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OFFICERS' REPORTS

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY BRUNCH

* PARENTS / KIDS DANCE
* SWEETHEART DANCE

APPLICATION TO 846

TRIVIA MONDAYS

YOGA

TEXAS HOLD'EM 2X

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

POW/MIA

V.A. HOSPITAL VISIT

PROGRAMS

HALL RENTAL

COMRADESHIP

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**RAY
CALORE
EDITOR**



**THINK
MEMBERSHIP!**



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

Comrades... With the freezing weather this year, I request that you be VERY cautious and aware of ice patches. Please dress appropriately for the extreme cold temperatures as they move across Kansas.

Special thanks to Prestige Poker for doing the fundraiser for Jerry Severtson on January 21; fun was had by all.

Sundays now have MORE REASONS for you to join us. Brunch is from 1200 - 1500, just \$5 a plate or \$8 for all you can eat; a different menu every week. Yoga is at 1400, with a suggested donation of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per session. If you have ever been to a Yoga class, then you know what a great deal this is. There was a great turn out for both these events on January 21, the inaugural weekend.

Super Bowl LII weekend is closing in with the Eagles versus Patriots on February 4. We will air the game at the Post. Whether you join us at the Post or go watch the game some other place, please be careful and drive responsibly. There are several Valentine's Day dances planned February 9 - 11; check the calendar or the Facebook page for dates and times.

Military history in February: On February 22 President George Bush issued a 24 hour ultimatum that Iraq withdraw from Kuwait, February 24th Allied ground assault began at 4am Eastern Time, on February 27th President Bush declared Kuwait liberated thus ending the 100 hour war.

Stay safe this month and God Bless those who can't be home with their families while serving this great nation.

...Mike Brunning, Commander

" Before you complain, have you volunteered yet?"

VFW AUXILIARY...TANYA BRUNNING, President

Greetings Auxiliary Members... Hope you all have gotten your rest in, because it is going to be a busy Spring! We have the VA Hospital visits that are the 4th Thursday of every month (meet at the Post at 17:45), the Used Shoe & Handbag Sale on March 31, the 10th Annual BBQ Competition April 20 & 21, and the Kentucky Derby party on May 5. Keep a close eye on the Post website and Auxiliary and Post Facebook pages.

We can use everyone's help for the Used Shoe & Handbag sale on Saturday, March 31. Start your Spring cleaning early and donate your gently used shoes and handbags. We will also collect any clothing you have cleaned out of your closet for a Post fundraiser which will earn \$1,000 for every 400lbs of clothing collected!

Everyone's participation is needed for us to succeed in our mission to help the Post, veterans and our community. Please join us this month on February 8, at 19:00 for the monthly meeting; I would love to see some new faces!

...Tanya Brunning, President

— If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever. — Kofi Annan

**Father/Daughter
& Mother/Son
Valentine Dance**

FRIDAY, FEB. 9 ... 7—10 pm

Moms and Dads, bring your little prince & princesses to twirl around the dance floor for one special night! Light snacks will be provided and a bartender will be available to serve you. Tickets are available to purchase in the Canteen. \$10-adults \$5 each child (cash only please). It's family-friendly !

SWEETHEART DANCE Adults Only !

Saturday, Feb. 10 --

**Prime Rib Dinner,
\$15/person. In-
cludes the Dance.**

***** Dance only,
\$10/couple.**

Dinner @ 6:30

Dance @ 8:00



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Dick Marcincko Seal Team Six 3 to 6 pm	3 4pm TEXAS HOLD'EM
					TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	OPEN MIC 8-12
4 SUPER BOWL PARTY	5	6 7pm House cmtee	7 OPEN MIC 7pm	8 Planning 6pm Post & Aux. 7pm	9 Sons/Daughters VALENTINE DANCE	10 4pm TEXAS HOLD'EM
BRUNCH 12-3pm—\$5	TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm	LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm \$1 TACOs			TEXAS HOLD'EM	SWEET-HEART DANCE
YOGA, 2pm						
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YOGA, 2pm						
18	19 President's Day Holiday	20	21 OPEN MIC 7pm	22 V.A. MedCenter Visit Meet at 5:45	23	24 4pm TEXAS HOLD'EM
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25	26	27	28 OPEN MIC 7pm			
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CANTEEN MANAGER'S NOTES...

