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**RAY
CALORE
EDITOR**



THINK MEMBERSHIP!



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

Comrades... As we head into May remember that it also will also bring severe weather. Please use caution when driving in rain or hail. You and your family's safety is priority one.

We had a good turn out for this years BBQ Competition. Returning teams from years passed, little rain and lots of sun made the weekend a great success. I would like to personally thank all the volunteers that showed up and supported the Post. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We have some events that I would like to remind everybody about. Mother's Day is the 13, do not forget to do something special for your Mom. Desert Thunder will be doing a memorial ride to help raise money for a National Desert Storm War Memorial and will be stopping by the Post the evening of May 22 on their way to Washington D.C. Please show your support by stopping by. The Buddy Poppy drive will be May 26 and 28, please sign up for a few hours.

On Memorial Day, May 28, we will once again team up with Amer. Legion Post 370 to remember our Brothers and Sisters that have passed on to Post Everlasting. The joint ceremony will be held at Johnson County Chapel and Memorial Gardens located at 11200 Metcalf Ave. Please watch the Facebook page for updates.

Let us all congratulate Lane Smith for receiving the District 2 Chaplain of the Year Award. Ray Calore will be the guest speaker at The Run for the Wall Event In Junction City on May 20th. Thank you both for the dedication and hard work you both put forth to honor the VFW and its members.

A little Memorial Day history. Originally known as Decoration Day, it began in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Unofficially, it marks the first day of the summer season hence it is when the pools open.

...Mike Brunning, Commander

" Before you complain, have you volunteered yet?"

FROM YOUR 846 AUXILIARY...

Greetings Auxiliary Members... May brings the beginning of the summer season. Let us help remind those around us that Memorial Day is not just the beginning of barbeque season, but a day to remember those that gave their all to allow us our freedom. Don't forget to say thank you to your Mother on Mother's Day, May 13.

Please congratulate and support **Dana Pflumm** as she takes on the role of District 2 President for the upcoming year. We also have the following members participating at the District level: Laura Gully – District 2 Junior Vice; Sheryl Gully – District 2 Chaplain; Joy Roth – District 2 Trustee.

Memorial Day will be a busy weekend at the Post. We will have the Buddy Poppy Drive Saturday, May 26 and Monday, May 28. Please volunteer for a few hours on one or both days. This helps fill the relief fund for the both the Post and Auxiliary. There will also be the Memorial Day service at Johnson County Memorial Gardens on May 28 in partnership with American Legion Post 370. We are the Host Post this year and would love to see many of you out there. More details will be posted on the Facebook page as they are finalized.

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 May 11, at 1900 for the monthly meeting; I would love to see some new faces!

...TANYA BRUNNING, President

Without heroes, we are all plain people, and don't know how far we can go. — Bernard Malamud



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IMMEDIATELY,
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THE HOURS OF
OPERATION
FOR THE POST,
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE:**

Tuesday: 5:00-9:00 for **PTSD** only (no Canteen). There will be all-you-can-eat TACOs for our veterans that attend for \$5 which includes a soft drink or water.

Tuesday, May 22, Canteen open from 5:30 to 10pm for **Desert Thunder**.

Meeting night, 2nd Thursday of the month, open from 4pm.

Friday 3:00pm-1:00am. Texas Hold'em Poker will continue at normal time.

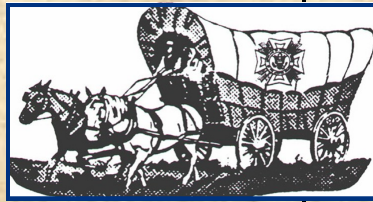
Saturday 2:00pm-11:00pm. Texas Hold'em Poker will be at 3.

BUDDY POPPY DRIVE — Sat., May 26 & Mon., May 28 meet at the Post at 8:30 am.

Can you be a Volunteer Bartender? Call the Post and let us know.




Keep watching for changes in schedule. THANKS!

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BIKERS !



DESERT THUNDER

Tuesday, May 22 — 5:30 to 10pm

The Desert Thunder Riders Group will be doing a memorial ride from San Antonio TX to Washington DC to raise money for the Desert Storm Memorial. This is their inaugural event and they have chosen **VFW Post 846** as their stop through KC. Join us for a night of great food, entertainment and camaraderie to honor Operation Desert Storm Veterans.



