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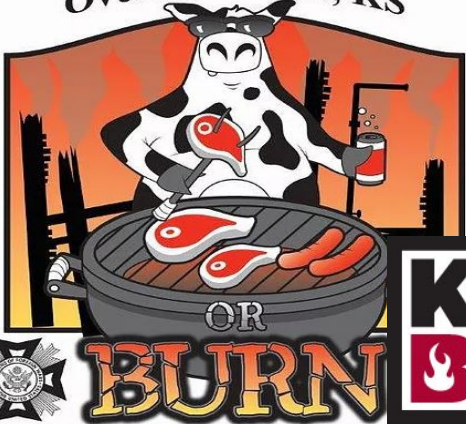


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COMMANDER's COLUMN..... "Principles Above Personalities" ...MIKE BRUNNING, Commander

Comrades... We are beginning to see more and more new faces within our ranks; please stop and introduce yourself. As we get closer to our 10th Annual BBQ Challenge, I would like to remind you all that we will need lots of help to be successful. Please see one of our BBQ Committee members and ask us where we need your help.

Also, on the April 21, we have the District 2 meeting at the Lenexa Post 7397, 10:00am. If you can't make it to the BBQ, I urge you to attend. Don't forget to check the calendar for dates and times of all we have going on throughout the month. Nominations and election of Officers will be held at our next meeting on the April 12. We will have a joint installation ceremony with the Auxiliary in place of the May meeting. The new officers will take their positions after the State Convention in June.

A few sad notes: Let us offer a moment of prayer for Auxiliary President Tanya Brunning's grandmother, EIfriede Marsland, who passed away on March 18th. Also: Joe Baucom's mother who passed away on March 27th. She was laid to rest next to his father at the Veterans Cemetery in Fort Scott. Joe has been of great assistance to our Post and Programs. My deepest sympathy go to Tanya and Joe, and their families.

April Military History: April 4, 1949, 12 nations signed The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe. April 6, 1917, following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the US entered WWI in Europe. April 9, 1865, after over 500,000 American deaths, the Civil War effectively ended as General Robert Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant. April 10, 1942, during WW II in the Pacific, the Bataan death March began; 76,000 Allied POW's, including 12,000 Americans, were forced to march approximately 60 miles under blazing sun without food or water resulting in over 5,000 American deaths. Every year, today's soldiers train for the annual reenactment of the march to show support of those lost lives and the honor of completing the march.

" Before you complain, have you volunteered yet?"

...Mike Brunning, Commander

FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...

Greetings Auxiliary Members... April is an important month as we have elections. There are many positions that need filling, so please come to the meeting on April 12, at 1900. If you cannot make the meeting, but are willing to hold an office, please submit a letter to Chris Anderson, our Secretary/Treasurer prior to the meeting.

The BBQ is April 20 & 21, and we need volunteers to help man the booth Friday evening and Saturday, even if it is just for an hour or two. If you can't make the BBQ, the District 2 meeting is April 21, 10am at the Lenexa Post; there will be District elections at the meeting.

The Used Shoe & Handbag Auxiliary fundraiser has been postponed until May; we will be getting more information out as details are finalized. Keep cleaning out those closets and finding those gently used shoes and handbags.

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 April 12, at 1900 for the monthly meeting; I would love to see some new faces!

Tanya Brunning, President

— Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. — Helen Keller

You have a voice in our future:

Post 846 Elections — Thursday, April 12 — 7pm
District 2 Elections — Saturday, April 21 — 10am
at Lenexa Post, 9550 Pflumm Rd.

(Let's get that Traveling Trophy at the District meeting!)



Newly-elected officers and chairmen will assume their positions at the close of the State Convention in Wichita, June 17, 2018.



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VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS

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| 1 HAPPY EASTER  | 2  TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm | 3 7pm House cmtee LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm \$1 TACOs | 4 | 5  OPEN MIC 7pm | 6 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm | 7 3pm TEXAS HOLD'EM  OPEN MIC 8-12 |
| 8 SPECIAL BRUNCH 11—2pm | 9 FORMER POW Recognition Day TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm | 10 LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm \$1 TACOs | 11 | 12 Planning 6pm Post /Aux. 7p ELECTIONS OPEN MIC | 13 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm | 14 3pm TEXAS HOLD'EM  OPEN MIC 8-12 |
| 15 | 16  TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm | 17 LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm \$1 TACOs | 18 | 19  OPEN MIC 7pm | 20 21 BAR-B-Q CHALLENGE ! LIVE MUSIC BAND 7-11pm Dist. Convention at Lenexa Post 10 a.m. OPEN MIC | |
| 22 | 23  TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm | 24 LIFE WITH PTSD 6:30pm \$1 TACOs | 25 | 26 V.A. MedCenter Visit Meet at 5:45 OPEN MIC 7p | 27 K.C. Veterans & War Horses 7pm TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm | 28 3pm TEXAS HOLD'EM  OPEN MIC 8-12 |
| 29 | 30  TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm | You have a voice in our future: Post 846 Elections — Thursday, April 12 — 7pm District 2 Elections — Saturday, April 21 — 10am at Lenexa Post, 9550 Pflumm | | | |  |

New Good Times at the Post!