Hello everyone! I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and to let you know about a few things that we've been working on here at the Post. We've started serving Brunch from noon to 3 on Sunday afternoons and so far, we have enjoyed great success with this. We hope you can join us each weekend for great food and excellent Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. After brunch, we are now offering a beginner's YOGA class at 2pm in the hall. This is a gentle stretch class, perfect for all levels, focused more on bringing awareness to the body and finding peace from within. We are offering this on a donation basis with a suggested donation of \$5-\$10, but no one will ever be turned away for inability to pay. All of the supplies are provided, so just show up and get your zen on!

WONDERFUL
NEW ACTIVITIES!
TRY THEM OUT
AT THE POST!



Join us 7 days a week in the canteen to take advantage of our **new food menu** at excellent prices! If you're one of those people who thinks they know it all, join us on Monday nights for Trivia!!! Hosted by our bartenders, we play a 2 hour game and offer fun prizes for the biggest brain in the room! For the singer/songwriter crowd, we are now offering Open Mic Nights! Our Open Mic Night on Wednesday nights has been growing steadily and we have decided to add an additional Open Mic on Saturday nights starting at 8pm. If you know of anyone who likes to sing their original music or who would like to bring an instrument and sing covers, we have a place for them! (Open Mic is very different from karaoke as it offers live music with instruments rather than singing to a track.)

We now offer Texas Hold'Em on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons for our favorite poker players. And join us for Sunday tournaments quarterly. We will host a Jack and Jill poker tournament on February 25th with a \$25 buy-in as a Post fundraiser.

For all of you sweethearts out there, we will be hosting two dances in the hall in honor of **Valentine's Day**. On Feb 9th, we will be hosting a father/daughter-mother/son dance in the hall at 7pm. Bring your littlest prince or princess out for a night of dancing and fun. For the grown-ups, we are hosting a Sweetheart Dance on Feb 10th to include our Prime Rib Dinner cooked by our own Larry Fries! If you have already purchased your dinner ticket, there will be no charge for you at the dance. Dinner will start at 6:30pm and the dance will start at 8pm. Most of you know that the Super Bowl is right around the corner! Join us on Super Sunday for a pot luck style watch party, starting at 3pm!

Through my continued efforts to create community partnerships, I've discovered many like minded organizations eager to work with us to develop new relationships and service opportunities. **War Horses for Veterans** in particular has been outstanding in their willingness to join in our community service efforts. War Horses has also assembled a team of helpers who are ready and able to get some of the much needed improvements that will be critical to the success of our Post. If you would like to get involved with these projects, please see me for details. John Parker, with War Horses, has recently joined our Post as a member. He and I have developed a veterans specific networking group called KC Veterans United. We created this group to bring local veterans together to share resources, rebuild camaraderie and empower one another through events, outing & educational opportunities. We will meet here at the Post on the 4th Friday of every month at 7pm! I sincerely hope you can join us in this endeavor!

There are so many new and wonderful things happening here at the Post and if you're not involved, you are truly missing out! Be on the lookout for new programs coming in March such as Archery Club and First Responders Night! If you haven't been in for awhile, please stop by and say hello!

...HEATHER BENOIT, Manager

New Good Times at the Post!

OPEN MIC NIGHTS...

** Wednesdays, 7-9 pm.

** Saturdays, 8-12 pm.

Original singers/songwriters featured and anyone with a guitar and a song can join us at the mic. Free to join in, and everyone is welcome. These are great nights!



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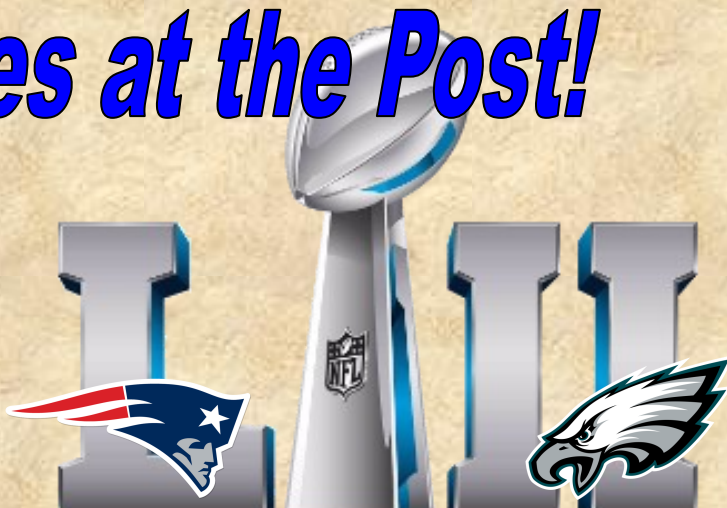
TEXAS HOLD'EM NOW ON FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS, TOO...

