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# THINK MEMBERSHIP!



**COMMANDER's COLUMN.... "Principles Above Personalities" ...SCOTT NUSZ, Commander**

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! We, at the Post and Auxiliary, adopted several families for the Christmas season. It was great seeing the joy on their faces for the items they received.

Our fundraiser for Battle Buddies went well. We collected over \$100 for them as well as getting donations of dog food, pet toys and other items for our local SPCA.

We have started the BBQ committee for this years BBQ. We have changed the date to April 5&6 this year. Reason behind this is because of Easter. We are hoping for a bigger turn out than last year. If you would like to volunteer, contact Mollie Nusz.

Don't forget about the Commander Dinner on the 10th at 6 pm. Dinner will be prepared by Leann Carlson, Swedish Meatballs, mashed potatoes, and salad. Meeting will follow at 7 pm

Bingo is going well, come out and play on Sunday. First game starts at 2 pm.

**...SCOTT NUSZ, Commander**

*"It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle."* ~General Norman Schwarzkopf~

**FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...**

Greetings Auxiliary Members — Greetings, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. December was really busy as we helped families for Christmas, went to the VA Hospital Christmas party, supported Wreaths Across America, presented Scholarship Awards and worked the kitchen for weekly Bingo. As the new year begins please remember our work for veterans and their families goes on all 12 months - it doesn't stop after Christmas. Your Auxiliary and Post can use your help in working our programs and helping with the Bingo kitchen. Please think about giving just one or two days a month. If you know someone who would like to join our Auxiliary, please get them an application. Our meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 and we would love to see more of you there. Working together, we can make the New Year a success!

**...Loyally, President LAURA**

**DEPT. (STATE) VFW  
and Auxiliary**

Date: Jan. 11-13

Place: Junction City  
(Marriott Hotel)

All VFW and Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

**VFW  
MID-WINTER  
CONFERENCES**



**DISTRICT 2 VFW**

Date: Saturday, Jan. 26  
10 a.m.

Place: Lenexa VFW 7397

\* Scholarship presentations held before the meeting. Auxiliary and VFW invited to attend. No Auxiliary meeting afterward.



**BINGO**

**IS BIG at 846 !!**

Every Sunday afternoon,  
2 pm  
Come on down!

**SUPERHERO  
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# JANUARY 2019



## VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 CLOSED	2	3	4 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	5 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
6 BINGO 2 p.m.	7 CLOSED	8 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	9	10 DINNER 6pm Post & Aux. Meetings 7pm	11 State VFW Mid-Winter Conference — Junction City, KS TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	12 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
13 VFW Conf. Junc.City BINGO 2 p.m.	14	15 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	16	17	18 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	19 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
20 BINGO 2 p.m.	21	22 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	23	24 V.A. Hospital Visit. Meet at 5:30	25 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	26 DIST. #2 Conference Lenexa Post TEXAS 5:HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
27 PARIS ACCORDS 1973 BINGO 2 p.m.	28	29 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	30	31		

### COMMANDER'S DINNER



Post Commander Scott will host a dinner every month on meeting night, the 2nd Thursday of the month. Dinner is at 6pm, meeting is at 7pm.

Our January dinner will be prepared by Leann Carlson: Swedish Meatballs, mashed potatoes, and salad. All members, plus family and friends, are invited. No charge, but donations accepted. Let Scott know how many will attend.

E-mail Scott at [schneltalker@yahoo.com](mailto:schneltalker@yahoo.com).

### STEEL DARTS at the POST...

The Post now has THREE regulation steel dart boards, complete with chalk score boards and steel-tip house darts — or bring your own darts, of course.



No tournaments yet, but we're working on it. Meanwhile, keep practicing here at the Post.

### TEXAS HOLD'EM NOW ON FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS,

Every **Friday and Saturday evenings** in the Canteen, 7pm and 10pm.  
(With Prestige Poker.) Only \$5 buy-in donation. **GOOD LUCK!**



### ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION...

The Japanese Combined Fleet (Kido Butai) that was assembled to attack Pearl Harbor was called Operation Z.

### TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

What Confederate state was the last to return to the Union after the Civil War?

**LIFE WITH P.T.S.D.** with Norm Holle every on 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 and dealing with the V.A. on this issue. Norm's phone is (913) 856-4310.

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



Hello Everyone at Post 846! And welcome to 2019!! On Dec. 9, Mary Secrest and Dana Pflumm went to the Domiciliary at the Leavenworth VA Hospital for the annual Christmas Party, which was hosted by District Auxiliaries 1 & 2. What a blast! Our Vets were served yummy finger foods and mouth watering cookies. Then they played 3 games of Bingo and received prizes such as gift cards to local restaurants, blankets, shirts, caps and socks. A local resident of Overland Park donated a whole box of cloth Christmas ornaments and those were taken as fast as I could hand them out. We were so happy to honor these Veterans who have given so much to us.

On Thursday, Jan. 24, we will have our next Hospital visit, weather permitting. New volunteers are always welcomed so don't be shy. We will take off from the Post at 5:45. And remember to drive safely in the bad weather we have around here. Happy January!

**..CHRISTINE ANDERSON & DANA PFLUMM**



Two of our Auxiliary ladies — Dana Pflumm and Mary Secrest — providing Christmas goodies at the Leavenworth V.A. Christmas party on December 9th. The Veterans deserve the Best!

  
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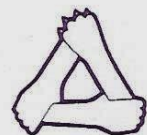


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**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT... LANE SMITH**



Update: Jerry Severtson is out of rehab, and is recuperating at home. Jack Hiles is out of Shawnee Mission Med.Center and is doing well.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" event for past-commander Bud Starling, who passed away on December 5th. We will let you know when and where it will be held.

Please keep me informed of anyone who needs assistance, or who has passed on.

**...Chaplain LANE**

**"Volunteers...reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another."**

**— Erma Bombeck**



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**POW/MIA REPORT ... RAY CALORE, Chairman**



(Comrades, this article is a reprint of the POW/MIA report of last January. Notice that the facts haven't changed and the results remain in the shadows.)

**On January 27, 1973**, representatives from North and South Vietnam, the United States and the National Liberation Front (Charlie) signed the **Paris Peace Accords**, which marked the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War.

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger referred to it as "peace with honor." Remember that phrase? It's still good for a laugh, or at least a few tears. One of the major betrayals of the agreement was the return of American POWs. From February to April 1973, "Operation Homecoming" brought the return of 591 American POWs through Hanoi, even though many more were expected to return. Others, it is speculated, were held back in anticipation of "war reparations" allegedly promised in a secret agreement by President Richard Nixon.

And so it began, the Vietnam POW/MIA issue as we know it today. January 27th is the anniversary of that milestone event, and the questions that were unanswered then remain unanswered today.



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**APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact [svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org](mailto:svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org)**

**VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** ver. 01/14

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Committee member \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_


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