OPEN MIC NIGHTS...

**** Thursdays** with
Christian Franklin, 7-9 pm.

**** Saturdays** with
Mr. J., 8-12 pm.*

Original singers/songwriters
featured and anyone with a guitar and a song can
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day at 3pm.** (With Prestige Poker.)
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NOTE: No poker on April 20 or 21 due to our 10th
Annual Bar-B-Q Challenge that weekend.

Live Band on Friday, April 20, 7—11pm.



(No Brunch on Easter.)

Join us on Sunday,
April 8th for Brunch
from 11 to 2pm.

Only \$5.

All-you-can-eat, \$8

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.

National Former POW Recognition Day, on
April 9th, we remember the American men and
women held captive during war. Over 120,000
Americans were held as POWs during WWII.
12,228 died in captivity. National Former POW
Recognition Day, as designated by Congress,
falls on the anniversary of the United States' sur-
render on the Bataan Peninsula, beginning the
Bataan Death March the next day, April 10, 1942.

ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The only 5-star General of the U.S. Air Force (and
formerly of the U.S. Army Air Corps) was **Henry
"Hap" Arnold**, from 1944 to 1950.

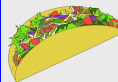
TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

Who is the current Command Sergeant Major of
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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... ..Chaplain LANE SMITH



Sadly, Post 846 has suffered some losses in the past few weeks. We are sad to report the passing of ElFreide Marsland, grandmother of our Auxiliary President Tanya Brunning on March 18th.

Post Member Debbie Martin passed on April 3rd. Debbie, a military nurse, could always be counted on for assistance and volunteerism.

Joe Baucom's Mother, Millie Marie, 92, passed away on March 27th. She was buried in the Fort Scott National Cemetery next to her husband.

Our condolences go out their families and loved ones. Please keep me informed of anyone who is hospitalized, home-bound, or passes away.

...Chaplain LANE

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



Hello Spring! Even though it was still cold and windy, our bingo team still made it up to the Leavenworth VA Hospital on March 29th. A big THANK YOU to Jim Robinson, Mary Secrest, Sheryl Gulley, Chris Anderson and our newest

Auxiliary Life member, Allie Anderson! Glad to have you aboard, Allie! I can't imagine anything better than a big table filled with Girl Scout Cookies. That is what we served our 41 Veterans in attendance then followed by a cold glass of milk. Our thanks to our Chris Anderson and Girl Scout Troop 5226 for their contribution. Nobody that I know dislikes Girl Scout Cookies. And to Mary Secrest, who made little cups of candy to celebrate Easter in her own special way. What a great way to show our Vets that we honor their service and sacrifice. Our next visit will be on Thursday, April 26. Join us, I know you will enjoy it. **... Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm**

POW/MIA REPORT... Ray Calore, Chairman



WASHINGTON — In the early days of the Trump administration, national security officials began exploring ways to free **AUSTIN TICE**, 31, an American journalist and former Marine Corps officer believed to be held by the Syrian government. His case has frustrated investigators and diplomats since he disappeared while on assignment nearly five years ago.

White House officials decided, because of the delicacy of the situation, to set up a back channel. In February, CIA Director Mike Pompeo spoke on the phone with Ali Mamouk, the head of Syria's National Security Bureau intelligence service. The call was the highest-level contact between the governments in years.

(Source: New York Times)



KC VETERANS UNITED including WAR HORSES FOR VETERANS 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 April 27th at 7pm. This is a very exciting program sponsored by our Post!



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Ages: 9 to 18 years of age.

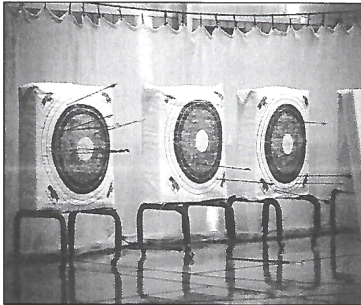
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For questions, contact Kent Carlson at (913) 526-3108 (no calls after 830pm, please) or email at bcarchery@gmail.com.

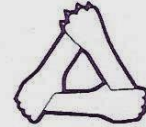
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WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE at Post 846 ?

Do you have a good idea, a new idea, or even something we may have tried before at the Post? Bring it up and we'll toss it around. This could be a very exciting time for Post 846, and a lot of it depends on YOU and your input. Your thoughts and comments are welcome at the monthly meeting (April 12). You can also call us at (913) 648-4991 or drop an e-mail to admin@vfwpost846ks.org. Thanks!

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846...
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