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**RAY
CALORE
EDITOR**



THINK MEMBERSHIP!



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

Comrades — Once again, another month has flown by. I know that I am tired of the cold weather, let's hope March brings great weather!

We are making great strides on our BBQ Competition. At this time we have 32 teams and climbing every day. If you know of anybody that thinks that they have the skills, let them know so they can join the fun. We have room for more judges as well. We will need volunteers for the BBQ, even if it's just for a few hours it would help. Let us know if you can assist us.

If you are a yearly member, the Post is offering an early bird special to renew your membership. From now until June 30th, the dues will be only \$35! You can send a check to the Post directly or call and leave a message if you want to pay via credit card.

Nominations for elected office at the Post will open at the March meeting. If you are interested in running for office for the 2019-2020 term, please show up at the meeting or let me know in advance. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

This month's meeting is on the 14th. Corned beef & cabbage dinner is being prepared by the Auxiliary this month. So come out and support the Post, dinner is at 6pm. Meeting starts at 7pm.

There will be a Poker Tournament on March 10, starting at 2pm, spread the word so we can have a big turnout.

...SCOTT NUSZ, Commander

~ It is fatal to enter a war without the will to win it ~. Gen Douglas MacArthur

FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...

...LAURA GULLEY, President

Greetings Auxiliary Members — I hope everyone is enjoying the beauty of this winter weather. Spring is just around the corner, even though it doesn't seem to be anywhere in sight. Your Auxiliary is providing the March Commander's dinner prior to the March 14th meeting. We are serving corned beef and cabbage plus dessert. I hope anyone that can, will come for dinner and stay for the meeting. We could also use your help preparing, serving and cleaning up. Contact Chris Anderson if you are able to help.

We can always use your help on Sundays in the Bingo kitchen, too. Please consider just one Sunday a month as it would be such a boost for the regulars to get a day off. Or just coming up and playing would be a great way to support your Post.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual BBQ on April 5-6. This is a big event and everyone's help is needed. Please, if you volunteer with a youth group, at a hospital or care facility, have contact with your representatives in congress, assist veterans or active duty military or their families in any way, or in any other way provide services to help your community let us know the hours and dollars spent so we can include your good works in our bi-annual reports. The reports are a requirement from National, and they help us keep our IRS non-profit status. I hope to see many of you at our March 14th dinner and meeting. Stay safe.

...Loyally, President LAURA

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



Hi! The weather allowed us to go to the Leavenworth VA Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 28. We played three games of Bingo and then our Vets were treated to Cookies, Cocoa and popcorn. We also brought up socks, several pairs of tennis shoes and over 400 pieces of clothing. Most of these were donated by people who are interested in helping our Veterans. We appreciate their kindness and know that these items will be put to good use. Also, Girl Scouts made beautiful Valentines for our Vets which put a smile on their faces. Thank you, Girl Scouts! We will be going there again Thursday, March 28, weather permitting. We'll be leaving from the Post at 5:45, please join us! This involves one night a month and around 4 hours at a time.

Wishing all of you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

..CHRISTINE ANDERSON & DANA PFLUMM

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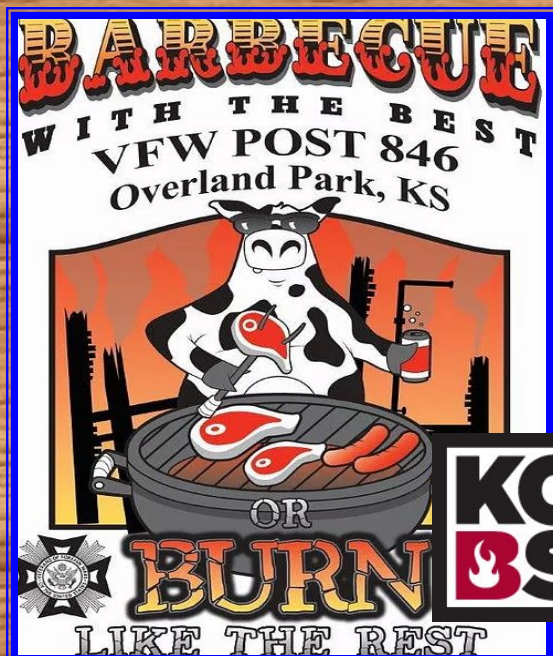


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>NOMINATIONS FOR POST 846 OFFICERS WILL OPEN AT THE MARCH 14th MEETING. ELECTIONS AT THE APRIL MEETING.</div>					1 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	2 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
3 BINGO 2 p.m.	4 CLOSED	5 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	6	7	8 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	9 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
10 BINGO 2 p.m.	11	12 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	13	14 6pm DINNER Post & Aux. Meetings 7pm	15 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	16 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
17 BINGO 2 p.m.	18	19 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	20 SPRING!	21	22 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	23 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
24 BINGO 2 p.m.	25	26 LIFE WITH PTSD (only) 6:30pm	27	28 V.A. Hospital Visit Meet at 5:45	29 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm	30 TEXAS HOLD'EM 7 and 10 pm
31 BINGO 2 p.m.			<div>RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES EARLY AND SAVE FIVE BUCKS!</div>			



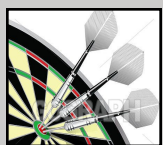
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ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION...

The oldest commissioned U.S. Navy ship is the USS Constitution, originally commissioned on Oct. 21, 1797.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

How many of the returned U.S. POWs from Vietnam went on to have successful political careers in the U.S.?

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

LANE SMITH



.Best wishes go out to BarBara Kosek, Ray Calore's cousin in Pennsylvania, who suffered a stroke and is in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. Get well soon!

Please let me know of anyone in need, in a nursing facility, or who has passed away.

Thank you.

...Chaplain LANE

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POW/MIA REPORT...

RAY CALORE



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Of the POWs repatriated to the United States a total of 325 of them served in the U.S. Air Force, a majority of which were bomber pilots shot down over North Vietnam or Viet Cong controlled land. The remaining 266 consisted of 138 U.S. Navy personnel, 77 soldiers serving in the U.S. Army, 26 U.S. Marines, and 25 civilian employees of American government agencies. A majority of the prisoners were held at camps in North Vietnam, however some POWs were held in at various locations throughout Southeast Asia. A total of 69 POWs were held in South Vietnam by the Viet Cong and would eventually leave the country aboard flights from Loc Ninh, while nine POWs were released from Laos, as well as an additional three from China. The prisoners returned included future politicians Senator John McCain of Arizona and Representative Sam Johnson of Texas.



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