WE RIDE FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T

2018 is the 30th YEAR for the Run For The Wall. This 10-day ride begins in California and ends at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The finale is the **Rolling Thunder Parade** on the Sunday night before Memorial Day, where bikers ride from the Pentagon to the Wall.

Over 300,000 bikers will participate!

Going across Kansas, the riders will stop overnight on **May 20th in Junction City**, at the Heritage Park Veterans Memorial, 6th & Washington, at 5pm. They will be welcomed by featured speaker **RAY CALORE**, past VFW state commander of Kansas.

Bikers are welcome to ride along for the entire trip, or for as many miles as you would like to D.C.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY !

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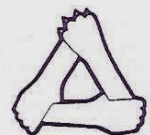


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DANA PFLUMM ELECTED DISTRICT PRESIDENT...



At the District 2 Convention on April 21 in Lenexa, KS, **DANA M. PFLUMM** was elected President of the district's 10 Auxiliary units. This will be Dana's second time serving as the District President, the first being 2005-2006. Dana had also been Post 846 Auxiliary President twice and has held numerous District chairmanships.

Dana is a Life Member of VFW Auxiliary 846, Overland Park, KS.

Congratulations, DANA !



ANNIE SINGS THE ANTHEM —

Remember a few years back when Annie (Calore) Geanes — Ray's daughter — sang the Star Spangled Banner at the Royals game? Well, she has been invited to do it again, this time for the K.C. T-BONES game on July 2nd.

Game time is 7:05pm at the T-BONES stadium at the Legends in KC KS. Is anyone carpooling? This will be a great night for a great game. Come and support our own 846 Auxiliary member Annie and cheer our T-Bones.

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BUDDY POPPY DRIVE

On Memorial Day weekend, please help distribute VFW Buddy Poppies at various stores in the area. This is important to our organization.



Please be at the Post at 0830 on Sat. May 26th and Mon. May 28. Coffee & donuts will be at the Post when you get there. Thank You !

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE — Please join us on Memorial Day as we honor the friends, family, and military who have passed on before us. This joint service, along with American Legion Post 370, will be held at Johnson County Gardens, 112th & Metcalf, at 11am. Lunch afterwards at the Legion, 75th & Conser.

ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S TRIVIA...

The 15th and current Command Sergeant Major of the Army is CSM Daniel A. Dailey, appointed on 30 Jan. 2015.

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH...

Approximately 11,000 American women served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. How many of their names are listed on The Wall — 5, 8, 18, or 21?

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!

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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 3pm.**
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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.



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District 2 "Chaplain of the Year" award was presented to **LANE SMITH** (center) of VFW Post 846, Overland Park, KS. Accompanied by State Chaplain Jim Jenkins (left), and District 2 commander David Cuba (right).

Congratulations, LANE, keep up the good work!

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT...

LANE SMITH



The good news is that past-commander Ray Calore, after doing some hospital time, is back in action. Welcome back, Ray.

I have not received any information about members who have passed away or are in need in the past month. That is good news, too. Please keep me informed of anyone who is hospitalized, home-bound, or passes away.

I encourage everyone to attend a Memorial Day Service in your area. The Overland Park joint service will be on May 28, 11am, at Johnson County Gardens, 112th & Metcalf.

Have a Happy Mother's Day!

...Chaplain LANE

POW/MIA REPORT...

Ray Calore, Chairman



In this 100th anniversary of U.S. involvement in The Great War, I have recently received a list of American servicemen listed as POW/MIA from World War I.

The complete list totals 4,420 across the country, including 46 from Kansas. While there are no home towns listed, it does reference the military unit that the individual was assigned to. I will make the entire list available to anyone who requests it.

On Memorial Day, please remember our prisoners of war and those missing in action.

V.A. HOSPITAL REPORT...



Many thanks to our hospital volunteers, Chris Anderson, Allie Anderson, Mary Secrest, Jim Robinson and Sheryl Gulley for taking the trip to the Leavenworth VA Hospital on Thursday, April 26. The 41 Vets in attendance played 3 games of Bingo and were treated to carefully crafted cupcakes by our own cupcake extraordinaire, Chris. The Vets were delighted!

Our next visit will be on May 24 and we will meet at the Post by 5:45 Happy May to all!

...Chris Anderson and Dana Pflumm



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