate 4 hours of your time for a worthy cause, this is it. All of our work is deeply appreciated and it's wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves so much.

Stay cool! Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm



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ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The nickname of the World War II B-17 long-range bomber was the Flying Fortress.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

What was the most decorated US Navy warship of World War II, having earned 20 battle stars?



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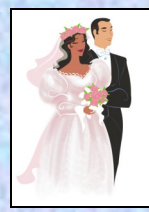
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