Every **Friday evening** in the Canteen, 7pm and 10pm. Also on **Saturday at 4pm.** (With Prestige Poker.)

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"JACK & JILL" POKER TOURNAMENT
Feb. 25th, 1pm (Post Fundraiser)
\$25 buy-in. **GOOD LUCK!**



SUPER BOWL

SUNDAY, February 4, 2018
POT LUCK PARTY, 3-9pm
(Bring a dish to share!)
GAME TIME, 5:15

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

...Chaplain LANE SMITH



On January 10th we said Good-Bye to Jenny Lynn Bratton, 46, daughter of Auxiliary member Debbie Benson. Jenny was always a joy to be around, and we will miss her.

Please let me know of anyone in distress. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

...Chaplain LANE

YOGA

Every Sunday at
2pm
Beginning Jan. 14th.
(donation based)



LIFE WITH P.T.S.D. discussion with Norm Holle every Tuesday at 6:30pm 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 16 years experience in this field of helping Veterans. Norm's phone is (913) 856-4310.

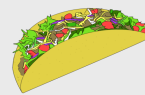
V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



On Jan. 25, Sheryl Gulley, Mary Se-crest, Jim Robinson, Laura Gulley, Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm went to the Eisenhower VA Hospital for the monthly Bingo game. We were lucky, we had a beautiful night. We had 44 Vets there, lots of fun and mega delicious cupcakes baked by Chris. (I got the recipe for the icing....very good!) Also, Mary is the best Bingo caller I know. She is focused, accurate and goes at a good, steady pace. (Bet you didn't know you were going to have your praises sung in this article, did you Mary?) Our next visit will be on Feb. 22. We have a great time, go with us in February! Happy Valentine's Day!

...Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm

ONE-DOLLAR \$1 TACO TUESDAY



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

ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The 1973 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded jointly to Henry Kissinger (U.S.) and Le Duc Tho (North Vietnam). Le Duc Tho refused to accept his award.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

How many U.S. Coast Guardsmen received the Medal of Honor?

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POW/MIA REPORT... Ray Calore, Chairman



Operation Homecoming — the Vietnam prisoner exchange — brought 591 U.S. POWs home. The first C-141, later named the *Hanoi Taxi*, departed the Hanoi airport on February 12, 1973. A total of 54 flights from Hanoi and Saigon ended on April 4th of the same year. At that point, President Nixon stated “All of our brave POWs are back home.” Those words virtually doomed any POWs left behind or kept by the enemy for bargaining purposes. They called it “Peace With Honor”. There was no Peace, and the only Honor is with those of us who fought that war.

Read: *“Kiss the Boys Goodbye”* by Monika Jensen -Stevenson and William Stevenson.



POST 846 EARNS THE TROPHY, AGAIN...

Post commander Mike Brunning (r) receives the Traveling Trophy from District commander David Cuba at the District Mid-Winter conference on Jan. 27. Post 846 has been awarded this trophy numerous times, more than any other Post in District Two. Good job to all who attended.



Check out the NEW MENU in the Canteen. Chili Dogs, Chicken Fingers, Cheeseburgers, Taquitos & Chips, Sliders, Rib Sandwiches and more. **GETTING HUNGRY?**

**FEBRUARY
IS
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HISTORY
MONTH**



JACKIE ROBINSON

KC VETERANS UNITED is a new organization that will be meeting at our Post every 4th Friday of the month. Please try to attend the next meeting on February 23rd at 7pm.



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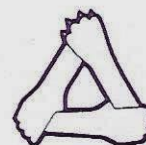
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 I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and that I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if it is in my power to prevent it.
 I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy.
 I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order.
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I attest that I am a citizen or national of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

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